

another bolt. From there on the climb was only a route finding problem. The ascent took most of the day and about 30 pitons. Descent was made by the southwest face.

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*North Face of North Early Winter Spire.* This new route, the second on the imposing North Early Winter Spire, is almost on the opposite side from the original climb of 1951. It is an excellent 400-foot climb on good granite. On August 31 Joe Hieb and Fred Beckey climbed over the col north of the spire from the west heather slopes, swung around 100 feet and took a pitch of 5th class rock up to the left of a leaning pedestal. Here the climbing became artificial. Joe led, climbing mostly on slings up thin wall-cracks on the very steep face above the pedestal. A bolt was used for an anchor atop this pitch. From here the difficulties soon ended with an easy gully that became a chimney leading to the summit. Though technically difficult, it was the best rock we have encountered in the Liberty Bell group.

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*South Face of Cutthroat Peak.* This climb could well be done in a more leisurely fashion, but Don Claunch and Fred Beckey made this new route on a fall weekend from Seattle, approaching via Twisp River and Copper Pass. We found the actual climb not as difficult as anticipated because of well-broken granite and enough bushes for rapid rappels. The route began on the southeast ridge, which merged into a steep wall. It involved about five leads of 4th class climbing, made more difficult by a veneer of fresh snow. Eventually we encountered a difficult rotten chimney that required the use of several pitons and wedges. A deviation to the right might have avoided some of the problems, but because of the late hour we had to hammer our way up the crux of this wet groove. Above, a sand-slope led to a rampart over which we climbed; then followed a short wall and a final jam-crack which called for full use of arm and leg muscle. This is the third route on Cutthroat and the third ascent. The aftermath was an all-night hike to the road and drive back to Seattle.

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*North Face of Golden Horn.* Golden Horn, at the head of the scenic west fork of the Methow, is an imposing rock castle from the north and east. Unfortunately for the climber it lies a long way from the Methow road and the granite is a very scaly, loose substance. Hiking in via Horse-