

*Climbs in Le Grand Brazeau and Peaks above "Swan Lake."* The "Swan Lake" area, ten miles southeast of Maligne Lake near the headwaters of the Brazeau River's north fork, previously reported on by Bill Putnam (A.A.J., 1971, 17:2, pp 386-7) was revisited the last week in July by a group led by Bill Putnam and Hans Gmoser. Members were Jack Cade, Frances Chapple, Günther Hintringer, Ed Johan, Rob Wallace, and the writer. We packed in from the Jasper-Banff highway along Poboktan Creek past Poligne Creek and up the next eastern tributary to the gravel flats just below Le Grand Brazeau. The next morning we ascended the 8600-foot col at the southeastern end of our unnamed valley, and from there split into two groups each to climb a peak to the north and south of the col. A small cairn near the summit of the southern peak indicated the presence of previous climbers. Returning to the col, we descended eastward to the valley of the lakes to camp at one of the southernmost. The following day a 9750-foot snow-capped peak just southeast of our camp was climbed via the north ridge. A simultaneous attempt via the west face or southwest ridge was fruitless. Camp was moved across the Brazeau River to a lovely stream which empties the pond through which "Swan Lake" drains. From this camp 9500-foot peaks at the northwestern and southwestern tips of a small upside-down U-shaped valley with mountains on three sides and a small lake at its open western end were climbed; the southwestern showed evidence of a previous visitation. The westernmost peak of the triple-topped center peak was climbed via its crumbly east ridge. The 10,200-foot central summit was attained via a scramble up loose scree. The eastern summit, some 50 feet higher, was gained by rappelling down to a notch and then ascending a rock slab. The easternmost peak of the next U-shaped valley to the south was also climbed, and the peak on the extreme east of Le Grand Brazeau was climbed almost to its summit. We departed from this beautiful area over the Mount Brazeau icefield and out the same valley and trails used on the way in.

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*Gibraltar, North Face Sheep River District.* On Friday, June 25 Bill Davidson and I came up the Sheep River road to start out Saturday morning unroped up the first 300 feet to a ledge, back down and back up with hauling sacks. On Sunday we found the first two leads surprisingly difficult considering the angle of the slabs. Four or five leads brought us to a down-sloping ledge, where we decided to spend the night. Before dark, I led 60 feet to a crackless, rotten band of rock. (Most of the rock of the face is excellent.) On Monday morning Bill solved the problem of the crackless band with a couple of rivets. The next lead was beautiful free climbing with good protection except for a little vertical wall with an aid move. That night we slept directly under a yellow dihedral. On Tuesday morning Bill climbed to above a chockstone on the dihedral. I finished the crack in the dihedral and climbed a ramp of terribly loose blocks. On Wednesday I ascended a crack on bongs and