

south face. Obvious jam-cracks led up the center of the face. NCCS II, F8.

ALAN KEARNEY

Washington—Olympic Mountains

Mount Constance. Jon Olson and I made the first ascent of the north face via Crystal Pass. We placed two bolts; protection was precarious. The route begins 200 yards to the north of the Red Dike route at the base of three prominent cracks, below and right of a west-facing open-book. Rockfall was a problem.

KEN PEARCE

Church Peak, Southeast Face. In the spring my husband Ken and I climbed the southeast face and then for two leads up the exposed summit ridge. This new route is class four.

TERRY ANDERSON PEARCE

Oregon

North Sister, Early Morning Couloir. I made a solo ascent of this couloir. This fall the record lack of precipitation and lower temperature offered unusual possibilities. At 1:30 on December 20, I left the lower screes and progressed quickly up this 1500-foot couloir. The first part was good footing firn and then medium-hard ice in the steeper mid and upper sections. The final traverse onto the north ridge was tricky due to slab ice. I made a hasty descent down the northwest face. The ascent took one hour.

ROGER ROBINSON

California, Sierra Nevada

Elphinston Buttress. Overlooking Hungry Packer Lake (Mount Goddard quadrangle) is a beautiful peak with a very steep, prominent face. In August, Paul Landrum, Chuck Fitch and I established a route directly up this face. The climb begins at the toe of the buttress, which falls away to a scree field that ends in Hungry Packer Lake. The crux is a thin crack leading to a slight overhang about halfway up, where we left two fixed pins. 13-15 pitches. NCCS IV, F10.

RICK MOSHER

Blue Dome, El Greco. In May, Winfred Blevins, Leeds Davis and I climbed the first technical route up the south buttress of Little Blue Dome, located along the High Sierra trail in Sequoia National Park,