

below the northeast ridge. From here we scrambled to the northeast ridge picking up the standard route. Two pitches on the northwest face put us on the summit. We took 6 hours round trip from the col. This is a good route for those interested in also climbing the southeast spire, as the route on the southeast spire starts at the 7700-foot col.

DONALD J. GOODMAN

Big Bear Mountain, Winter Ascent. On January 5 and 6 Jerry Crofoot, O. D. Denius and I made the first winter ascent of Big Bear Mountain, located between Three Fingers and Liberty, via the southwest rib. The climbing was mixed class 3 and 4.

DON PAGE, *Everett Mountaineers*

Eaglehead (west), East Face. Believing that the standard route of the West Eaglehead (next to Black Pyramid) actually ascends the northeast ridge, Doug Bond and I climbed a new route up the east face in mid May, following a flake system to the summit. Right side, a F6 layback or left side, a F8 off-width starts the route, then easy fourth and fifth class to the summit. NCCS I, F6 or F8.

JASON EDWARDS

Middle Peak of Mount Index, North Face. This is the climb Dan McNerthy and I did the last weekend in December 1978. We agree with many locals that the "real climbing" on many Cascade Peaks is during the cold dry spells of winter. We climbed up the big gully between the north and middle peaks, and then up the north face of the middle. The climbing was interesting, snow and ice all the way, but never too hard. From the summit of the middle peak we continued along the traverse route to the main peak to get off. We had one bivouac on the route and one in the woods trying to find Lake Serene in the dark.

DOUG KLEWIN, *Unaffiliated*

California—Sierra Nevada

Flatiron Butte, Sawtooth Ridge Area. This summit is an isolated rock crag on the east flank of the Sierra Nevada, quite hidden by ramparts of other ridges. Located north of Sawtooth Ridge, the formation offers steep rock-climbing potential, but the crumbly nature of the granite is not up to local standards. In June, Rick Nolting and I hiked up the Little Walker, then climbed a route on the northeast buttress. The line did have some good pitches, but the pattern would be hard to describe because of many ramps, ribs and crags along the crest. The quality of