

## SENECA ROCK

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### SAVAGE SELKIRKS

The Kodachromatic splendor of the savage Selkirk range at Columbia, Canada, will be displayed by Sterling Hendricks at his home, 1118 Dale Drive, on Friday, January 31, 1947, at 8:00 P.M. The show-

### MEETING

Selkirk Pictures with

Sterling and Mrs. Hendricks

8 P.M. Friday, Jan. 31

ing is expected to provide illustrative material supplementing the detailed account by Sam Moore featured in our UP ROPES these days. Thus is shared with their fellows the lovely, lonely vistas found by the 1946 summer expedition of several of our Club members. Bring your friends--all interested are cordially invited.

### UPS AND DOWNS

Dolores Alley  
John Reed

Eleanor Tatge  
Marion Murray  
Russell Volckman

John Meenehan  
Jack Wilson

January 12, 1947. Carderock was invaded by waves this bright Sunday. Eleanor, Marion, and Russell attacked first. They first investigated the wide place in the canal where skating develops if at all and found ice capable of supporting them with only minor creakings, but too soft on top to favor skating, which Eleanor hopefully tried. The sports of "sneaker skating" and "boot skating" were invented and hilariously pursued, after which the Carderock cliffs were sought out. Following a little practice rappelling, John and Dolores appeared. John (Reed) warmed up by climbing on Jan's Face and crossing the Big Stretch. After lunch Jack and John M. appeared, and all removed to the main feature of the day, Arthur's Traverse, which was successfully climbed by both Johns. Dolores, Jack, and John M., after the remainder of the group departed, shifted operations to the area of Oscar's station, climbing in the crack to the right of Oscar (well-known to some

of us as Don's Piton Lead) the upper part of which forms part of the "legal" version of the Chris-Wex-Don. Here, in the crack, a squeaking noise was identified as a bat, but attempts to accurately locate the animal were unsuccessful. D.A. & E.T.

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Arnold Wexler  
Chris Scoredos

John Reed  
Dolores Alley

January 19, 1947. It's a wonder the cliffs of Carderock didn't wilt before the onslaught of the seasoned veterans attacking them this day. Chris furnished us with a neatly detailed list of activities, thus:

1. Face left of Herbie's Horror.
2. Chockstone Chimney, right of Horror.
3. Jan's Face
4. Three-Chimney Climb.
5. Sterling's Crack, by Arnold and Chris.
6. Spider Walk, up and down, by Dolores, Arnold, and Chris.
7. Don's Piton Lead; John led, putting in pitons, while Dolores, as last man, took them out.

#### WHAT IS YOUR BLOOD TYPE?

Paul Bradt

People are pretty much happy or unhappy to the extent that they help or damage their fellow men; and one of the ways of helping afforded by civilization is through blood donation. Without getting at all personal, I can imagine conditions under which it would make me a lot happier to be able to donate blood to a friend and still be unable to do it in time because of ignorance of the blood types involved. I'm sure that you feel the same way about it. It has been suggested to us that members of the Rock Climbing Club might like to leave in the hands of the group any information they happen to have about their blood, as type, or Rh+ or -.

This idea is not presented on the theory that rock climbers are likely to be more in need of blood than other people; they are probably less in need of it. Still, they do sometimes become hospitalized. As long as that is the case there is a chance that blood might be needed. Not all hospitals have blood banks, and you can't be sure which one your best friend will land in next time. With these thoughts in mind Josephine Bradt, who used to work in a medical office, made a few exploratory phone calls, from which she deduced that a fair number of climbers would be glad to supply such information in return for the privilege of using it. Those that have been typed in the Service or in connection with past donations or medical examinations can indicate approval by filling in the following blank as fully as possible and returning it to the Secretary:

Josephine I. Bradt, Sec'y  
Washington Rock Climbers  
6626 First St., N.W.

My blood type is \_\_\_\_\_. The Rh factor is ☐ +, ☐ -.

(check one). You may pass this information on to any enquiring rock climber in this vicinity.

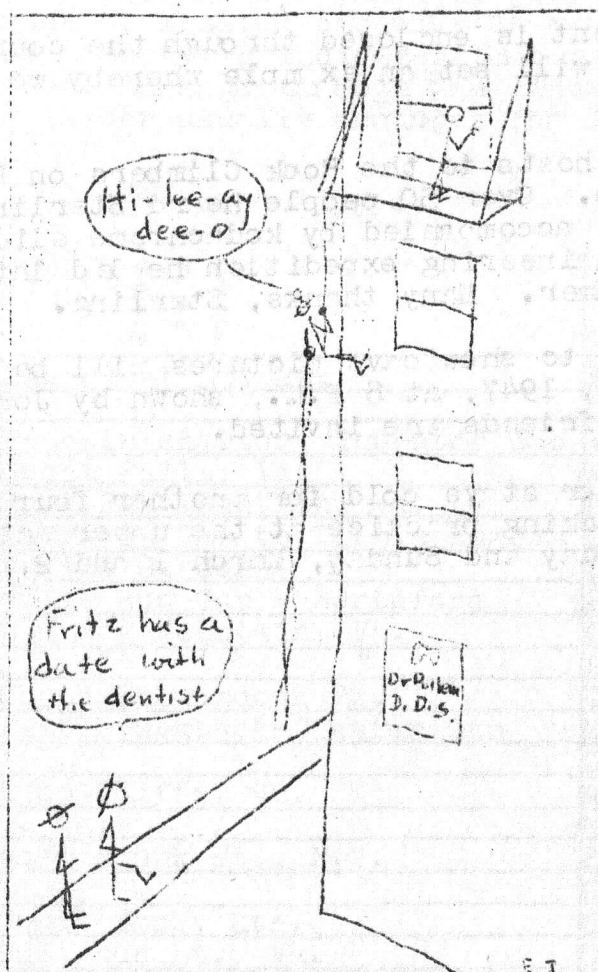
(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_



Chris, Dolores, Eleanor, and the four children started their day on skates on the canal where some of the young fry had their first lessons on skating. Chris soon left for the cliffs where he found the rest of the men diligently at work on Arnold's Arduous Ascent. After he had demonstrated Leonard's Lunacy, lunch was eaten around a comforting fire. Afterwards Fitz climbed the Three Chimney Climb, and some good practice was put in on Ronnie's Leap.

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On February 23, 1947, Chris Scoredos, Arnold Wexler, and Claudia Hinds made a rather late start for Carderock via Anglers' Inn. Claudia and Chris on skates joined Arnold afoot at the trail to the cliffs. We understand some difficulty was experienced by the skaters in getting ashore due to the thinness of the ice at the edges. A most elegant snowball fight was brought to a close when the poor defenseless woman had her head pushed into the snow. Claudia got even later by throwing snowballs at the men while they were both on skates. The rocks were found clear of snow but cold.



BOOKS. A new and revised edition of "Rock Climbing and Mountaineering" by Carl K. Brunning was published in 1946 by Faber & Faber Ltd., 24 Russell Square, London W. C. 1. The author heartily endorses the simple overhand knot for the middleman's knot, as used by our Carderock climbers. The shoulder belay is described, but no mention made of our favorite body belay. The rappel is referred to as the "abseil."

LETTER. Win Lembeck writes: "Maybe you have heard of "our" new duty via the trusty grapevine? At any rate, Art left from Port Hueneme on the 18th of December and managed to hit Manila the first of February. Navy moves fast, doesn't it? He was stuck on Guam for several weeks, hence the delay. Since his arrival he has managed to rent us a house near the old base at Cavite

and now I'm waiting on a Navy ship. At all events, I should be on the way in a few weeks. Or so we hope.

"Art has been very busy getting settled and looking at houses and hasn't mentioned climbing since his arrival. Now that he is somewhat adjusted, I'm sure he will be scouting around for rocks. I've been told to bring a rope and pitons so he, at least, intends to climb something! His new address is:

Ch. Pharm. A. C. Lembeck, USN  
Staff, Commander Naval Forces Philippines  
Box #8  
F.P.O. San Francisco, California

Would you change your UP ROPE record? We have no idea how long this new duty will last but, as it should prove interesting, we aren't worried. Our hopes were for duty in Washington but we take what we get and try to like it."

NEWS NOTES. As Dr. William Welch was returning from delivering serum to a snowbound family by air, he landed at Congressional Airport, stepped from the plane, stumbled, and was struck by the propeller. He is recovering rapidly at Surburban Hospital near Rockville.

A magazine supplement is enclosed through the courtesy of Arnold Wexler. We hope this will set an example whereby we will be able to give this service again.

The Hendricks were hosts to the Rock Climbers on Friday, January 31, 1947, at their home. Over 50 people heard Sterling Hendricks deliver a fascinating talk, accompanied by kodachrome slides and motion pictures, on the mountaineering expedition he led into the Northern Selkirks this past summer. Many thanks, Sterling.

MEETING. A meeting to show cave pictures will be held at the Bradts' on Friday, March 21, 1947, at 8 P.M., shown by John Meenehan. Rock climbers and their friends are invited.

TRIP. If the weather stays cold for another four days there will be ice-cutting, step-making practice at the upper waterfalls of White Oak Canyon on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, 1947.



# TRIPS SCHEDULED BY TRAIL CLUB GROUPS

Key: Under "date" an asterisk (\*) indicates that good climbing is available.

Under "sponsoring group" R refers to the rock climbers, and indicates rock climbing; E refers to excursions committee and may indicate a hiking trip; O refers to the trail overseers group and may indicate a trail work trip.

Under "type of trip" we number successively from one-day trips, designated 1; to camping trips wherein each person is expected to care for himself, 2; camping trips with central commissary under direction of leader, 3; and, last, camping trips wherein a leader cares for food and beds, 4.

Under "transportation" C indicates that the trip is by private car (if you don't know a driver that can take you, consult the leader); T indicates that a truck of limited capacity is available (consult the leader if you want a seat); B indicates that a bus will make the trip (if you wish a seat, arrange through the leader). On truck and bus one-day trips the leader usually arranges for dinner on the way home.

DATE	Sponsor	Type Trip	Leads	Location To Be Visited	LEADER
Mar. 9*	R	1	C	Sugarloaf Mt. Md.	Fitzhugh Clark
9	O	1	T	?	C.F. Mersch
15-16	E	4	T	Pocosin shelter, Thornton Gap	Victor A. Howard
23*	R	1	C	Great Falls, Va.	Arnold Wexler
29-30*	R	2	C	Bull Run Mountain, Va.	Chris Scoredos
April 13	E	1	T	Thornton Gap to Little Hogback	Chris Scoredos
19-20*	R	1-2	C	Devils Garden	Sterling Hendricks
27	E	1	T	Swift Run Gap - Northward	Paul Bradt
May 4*	E	1	B?	Old Rag Mountain, Va.	Carl Cagle
3-4*	R	1-2	C	" " " "	Arnold Wexler
9-11	O	3	T	South Shenandoah Pk.	C.F. Mersch
18	E	1	T	Little Hogback-Chester Gap	Malcom Jones
25	O	1	T	?	C.F. Mersch
25*	R	1	C	Echo Cliffs, Va.	Arnold Wexler
30-31	E	3	T	W. Va.	Harold Leich?
June 1*	R	2	C	Shawangunk Mt., N.Y.	Paul Bradt
8	O	1	T	?	C.F. Mersch
14-22	E	3-4?	T	Great Smoky Mts.	C.F. Mersch
15*	E	1	B	Bull Run Mt., Va.	Charles P. Thomas
22*	R	2	C	Little Stony Man Mt., Va.	Sam Moore
July 3-6	E	4	B	Mt. Rogers & White Top, Va.	Howard Olmsted
4-6*	R	2	C	Seneca & Nelson Rocks	?
13	O	1	T	?	C.F. Mersch
20*	E	1	T	White Oak Canyon Picnic	David Guy
Aug. 2-3	E	1	T?	Moonlight Hike	Chas. P. Thomas
10	E	1	T	?	C.F. Mersch
17	E	1	T?	Crystal Cave	Chris Scoredos
24	O	1	T	?	C.F. Mersch
30-31*	E	3	?	Smoke Hole, W. Va.	Wm. Richardson
Sept. 1)					

1. Changes are inevitable.

2. Make arrangements at least 1/2 week in advance if possible.