

he was ten, but spent his first ten summers in the Teton Mountains in Wyoming. At age seven, he climbed Teewinot and three years later he did the Exum Ridge on the Grand Teton. At the age of eight, Marc visited France where he reached the Tête Rousse on Mont Blanc. Spending all his life in the mountains, Marc was very energetic. At the age of fifteen and sixteen he found his way in the Cascades on peaks such as Stewart, Ingalls, Prusik, the Liberty Bells, Glacier peak and Mount Ranier.

Just the evening before Marc's death, after a hard day of climbing, Marc and I huddled around a campfire, discussing for hours climbing, food, life and death. Marc told me that there was no other place where he wanted to die than in the mountains he loved. The next day, fate met destiny.

Marc came to the mountains because that was where he belonged among the animals, the meadows, the cool mountain breezes. He was a free and loving soul who gave of himself as if there was no end and for Marc, there was no end.

Marc started serious rock-climbing in August of 1969, and in a period of thirteen months had progressed so rapidly and perfected his technique so finely, that I have seen no equal. He was a true mountaineer. There was Marc, over six feet tall, always reaching the unreachable. What a force Marc was! I, along with numerous other friends, spent many tense moments with him on climbs. After every climb with Marc, I apologized for my lack of faith in us, for it was Marc's positive thinking that got us to the top of many climbs.

He is survived by his big sister, Leslie, a truly beautiful person, his father Richard Emerson and his mother, both of whose courage is infinitely large.

*You have left us forever
And we feel it deeply
We treasure those precious memories
That make you live in us for all time.*

RICHARD DOORISH

GRACE HOEMAN, M.D.

1921-1971

The most active climber in Alaska, Grace Hoeman, died at age 49 on April 12, 1971, in an avalanche on Eklutna Glacier near Anchorage. One companion perished with her; another survived.

Grace Hoeman was born in Silver Beach, Washington, but was taken to Europe at age four. She lived in Switzerland, Germany, and Holland. She gained a bachelor of medicine degree from the University of Berlin in 1944 and a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Utrecht in 1948. Returning to the United States in 1950, she was active in phthysiology, preventive medicine and finally anesthesiology, which

she practiced in Anchorage from 1965 until her death. She is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

In her twenties she survived diphtheritic myocarditis and two bouts of tuberculosis. Later migraine, anemia, acute mountain sickness, and thrombophlebitis hampered but rarely defeated her intense mountaineering efforts. Her first husband was killed in World War II. A second marriage ended in divorce. Her third husband was famous young naturalist-geographer-climber Vin Hoeman. He was killed in an avalanche on Dhaulagiri in Nepal almost exactly two years before Grace met a not unwanted similar death.

In five years' time Mrs. Hoeman climbed more than 120 peaks in Alaska, many of them with her husband, Vin Hoeman. She made approximately 20 first ascents in Alaska, five of them solo. Notable first climbs include: 1967, Hoary Peak, 6057 feet, Talkeetna Mountains; 1968, Igikpak, 8510 feet, Brooks Range; 1969, Paradise Peak, 6050 feet, Kenai Mountains; Mount Wickersham, 7415 feet, Chugach Mountains (solo), Mount Kimball, 10,350 feet, Alaska Range; 1970, Mount Palmer, 6940 feet, Chugach (solo). In 1970 she led a party of women to the summit of Mount McKinley, 20,320 feet, by the West Buttress route. She ascended Mount Rainier, 14,400 feet, in Washington in December, 1969, and climbed Orizaba, 18,700 feet in Mexico and Chimborazo, 20,561 feet and Illiniza, 16,733 feet in Ecuador.

Grace was a member of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. She was Alaskan correspondent to *Mountain*. She was particularly skillful and imaginative in the description and naming of Alaskan peaks. At the time of her death she was compiling the voluminous writings of her beloved Vin for the Club and was writing her own guide to the Western Chugach Mts. She was on the editorial staff of the *American Alpine Journal*.

Grace was aggressive; Grace was sometimes abrasive. Her sense of right and wrong was peculiarly hypertrophied. She fought battles which did not need fighting. But she knew serenity; she knew love. She was an unusual and extraordinarily gifted person.

RODMAN WILSON

JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS
1883-1971

The death of James Grafton Rogers on April 23, 1971 marked the close of perhaps the most varied career of any native of Colorado, a career which extended its influence, however, far beyond the limits of that state — nationally and even internationally. A list of his accomplishments, honors and creations would be much too long for this memorial. He achieved pre-eminence as a lawyer, public servant, civic leader, international financier, diplomat, expert in military intelligence, historian, teacher, educational administrator, author, research-