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WASHINGTON ROCK CLIMBERS

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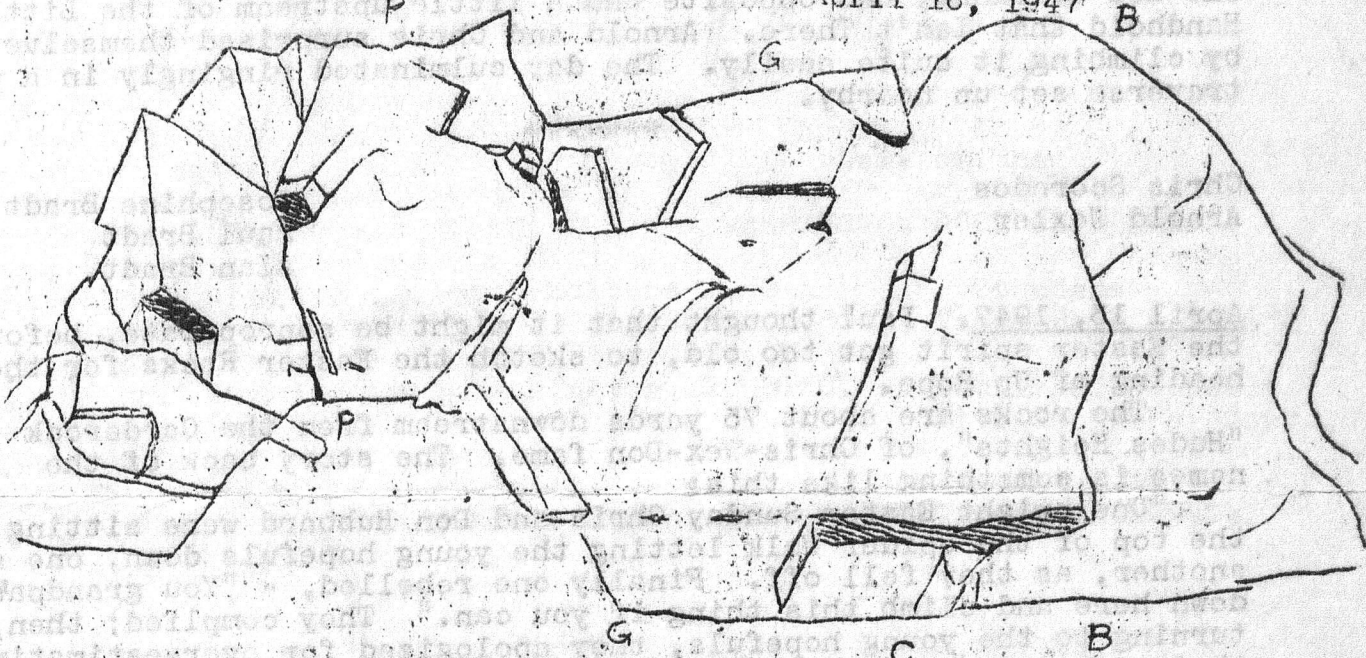
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EASTER EGG ROCKS, CARDEROCK, MD.

(Wherein overhangs are shown shaded)

P-P: Pink Easter Egg Climb

G-G: Green Easter Egg Climb

B-B: Blue Easter Egg Climb

Courte Echelle Climb starts at C
beneath the Scoredos Overhang.

★ MEETING ★

Motion Pictures of the last summer's Mt. St. Elias trip will
be shown by hosts Betty and Andy Kauffman on Friday, April 18 at
the Bradt's home, 6626 First St., N. W., (12)

UPS AND DOWNS

Deloris Alley
John Reed
Ted Schad
Robert Prickett
Paul Bradt
Jo Bradt

Helen Baker
Chris Scoredos
Fitzhugh Clark
Gus Gambs
Arnold Wexler
Alan Bradt

Kenneth Cole
Walter Downs
Betty Kauffman
Andy Kauffman
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March 30, 1947. We felt that the war was really over as we left two
empty cars at the Hot Shoppe and headed for Bull Run Mountain. The
day was perfect; and, contrary to the usual tradition of lining up

to take turns at the super-hard climbs, we tied in as rope teams and roamed around the throne having a lot of fun until noon. Then Fitz and Paul took a Short Cut to Lunch, a finger tip balance to the left, and then a ladder right up to the lunch place. Arnold and Robert used it too. After lunch Chris couldn't resist another attempt at unclimbed Quarter Dome. That lay-back remains unclimbed perhaps because a rattle-snake-imitating bat chased John Reed off midway. However, Chris, Arnold and John share honors for climbing Out From Under, the second crack to the left of the Quarter Dome crack. This is an old climb which will always be quite a challenge.

Arnold Wexler
Chris Scoredos

John Moenehan
Kenneth Cole

April 6, 1947. The group had a good day in the Great Falls, Md., climbing section. For the most part effort was concentrated on the Great Falls Bulge, a fascinating struggle located directly opposite the Red Overhang, and opposite and a little upstream of the Little Handhold that Isn't There. Arnold and Chris surprised themselves by climbing it quite easily. The day culminated ringingly in a piton traverse set up nearby.

Chris Scoredos
Arnold Wexler

Josephine Bradt
Paul Bradt
Alan Bradt

April 13, 1947. Paul thought that it might be appropriate, before the Easter spirit got too old, to sketch the Easter Rocks for the heading of Up Rope.

The rocks are about 75 yards downstream from the Carderock "Hades Heights", of Chris-Wex-Don fame. The story back of the names is something like this:

"One bright Easter Sunday Chris and Don Hubbard were sitting at the top of the Spider Walk letting the young hopefuls down, one after another, as they fell off. Finally one rebelled, - "You grandpa's come down here and climb this thing if you can." They complied; then, turning to the young hopefuls, they apologized for over-estimating their maturity and promised them an Easter egg hunt. Accordingly the group proceeded to these cliffs. The "Grandpa's" then tied in as lead men on their ropes and took eggs to the cliff tops. They then taunted those below for not one of them was able to follow either lead."

While Paul sat in various treetops trying to sketch the cliffs Chris and Arnold took turns climbing the Pink Easter Egg and the Blue Easter Egg climbs. Chris also demonstrated the Courte Echelle Climb.

Perhaps, until they read this they won't know just what they were doing. Sunday, when asked for the names of the climbs, they demurred saying that Eleanor was the authority. Old records have been consulted and Eleanor has spoken. The Blue Easter Egg climb goes around the right end of the Scoredos overhang while the Courte Echelle climb surmounts this overhang without assistance of a shoulder. Whether the climber veers right or left after the first 8 feet, is indifferent.

By the time the sketch was finished Jo had taken Alan and the Bradt food up the towpath. Whether it was the tree climbing, the ferry service or the food Paul was unable to follow Chris up the Overhang. But the day was brought to a happy conclusion when all three men got up the Inverted Staircase, an overhang at the far end of the formation just upstream from the temple.

SCHEDULED TRIPS

Sterling Hendricks, Shepard 4603, will lead a trip to Devils Garden, W. Va. on April 20.

Arnold Wexler will lead a two day climbing trip to Old Rag May 3 and 4. The P. A. T. C. has scheduled a Trillium trip to Old Rag on May 4.