

in early June, following a direct line to the summit from the notch next to Burgundy Spire. Several hundred feet of enjoyable class 4 climbing were encountered. The last lead proved to be a high-angle slab capped with an overhang. Chinning over this on a good hold brought the party within 10 feet of the summit.

Baring, North Face. This frequently attempted 2000-foot overhanging face saw yet another attempt this summer, by Fred Beckey, Don Claunch, and Ed Cooper. The previous high point was reached early on the second day. It has now been ascertained that the upper face will hold bolts, but such a project will require much patience and time.

Mount Rainier, North Ridge Routes. By completing the second ascent of the original Ptarmigan Ridge route this summer, Gene Prater, of Ellensburg, has become the only climber to ascend all of the routes bordering and splitting Willis Wall. He reports that Ptarmigan is the most difficult, followed by Liberty and Curtis in that order. Beckey's ascent of the ridge in 1957 varies so greatly from the Bauer route on Ptarmigan in 1935 that it has come to be accepted as a completely different route. The wall has yet to be attempted, since it is subject to unpredictable ice avalanches from the glaciated summit ice-cap, and rises some 4000 feet from the upper Mowich Glacier cirque.

"Scimitar" Glacier, Glacier Peak. Seeking a first ascent, Klindt Vielbig and party climbed this narrow, cliff-enclosed glacier on July 12, only to discover subsequently that it had been climbed in 1957 by Bill Prater and party. No previous report had been made because of confusion of nomenclature, the Ellensburg party having been informed that they had climbed the frequently ascended South Kennedy Glacier. The route is fairly simple, with the exception of a large bergschrund at the mid-way point.

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Mount Constance, Northeast Face. In September, Richard Hebble, Jim Richardson and I wandered in over the ancient terminal moraines of the Constance valley and excavated a camp from the detritus left by a now extinct glacier near the valley's head. On the following morning we ascended to Crystal Col with the help of the first eastern glow. Descending the pocket glacier to the north, we were forced by a huge bergschrund into a moat where the ice gave us a temporary start by dropping a several-ton chunk of ice right in our path. Near the lower section of the glacier a prominent red dike led us up the wall. The first pitch yielded no piton cracks, and Dick looked nervous as he negotiated a bulge about 100 feet up on small holds. Above, a moderately interesting pitch brought us to a ledge where a