

Creek drainage in the northern Wind Rivers. We began the dihedral, located to the right of the main buttress, and encountered mostly F8 with a fair share of loose rock, before exiting left from the crack system one pitch from the top. The August snow storm that covered the Rockies earlier, left us an ice-coated chimney to climb at this point. EBs made the crux more than interesting. NCCS IV, F9.

GEORGE SCHUNK

*Mount Roberts, East Face, Wind River Range.* The mile-wide east face of Mount Roberts connects the nearly level summit erosion surface and the fringe of two glacial basins that drain into unnamed lakes above timber line. A reconnaissance several years ago established only two feasible routes and a close inspection suggested the central one, a slight rib on the face. In August Doug Randall, Mark Meng and I made the arduous hike in over Bears Ears Pass, and on the second day we camped in a pine grove and inspected the projected 1500-foot route. The next day we came to grips with the first three full pitches. The rock was superb granitic gneiss. Just one crack system provided flaws which enabled us to move in good fashion. The hardest part was a strenuous layback crack; there was one 20-foot aid section. On our final day we took advantage of our ropes to get back over the hard spots and continued up a steep arête of magnificent rock. One pitch was particularly difficult before the climbing became more broken. High on the face we bore right to get water from rock seepage; we then continued on a second rib just north of the main line we had been following. The rock here was steep but well jointed. Once over the edge we unroped, then hiked over acres of fractured blocks to the summit.

FRED BECKEY

*P 12,266, Mount Hooker Region, Wind River Range.* In August my brother Jonathan and I climbed the 1000-foot face of P 12,266, which is just north of Baptiste Lake. We started on steep, loose rock just right of a prominent arête. Halfway up, the rock became excellent. NCCS III, F8. I also soloed a route on the north face of the peak at the south-east end of Baptiste Lake. NCCS II, F7.

BRIAN SMOOT, *Unaffiliated*

*Mount Hooker, North Face, New Route, Wind River Range.* The 2000-foot north face of Mount Hooker had only one recorded ascent until last summer, the Robbins-Raymond-McCracken ascent of 1964. Hooman Aprin and I made an audacious winter attempt in 1977 but after the weather turned nasty, climbed only one pitch. My second attempt was made with Rick Bradshaw in August, 1977. This time we eeked out four