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Comment by Paul Bradt. Sam Moore writes from Iwo Jima; and states among many other things, that he'd like to commend those who have been naming the climbs since he has been away. Sam is a man of good taste and I agree with him in this matter with just one reservation.

It has seemed to me a little child-like to have such a preponderance of alliteration in the names. (In case you've forgotten, alliteration in the repetition of the same initial letter or sound in proximate words, Laurence's Last, Herbies Horror, Chairman's Chimney, etc.)

It seems that I was just at the threshold of the 'teens when my brothers, sister and I vied with each other in the use of alliteration.

Don't conclude from these remarks that I don't like children, or that I am not a least bit childish, or that I don't like alliteration, or even that I want anyone to stop alliterating in naming climbs. I only want to point out that if the naming continues this way the readers of Up-Rope may be expected to get the impression that we as a group are permanently at the threshold of the 'teens and think nothing else is interesting.

The group has survived the use of other kinds of names as can be verified for instance by inspecting the list of qualifying climbs. It might help us out when we climb abroad or with foreign guests if we used a few foreign terms among our names. Indeed, the idea strikes me so favorably that I am tempted to go scouting for a climb that can be described by such a name as The Mousqueton Ienseits O-rassieleenie. That is, as soon as I can find how to write the first word in Welsh.

News Notes We note that the Sierra Club outings are again in full swing. The outing Committee is composed of Richard M. Leonard, Chairman Raffi Bedayn, Phill Bernays, Herbert L. Breed, David R. Brower, Milton Hildebrand, Oliver Kehrlein, Dr. H. S. Kimball, Norman B. Livermore, Jr.

The Knapsack Trips are July 20 to August 2, 1946  
August 18, to September 1, 1946

The Burro Trips are July 14 to 27; July 28 to August 10, 1946  
August 11 to 24 1946

The Forty-Second High Trip are Two-week periods starting:  
July 7, July 21, and August 4, 1946

Base Camp -- July 28 to August 10, 1946

Saddle-Horse Trip  
June 23 to July 5, 1946

Anyone wanting information on any of these trips may see "Sierra Club Outings" June 23 to September 1, 1946 on the Bulletin Board in the Up-Rope Office

**Note:** Colorado Mt. Club 33rd Annual Summer Outing and School of Mountaineering is going to be in Wind River Range, Wyoming August 3 to August 18, 1946.

This year also sees the return of the Technical Climbing Section to the Schedule of this Club under the chairmanship of Dr. Lew Giesecke.

Also note that Mel Griffiths is back in that section again.

**Personal's:** From the Yodeler of March 18, 1946 Quote--"Although they are not yet quite prepared to make difficult ascents, and some of them are still more familiar with safety pins than with karabiners, second-generation climbers are undoubtedly up-and-coming. Following enthusiastically albeit with some uncertainty in their fathers' and mothers' footsteps, Frances and Betty Leonard, David and Eleanor Adam, Richard Raffi Bedayn, and Kenneth David Brower were among those present at Pinnacles National Monument over the week end. and they all had a good time."

Black List has already called forth two back-sliders, Sam Moore who has carried his list in his pocket since fifteen minutes after he received it and Hope Dawson who didn't know she was supposed to send it in.

Herbert Conn, (Herbie) A. G. F.-Bd.-No. 2 Det., Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Jan does'nt say whether he has anything to do with Uncle Sam's gold supply but she did say that he is on detached service and will be working regular hours and will have Saturday and Sunday off. She will join him as soon as possible and tho: there are no rocks in the region we know that something interesting will be coming out of the Ft. Jan already has one idea which bids fair to produce fruit.

On the weekend of May 5 there will be a white-water boat trip thru The Smoke Hole, West Virginia. Anyone with the yearning is invited along if he can muster a boat and transportation. Contact Sterling, Arnold, or Don for detail. If the water is too high the trip will be postponed.

Samuel Moore, Capt. O-463896-Headq. 20th Air Force APO 234 c/o P.M. San Francisco, California says, "You couldn't possibly know how much I've enjoyed my copies of Up Rope. They've come in fairly regularly until recently. Generally they reach me about a month after they're mailed. Except for the Trail Club Bulletin and my mother it's about the only way I've had of keeping in touch with your comings and goings. The number of new names that have crept in, rather astonishing--I hadn't realized the turnover was so great. Even so the old ones always seem to come back from time to time, if only for a short visit. Sometime it might be fun to gather a few statistics on the matter. By the way you might compile a few statistics on the number of accidents and falls that the group has had over the past nine years. If a comprehensive job is done, the results should be interesting. I'd like to commend the many anonymous authors(?) who have been naming the climbs since I've been away. As an ardent reader of rock-climbing literature I've always admired the English and their choice of names for climbs in the Lake District and Wales (Faith, Hope, and Charity, The Parson's Nose; Innominate; and so on). You can imagine my delight then upon reading of such things as the Erik and Blue Easter Egg Climb, and Green Easter Egg Climb, the Spider Walk, Herbie's Horror, Leonard's Lunacy, Buckets of Blood, the Big Tee Traverse, and all the rest. Truly there's high literary talent and imagination among you, and perhaps even a poet or two. Even Wordsworth would find it hard to match the rhythm and swing of "The little Handhold that Isn't There" or the rugged, grunting onomatopoeia (?) of "Wexler's Worst".-----I think I'll be seeing all of you sometime soon, but don't know when. How about organizing another beginner's rockclimbing and reducing class for the benefit of some returned veterans? Thanks so much for keeping me in touch with the gang and congratulations on your splendid work with that weekly to end all weeklies, Up Rope."

Be sure to say hellow to everyone for me. Anyone be interested in a trip out West this summer?

Bye for now.

Sam