

the triangle created by the confluence of the Knik and Matanuska rivers there remains much unexplored territory. In May W. Babcock and K. Courtright made the first ascent of P 6201, which lies 7-1/2 miles east of the old Palmer road. At the head of the east fork of the upper Eklutna River lies "Bounty Peak" (6810 feet), which challenged J. Samuelson, C. Pease, A. Allen, N. Lewis, G. Finger, H. Van der Laan and me to a first ascent in September. We used a circuitous route via the Eklutna and Whiteout Glaciers. The west ridge brought us to our target with only minor technical difficulties. Hurdygurdy Mountain (5965 feet) gets its name from its crank-shaped summit ridge. In November A. Allen, N. Lewis and I camped at the head of the lake in Eagle River's south fork. A direttissima of Hurdygurdy's south face completed the climb.

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*Talkeetna Mountains.* In March my husband Vin and I left the Glenn Highway at Mile 123 near Tahnetta Lake. We motormushed and skijored north up Crooked Creek into South Creek, above which we made the first ascent of Table Mountain. A few weeks later we again ascended Crooked Creek, this time to Albert Creek. Turned back by deep snow on Belanger Pass, we returned to South Creek, crossed South Lake and went up to a pass that led into the Albert Creek watershed. We skied to Alfred Creek, ascended a north fork of it and made the first ascent of the highest Horn Mountain, "Big Horn" (6418 feet). This shows how far one can go in a single day with snowmobiles, but these vehicles must be used judiciously. In June C. McLaughlin and R. Spurr made the first ascent of P 5530, 1 1/4 miles north of Fern Mine. McLaughlin and W. Gehman attempted P 6693, one of the "Three Bell Spires", west of the Mint Glacier. Cloud and wet rock prevented their climbing the main peak, but they did reach the top of one of the lower spires (6550 feet), south of the highest spire (F7). A few weeks later McLaughlin soloed "Trouble Mint Spire" (6850 feet), southeast of Mint Glacier. He climbed the southwest face of this peak, one of many fine granite spires in the region. F. Cady, C. Patterson, D. Albert and K. Hammond in August made the first ascent of P 6875, which lies 2 1/2 miles north of Anthracite Ridge.

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*Paradise Peak, Kenai Peninsula.* Although my husband Vin had been attracted by Paradise Peak as early as 1961, it remained virgin until June. F. Cady, D. and H. Bludworth, D. Johnston, D. Hodaway, H. Van der Laan and I committed ourselves to the swirling waters of the Snow River. Then a ferocious alder jungle, laced with devils clubs, taxed us to the limit,