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UPS AND DOWNS

Chris Scoredos
Arnold Wexler
John Meenehan
John Reed

Eleanor Tatge
Marion Murray
Helen Baker
Betty Alley

Ted Shad
Kay Shad
Dolores Alley
Billy Alley

Sunday, December 8, 1946. With transportation to spare, the group went to Great Falls on the Maryland side of the Potomac to the cliffs across from the Bird's Nest Climb. John Reed, Arnold, and John Meenehan worked on several cracks while Chris led Helen and Dolores on a traverse. At the same time Ted gave Kay her first lessons in climbing, in which she did very well, and Eleanor and Marion made a few practice rappels and a short roped climb up the cliff. John R. and Dolores climbed a nubble face similar to Jan's Face at Carderock. Arnold melted into joviality when he proved to be the only one to stay on a ticklish balance climb which the two Johns, Chris, Helen, and Dolores tried again and again, peeling off each time. This particular climb looked so easy when just looking at it, but trying to stay on its slanting, foot-wide shelf with no handholds--it's terrific!!! Because John Reed wanted to try a Qualifying Climb, the Little Handhold That Isn't There was made a stop. He climbed it with the greatest of ease. That young man is really good. You experts look out--you have competition! D.A. and E.T.

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| I. Arnold Wexler | II. Chris Scoredos |
| Helen Baker | Steve Dawson |
| Betty Kauffman | H. F. Stimson |

Sunday, December 15, 1946. Group I climbed at Carderock, where Helen upheld her reputation as foremost feminine barefoot climber of the Washington Club. Her halfway ascent of Herbie's Horror, and her partial ascent of the Spider Walk were events to be long remembered. The climbing started with warming up on Ronnie's Leap. The Stretch and the big face upstream of the Chris-Wex-Don were also given a workout before lunch. Herbie's Horror, Jan's Face, Marion's Chimney, and the Spider Walk were the major events of the afternoon.

The same day Group II also spent some time at Carderock, but without meeting Group I. They did not stay long, but drove to Angler's Inn and walked upstream along the Potomac almost to Great Falls. The

trip, according to Chris, was primarily a sight-seeing expedition for him as Stimmy and Steve pointed out many of their favorite pre-War climbs, which were today attempted with varying degrees of success. E.T.

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting at Chris and Helen Scoredcs' last Thursday was primarily an election meeting. In fact, the business killed so much time that most of Chris' pictures went unshown. We shall see more of them later, we hope.

Photographic Contest. There was some discussion of the whether-or-nots of a photographic contest. There will be one if enough photographs of merit are submitted to justify such a contest. If you think there should be a contest, you can vote for it by submitting photographs, whether you think they are prize-winners or not. There will be no limitation on size, shape, or finish. They may be mounted or unmounted, and are to be delivered to UP ROPE with a title and the photographer's name and return address written on the back of each entry.

Upon receipt, the entries will be fastened by corner tabs onto gray cardboard for display at a contest meeting, at which time the winner will be decided by popular vote. All entries will be returned. The subject matter should be related to rock climbing or mountaineering.

You have until May 15, 1947, to pick out your old favorites or go after some new ones. That is the last day entries may be submitted.

Equipment. Fitz Clark has hopes of securing a little climbing equipment at prices such as,

Piton hammer	\$ 2.00
Piton.	50
120 ft. nylon rope	16.00
Karabiner.	1.25
Justrite carbide head lamp . .	5.00

The prices are approximate. Send your orders to Fitzhugh Clark, 1511 Franklin St. N.E., or phone Adams 6545.

Officers. Arnold Wexler was elected President, or whatever our boss-man is called. He appointed Dolores Alley Treasurer, and Jo Bradt Secretary. The Assistant Editor suspects that his wife got the job because of her contact with UP ROPE.

NEWS NOTES

Sally Chamberlin writes us from Switzerland that she heartily approves of what she's seen so far of the Alps--from a distance. "I have been inquiring around about rock climbing. There is a club here for women--which is separate from the men's club. But it seems the season on climbing is closed and everyone is waiting for snow and skiing. The rock climbing equipment here is also limited. They don't have channel irons at all. However, the limitation may be local, and when I get a chance to travel to other parts of Switzerland I'll make an effort to see if the styles of climbing equipment are any different. The carabiners and pitons generally are larger than the ones you people use in Washington. Now that my financial condition is greatly improved (due to a few exchange manipulations) and I have more than 60 centimes in my pocket, I'll send you a little package containing samples of what they use here for climbing. I won't include an ice pick, however." Her present address is Miss F. S. Chamberlin, av Ruchonnet, 51, c/o Bettex, Lausanne, Vaud, Switzerland.

Extra--Rumor has it that Charlie Daniels is on terminal leave at his home, 100 Green Street, Melrose, Massachusetts. We are all a-twitter, Charlie. When are you coming to see us?