

UP ROPE!

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At the Last Meeting

Contrary to our usual policy of lengthy discussion and little decision, the business meeting of March 22 netted tangible results. The questionnaire, which had been drawn up in tentative form by a special committee, was read twice by Paul Bradt. There followed a withering discussion which seemed likely to doom the Committee's efforts. However, with minor modifications the questionnaire was finally approved for sending out as a ballot to all members. Questionnaire recipients will vote on proposals to limit voting membership to those who have climbed one qualifying climb (A or B) in the last calendar year, and to those (for members elected in the future only) who are Trail Club members.

Prodded by Cliff Proctor, the members present declared themselves a quorum and, after striking out three climbs, unanimously approved the new list of additional qualifying climbs which have been discussed at previous meetings.

Following Mrs. Simons' generous refreshments, the group dispersed well satisfied because something had been accomplished. All sympathized with Don Hubbard. Don fears that his voting days will soon be over, since the one climb he can make is too hazardous to be included on the list.

The present list of qualifying climbs follows:

GROUP A

1. The Bull Run Overhang
2. Sterling's Corner, Bull Run.
3. Charlie's Crack, Bull Run.
4. The Butterfinger Climb, Sugar Loaf.
5. The Little Handhold that Isn't There, Cleft Island.

6. Donalds' Ducks Traverse, Echo Cliffs, as a lead.
7. Socrates Downfall, Echo Cliffs, from the bottom.
8. Bird's Nest Climb, Great Falls, as a lead.
9. Triangle-and-Coffin Climb, Cupid's Bower.
10. The East Face, Camp Lewis.
11. Chairman's Chimney, Herzog Island.
12. The Fingertip Balance Climb, Herzog Island.
13. The Face Traverse, Herzog Island, followed by the ascent of Jan's Semi-chimney, all as a lead.
14. Arthur's Crossover, Carderock.
15. Sterling's Crack, Carderock.
16. Spider Walk, Carderock.
17. Leonard's Lunacy, Carderock.
18. Herbie's Horror, Carderock.
19. The Gargoyle Bridge and Angel Roost Climb, Schoolhouse Cave.
20. Climb from Gunsight Notch to South Peak, Seneca Rock.

GROUP B

1. Sterling's Quartz Slab, Bull Run.
2. Two Inches More, Bull Run.
3. Traverse of Southeast Corner and Ascent of South Face of Peak Gambs, Bull Run.
4. The Chimney Climb, Stony Man.
5. The Beginner's Climb, Old Rag.
6. Charlie's Lead, Harper's Ferry.
7. Cockscomb Overhang Climb, Seneca Rock.
8. Socrates Downfall, Echo Cliffs, starting from the top.
9. Climb to the woods, Echo Cliffs.
10. Big Toe Traverse, Echo Cliffs, as a lead.
11. Bird's Nest Climb, not as a lead.
12. Vertical crack facing Juliet's Balcony, Great Falls.
13. Chris' Crack and Stocking Climb, Great Falls.
14. Inside Corner of Flatiron Rock, Great Falls.

15. The Dancing Climb, Eoucher Rock.
16. The Face Traverse, Herzog Island, followed by the ascent of Jan's Semi-chimney, not as a lead.
17. Jan's Face, Carderock.
18. Elsie's Edge Face, Carderock.
19. Wexler's Worst and Stretch, Carderock.
20. Friction Layback, Carderock.
21. Chris-Wex-Don Traverse, Carderock, as a lead.
22. Arnold's Arduous Ascent, Carderock.
23. & 24. Sterling's Twin Cracks, Carderock.

Ups and Downs March 25, 1945

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| Arnold Wexler | Steve Yurenka |
| Bill Schlecht | Tom Culverwell |
| Mary Neilan | Estelle Culverwell |
| Jan Conn | Kathleen Culverwell |
| Herb Conn | Jocelyn Donnelson |
| Fitz Clark | Franz Karban |
| Eleanor Tatge | |

The group nearly froze to death on the road to Old Rag in Fitz' station wagon with no curtains. The lack of curtains, according to Fitz, indicated that they had more faith in the calendar than in the thermometer. On top of Old Rag, Jan and Eleanor started the climbing by taking Mary thru the Spall Sheet Crawl. They then, with Herb and Steve concentrated on some short climbs nearby, while Arnold led Fitz up a crack and chimney across from them and in full view. After lunch Fitz led the way to the famed Old Rag Beginner's Climb, which was made as a lead by Herb, with Fitz, Jan, and Mary on his rope. Afterwards Eleanor and Arnold climbed it with a rope from above, Arnold doing the lower part by way of a long and difficult layback on the nearby corner.

The Culverwells, Joy, and Franz appeared at lunch time and did some climbing after the station wagon party had left.

At dinner in Warrenton Jan as guest of honor was presented with a large and imposing gift of 7 steak bones for Piton and Carabiner.

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| Harriet Hubbard | Bert Vos |
| Betty Kauffman | Elizabeth Vos |
| Andy Kauffman | |

At Carderock, too, rock climbing interests were well represented.

The Vos' scrambled and enjoyed the sunshine, while Harriet and the Kauffmans indulged in serious business.

Harriet "Skookumchuck" Hubbard became the first woman to traverse Wexler's Worst and the Stretch, and further earned the honor of originating a new climb, the Skookumchuck Extension, which continues the traverse to the final overhanging corner of Jungle Cliff.

Our Chairman, Chris Scoredos, indulged in a day of light activity because his back was not physically what a back should be. He claims that Helen Reasoner, who accompanied him to Great Falls, is a natural born climber. The two scrambled without ropes for the most part, and the only excitement they had was a fine attempt to burn up the neighborhood when dry leaves caught from their fire.

April 1, 1945

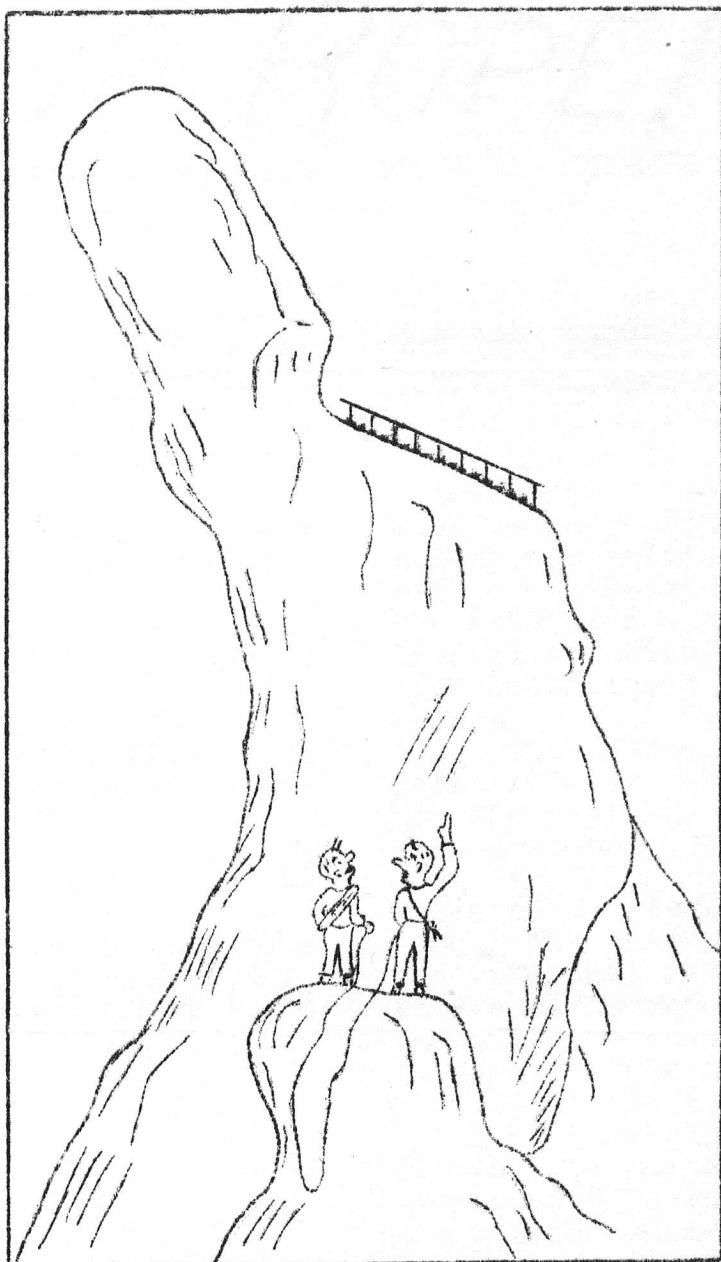
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| Sterling Hendricks | Herb Conn |
| Marian Churchill | Betty Kauffman |
| Steve Yurenka | Andy Kauffman |

The Easter Parade at Carderock followed its own peculiar route. Starting at the top of the Barnacle Face it wound across a precarious series of footholds, handholds, and frequent regions where there were neither. The bright eager faces of the paraders were seen crossing Wexler's Worst, the Stretch, and the Skookumchuck Extension.

After Herb had extended the Extension by rounding the overhanging corner to the gully thru which the Billygoat Trail climbs, Sterling led the Parade on across the opposite face to the Beginner's Corner and down the Spider Walk. Defeat was suffered on the smooth face beyond the Spider Walk, altho a number of brilliant attempts were nearly successful in crossing this region.

Sterling explored the next face downstream, and then directed Betty, who first crossed the elegant Loose Slab Traverse. This is a new climb which we predict will become increasingly popular as long as the loose slab remains in place.

The climbers, too exhausted for further serious climbing, moved to the Camp Lewis Rocks for some light scrambling to complete the day. They were joined by Marian on the



"The Club decided it was silly to waste climbing time on the uninteresting part of the route!"

towpath. Steve volunteered to test the strength of his nylon parachute cord by belaying all comers up the Dome. Marian, Steve, and Herb enjoyed a cool swim in the Potomac.

Chris Scoredos and Helen Reasoner explored new routes on the Bull Run Cliffs.

Sorry, Paul

In our last issue we stated that Paul Bradt had climbed up Sterling's Corner at Bull Run, but had failed to complete the climb by climbing down again. We have learned that later in the day, belayed by George Thompson, he

made a successful descent of the climb. Our apologies, Paul!

Trip Schedule

April 15 - Carderock, with boat transportation available to Herzog Island.

April 22 - Carderock with the Youth Hostellers, Chris Scoredos in charge.

From the Pacific

Word has been received that Charlie Daniels is now located in the Philippines. He is still connected with the 41st Malaria Survey Unit.

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