

Jane Weller; Murray Taft, Stephen Bezruchka, Rusty Baillie and Urs Kallen; and John Rehmer, Dave Bjorkman, William Cardozo and Charles Sturgis. Two other groups were unsuccessful. Pamela and Ted Simper, Gordon Rathbone, Peter Ruben, Allison Essey and Mike Newson were successful in their work for the Arctic Institute of North America and in climbing Logan by the King Trench route. A Japanese and a Coloradan group failed on that route. Spaniards were prevented by the weather from completing their climb on the Centennial Ridge. An Austrian and a Coloradan expedition failed on St. Elias. Jim Rennie, Norm Brown, Dick Ireland and Dean Eilertson climbed Steele by its east ridge. Brian Vezina, Peter Steiner, Len Soet and Jane Weller climbed Hubbard and Alverstone from the Cathedral Glacier.

LLOYD FREESE, *Kluane National Park*

*Mount St. Elias Attempt and Climbs in the Tombstone Mountains.* My three brothers, Herbert, Wolfgang, Bernhard, and I in the summer of 1981 were back in the St. Elias Mountains. We had as our goal the unclimbed northwest ridge of Mount St. Elias. This is the northern extension of the great northwest shoulder, between Everett's route on the left and the 1913 Boundary Survey route, finally climbed by Japanese in 1978. It may clearly be seen diagonaling up from the left in the photo opposite page 359 of *A.A.J.*, 1942. This begins on the Columbia Glacier and ends on the northwest shoulder, where it meets Everett's 1965 route. After five days of bad weather, on June 28 we flew to Columbus Glacier. The next day Herbert and Wolfgang established camp at 10,000 feet on the ridge and descended. It stormed for the next three days and over three feet of snow fell. On July 4 we tried to get to our camp. After we had climbed the first 1000-foot-high steep slope, the whole of it avalanched, 650-feet-across and 3-feet-deep. All four of us lay buried. Luckily Wolfgang could free himself and dug us each out in turn. By luck, we were roped and he found us quickly. I was already unconscious by the time I was dug out. On July 6 Wolfgang and Bernhard were climbing up to Camp I to retrieve equipment. At 9250 feet they released another avalanche. Luckily they were on a knife-edge and could jump onto the other side of the ridge, where the snow held. They dug the camp out and descended to Base Camp. It was obvious that under such conditions the climb was impossible. On July 8 we climbed by its west ridge a high peak, west of Windy Peak, from a camp west of the summit. Possibly it was a first ascent. [Probably Mount Huxley, 12,560 feet.—*Editor.*] We flew out to Kluane Lake on July 10. We then made the following ascents in the Tombstone Mountains: Candlestick (1890 meters, 6200 feet; west of Badilia) via west ridge by Wolfgang and me on July 18, new route and second ascent of mountain; Mount Mordith (2165 meters, 7103 feet) via east face and south ridge

by Wolfgang and me on July 22, second ascent; Five Finger Peak (1920 meters, 6300 feet; between Candlestick and Badilia) via south face by Herbert and Bernhard on July 22, first ascent; Sleeping Indian (2000 meters, 6562 feet; south of Crematorium) by Wolfgang and me on July 24. We also climbed five less significant peaks in this group.

RICHARD FEICHTNER, *Österreichischer Alpenverein*

*Mount Kennedy.* Bill Younkin, leader, Gary Uhland, Mike Heil and I\* were flown to 6200 feet on the Cathedral Glacier on June 9. We immediately began ferrying loads up the glacier, pulling 150 pounds on sleds and carrying 50-pound packs. Following the standard route through the lower and upper icefalls, on June 16 we moved to Camp III at 10,500 feet. Several days after a four-and-a-half-foot fall of snow, we set off on June 21 at 7:30 A.M. After a long day we arrived at the summit at 9:10 P.M. via the southwest ridge. I was the second woman and the first American woman to climb Mount Kennedy.

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### Logan Mountains

*Cirque of the Unclimbables, 1980.* Much climbing continued to be done in 1980 in the Logan Mountains. The Lotus Flower Tower was climbed by mountaineers of various countries, but trash has been left in appalling quantities even on this climb. Bill Wylie and Mark Wilford free-climbed all but 200 feet in the second ascent of the Belgian route on Bustle Tower. Canadians made the first ascent of the south face of Parrot's Beak. More details are found in *Climbing* of March-April, 1981 on page 5.

### Canadian Coast Range

*"Doubtful Tower," Bella Coola Icecap, 1979.* On August 20, 1979 Fred Beckey, Bill Lahr, Brad McCarroll, Roy Ratcliff and I took off from Nimpo Lake, made an airdrop at our proposed Base Camp and then were flown to Ape Lake. Our approach involved crossing the Ape Glacier to the Wardrum Glacier, which we followed up to the Mongol Glacier. After a somewhat late start on the morning of the 21st, Beckey and Lahr set off to scout possibilities on Talehomey Tower, while McCarroll and I headed for an unnamed peak northeast of Talehomey Tower on the west side of the major col between the Mongol and Jacobsen Glaciers. About halfway up the col, we dropped into a large

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