

*AVALANCHE AND BURIED IN CREVASSE—British Columbia, Yoho Park, "President" Glacier.* Bruce Colpitts (17) was trail breaking with Kris Kubbinsky and Len Potter on "President" Glacier at 10:15 a.m. on October 9. They had crossed the bergschrund on moderate terrain, and when Colpitts was about 40 feet above it, he triggered a slab avalanche of fairly new moist snow with a five-inch crown line. It swept Colpitts into the bergschrund and buried him about 30-40 feet deep. Kubbinsky and Potter were partly buried and were easily rescued. Three of the party went for help and the remaining 12 began digging with ice axes and hands. Six hours later, Park Wardens with shovels were brought in by helicopter, and the body was recovered in another 1½ hours. (Source: L. P. Michaud.)

*Analysis:* The snow on the approach showed no signs of instability, and the layer that slid had fallen in the last two days. A better appreciation of the conditions leading to slab formation might have helped, and some shovels should have been carried. (Source: L. P. Michaud.)

*FALLING ROCK—Ontario, Bon Echo.* Skip King and John Hammond were climbing on the Pinnacle at Bon Echo on May 14. At the top, King pulled a loose block from beneath a tree above the two protection pins, and was hit on the head and right wrist as it fell. He was wearing a helmet and his head was not injured. The stone fell down the chimney at the back of the Pinnacle and took other loose rock with it, almost hitting several people below. King was evacuated to the Park and driven to the Ottawa Civic Hospital where he had emergency surgery to repair several broken bones and a cut tendon. (Source: Derek Heslop, Ottawa Section ACC Bulletin, Summer 1975.)

*Analysis:* Although the cliff at Bon Echo appears to be sound, rocks are continually being loosened on it, particularly in the spring, as on all other cliffs. King was wearing a helmet, but many other climbers that day were not. If the same accident had happened to them, they might have been more seriously injured. The injury should have been treated as a potential break and been more thoroughly splinted, although there were few signs of a break and only a very bad cut was apparent. (Source: Derek Heslop.)

*FALL ON ROCK, PITON AND NUT FAILURE—Ontario, Bon Echo Park.* Sean Lewis and Ted Rosen were making the second ascent of a 5.5 route on the Bon Echo cliff on September 18, in excellent weather. Rosen led from the first belay point about 80 feet above the water and was belayed by Lewis using a fixed piton, a copperhead nut, and a number 2 stopper that the first ascent party could not remove. About 5 feet above the belay ledge, one of Rosen's handholds broke and he fell. He pulled out all the protection and both climbers fell to the lake. Lewis hit a ledge during his fall and broke a leg and Rosen had minor injuries. Both were wearing helmets and this saved them from