

was then accessible from a vertical chimney which is closed in on top in a most awkward and discouraging manner. Two beautiful quartz crystals (one 6½ pounds and the other over ten pounds) rewarded us for the difficulties near the summit and proved that ours was the first ascent.

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### *Washington*

*Tahoma Glacier Route, Mount Rainier.* On June 8, 1958 an interesting variation of the Tahoma Glacier route was made by a group of Tacoma Mountaineers, Leroy Ritchie, Larry Heggerness, Allan Van Buskirk, Edward Drues, Bob Walton, Monte Haun, and Mark Haun, supported by a five-man party led by John Simac. From camp at 9000 feet on Puyallup Glacier below St. Andrew's Rock, the party ascended for the first time the Puyallup Icefall to the upper end of St. Andrew's Rock and then climbed the steep chute or "sickle" at the extreme left edge of the Tahoma Glacier to reach the summit dome. This is definitely an early season route because of the condition of the icefall later in the summer.

DEE MOLENAAR

*Red Mountain and North Crested Butte, Monte Cristo Group, Cascades.* In spite of twenty years of concentrated climbing in the Cascades, several minor but interesting summits have been overlooked. In October 1958 Tony Hovey and Klindt Vielbig made two first ascents in the upper Sultan Basin on the fringe of the Monte Cristo Group. Red Mountain (5536 feet) is the imposing and solitary high point of the five mile ridge protected by cliffs and ragged ridges. The North Crested Butte (5300 feet), similar in aspect, lies just across the basin. Both climbs involved 500 feet of roped climbing over steep heather and broken rock. Because of tricky snow-covered slabs, the latter was descended by a traverse. Although these two peaks are lower than the average for the area, more actual climbing is involved than is found on most peaks in the group. These climbs took about five hours from the road.

KLINDT VIELBIG

*Mount Tormont-Forbidden Peak Traverse, Cascades.* The mile and a half long, truly Alpine ridge running from Mount Tormont (8200 feet) to Forbidden Peak (8900 feet) had long been an objective of mine. On July 26, 1958 Buck Seller and Edward Cooper ascended the southwest and south face of Mount Tormont. To gain our ridge, we had to rappel and partially descend the southeast face. The very narrow, alpine ridge