

meteor shower during our trip, the suggestion has been made that we call the two peaks we climbed "Aurora" and "Meteor" Peaks.

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Institute Peak, Alaska Range, (Mount Hayes B-3 Quadrangle). One weekend, the last part of February, Chuck Deehr, Moonok Sunwoo, George Oetzel and I left Fairbanks with the temperatures at about -30° . When we arrived at the Rainbow Ridge emergency shelter the temperature was $+20^{\circ}$. A day of packing brought us around the south end of Rainbow Ridge to a glacier below Institute Peak (8000 feet). On Sunday, although George was sick and unable to climb, the three of us climbed the peak by the direct south route for a second ascent. When we returned to camp, George was able to pack out and so we walked out that night arriving at the car at about 10 P.M. Such a climb as this in the Alaska winter demonstrates that climbing need not be confined to the summer months.

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White Princess, Alaska Range, (Mount Hayes B-3 Quadrangle). The first week in April, twenty hardy souls braved below zero temperatures and high winds on the Castner Glacier, to spend four days of spring climbing. Most of the way the snow was wind packed into concrete-like surface, and snowshoes were abandoned in favor of crampons. On the third day a group of eight climbers, including Les and Teri Viereck, Ron DeWitt, Moonok Sunwoo, Pete Dzikiewicz, Lou Schene, Galen McWilliams and I climbed 9800-foot White Princess by its north ridge. This beautiful peak had been climbed once before from the south by Austin Post et al. Good weather and snow conditions made the otherwise difficult climb easier. The party had also planned to try Black Cap (9700 feet) which has not been climbed, but time did not allow an attempt.

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Mount Spurr, Alaska Range. Looking straight west from Anchorage, the southern part of the Alaska Range appears to rise like a phantom out of Cook Inlet. Its southernmost peak, Mount Spurr (11,070 feet), is an active volcano which erupted in 1954, throwing black ashes over Anchorage, 50 miles away.

On September 3 Erik Barnes, Gregg Erickson, Bob Bailey, Chuck Metzger and I of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, with Bert Puchtler of the Wesleyan Outdoor Club, landed by floatplane on the east end of Chakachamna Lake. After $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours of packing uphill, we reached in total darkness a 3000-foot plateau. The next day was spent climbing the "wrong"