

then up a short face to the summit. Bolts with hangars are in place. About 6 bongs and some medium horizontals were used.

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*Rattlesnake Rock, New Routes in Tumwater Canyon.* On January 7, Dave Beckstead and I completed the *Wild Flower Route* previously started by Roger Oborn and me. Starting across from and east of Piton Tower, the route goes behind and in a large crack to the top of the block where a short overhang and face are climbed free to Catwalk Ledge. Here it ascends another short overhang and face to another sloping ledge with an aid move, and from there it is class 5 to the top. About 20 pitons are required. The *Catwalk Variation* was climbed in May of the previous year by Beckstead and me starting from the ledge south of the large block across from Piton Tower. It follows a vertical aid crack (A-2) up the wall 30 feet to a foot-wide ledge and traverses left to the Wild Flower Route.

PAUL MYHRE, *unattached*

*Castle Rock, North Ridge.* This new direct class 5.5 route in the Tumwater Canyon practice area was done in September by Roger Oborn and me, and lies to the left of the Northwind Route. Starting with a strenuous free move to above a small overhang, we then climbed directly up the ridge on class 5 rock toward the large pine which is halfway up the ridge. We then continued upward still keeping left of the Northwind Route. Eight pitons were used. Time: 2 hours.

PAUL MYHRE, *unattached*

*Index Town Wall, Waterway Left Route.* On July 18, Les Davenport and I completed a route about midway between Beckey's *Town Crier Route* (*A.A.J.*, 1967, 15:2, p. 350) and Jim Madsen and Ron Burghner's *Golden Arch Route*, so named because the route follows the underside of a large prominent arching dihedral in a section of rock colored with golden lichen on the right side of the main wall. Our route followed a series of open-books to the left of a waterway, frequently following knife-blade cracks that were invisible from below even with binoculars. The route finally crossed the waterway on a steep outward sloping ramp. Because of this crossing the route should be attempted only when the waterway is dry. Although the route uses mostly small pitons, knifeblades to stubby angles, a good selection of about 40 pitons including three 2-inch