

Hans Gmoser, Sibyl Christensen, and James Wilkerson. John Ebert served as advance director and James Osborn as outing leader.

JOHN EBERT

### *Colorado*

*Northwest face of Chief's Head.* Early in the summer of 1961 Layton Kor and I made the first ascent of the northwest face on Chief's Head Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park. No previous attempts had been made although this 1500-foot granite face is one of the most challenging climbs in the area. The wall is smooth and featureless with only a few black water bands and an occasional small flake or corner to indicate route possibilities.

The route began at the center of the base of the wall and continued directly upwards with only minor deviations. The climbing was all face climbing on steep, smooth slabs with few cracks. Very difficult fifth class climbing was encountered immediately and, on the second lead, three pitons were required for aid. The third lead began with a short traverse to the left and continued upwards and to the left across a water band. After a traverse back to the right, several leads of hard fifth class climbing led to a tiny *dièdre* which required two pitons. The final lead was discovered by traversing to the right in an apparent *cul de sac* and was marked by a vertical piton crack. Five pitons were used for aid on the climb and three bolts were driven for belay anchors. The climbing time was eleven and one half hours.

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*Hallett Peak.* A new route was done this summer on the second buttress of Hallett Peak by Tex Bossier and me. The route began to the left of the Jackson-Johnson route and continued directly up the smooth northeast corner of the buttress. Difficult climbing was encountered on the overhanging pitches near the top and thunder storms made conditions hazardous. Several pitons were used for aid on the last two leads. The route was completed in six hours.

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*Petit Grepon, South Face.* The Petit Grepon is a startlingly slender blade of rock located near Sharktooth in Rocky Mountain National Park. Though it rises little more than 100 feet above the notch which separates it from the mountain mass behind, its concave south face drops some 800 feet to scree slopes above Sky Pond. This southern face was first climbed on June 23 by Arthur Davidson and myself. After a bit of scrambling,