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## WASHINGTON ROCK CLIMBERS

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of

Nelson Rock,

West Virginia.

### COMING EVENTS

May 3 to 4. Old Rag Mountain Rock Climbing Trip Leader, Arnold Wexler, Em. 8658

May 25 Echo Cliffs, Potomac Gorge, Va. Leader, Arnold Wexler Em. 8658

May 30 to June 1 Shawangunk Mountains, N. Y. Leader, Paul Bradt, Ge. 3917

Rock Climbing trips are all made by private car. It is advisable that anyone planning to go should inform the leader approximately a week in advance, especially if he wishes transportation or can provide transportation for someone else. Beginners are especially welcome and will be given instruction by experienced and qualified climbers.

THE 34th SUMMER OUTING AND SCHOOL OF MOUNTAINEERING of the Colorado Mountain Club is to be held in the NoName Creek area of the Needle Mountains from July 22 to August 2. This is one of the most rugged of Colorado's mountain ranges. Co-leaders are Henry Buchtel and Mel Griffiths. Mel climbed with us here in Washington when he was stationed at Bolling Field.

Trail and Timberline for April carries a preliminary report of the trip. This is available at the home of the Editors Bradt.

## UPS AND DOWNS

Sterling Hendricks  
Betty Kauffman  
Andy Kauffman  
Arnold Wexler

Ted Schad  
Kay Schad  
Donald Hubbard  
Dolores Alley

Mary Neilan  
Pat Neilan  
Fitzhugh Clark

April 19 to 20 - Devil's Garden, - Arnold Wexler.  
West Virginia

On Saturday afternoon, Sterling, Betty, Andy, Fitzhugh and Arnold left town and camped that evening at Elizabeth Furnace. Before settling down for the night, the gang took a stroll up the mountain for a view into Page Valley and east across to the Blue Ridge. Early Sunday morning they continued on to Devil's Garden where later in the day they were joined by the others. Teams played on and in the rocks. The devious caves, cracks and faults were explored. The first climb undertaken was a tricky overhanging shirt-tearer in the archway rock group, a bulging squeeze that made the body go through contortions and left clothes in tatters. It might be called the "Overhanging Squeeze." This was successfully overcome by Sterling, Fitzhugh, Betty and Arnold. The next interesting ascents were on a face that has seldom been worked on, downstream from archway rock. Here Betty made a straight climb. Then Arnold and Fitzhugh proceeded to demonstrate that even something classified by Sterling as "impossible" still might go. This was a face that terminated in an overhang on the right which was a layback crack. Arnold got up by a high route and Fitzhugh, crossing on relatively smooth rock at a lower level, reached the top after some delicate maneuvering. Returning to the archway group, Sterling demonstrated the "Pink Rock" climb. The angle of this varied from vertical to overhanging for 50 feet or more, but fortunately the handholds never gave out. Arnold followed Sterling with a good deal of huffing and puffing. Fitzhugh then pioneered a route from under the Archway and Don demonstrated his prowess on a bit of verticality near the Archway. Finally Arnold, searching for hand- and foot holds under a wealth of lichens, ascended a 50-foot 90-degree face to conclude the days activities.

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Chris Scoredos  
Don Hubbard  
John Meenehan  
Edith Bets  
Elizabeth Watkins

Dolores Alley  
Betty Kauffman  
Andy Kauffman  
Ted Schad  
Ken Cole

Peter Winter  
Barbara Carr  
R. J. Hackman  
Helen Townsend  
Eleanor Tatge  
Cecilia ?

April 27, 1947 - Eleanor Tatge.

A beautiful, warm, sunny spring morning provided a background of redbud and dogwood for the day's activities. Part of the Rock Climbing group went directly to Carderock by car, but a sizable number met with the Youth Hostellers at the end of the Cabin John carline and took to the towpath. A ripple of excitement was induced along the way by a huge blacksnake that obligingly gave a demonstration of slithering bowknots and a swimming lesson. At the cliffs such fast and furious climbing and rappelling were engaged in that one of the Hostellers was heard later to remark, "You really take all this seriously, don't you?" No records were smashed, but neither were any bones. A good time and plenty of exercise were had by all.

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**NEWSNOTES:** We have heard via the grapevine that Win Lembeck sailed March 26th from San Francisco to join Art in Manila. Her beeline includes Hawaii, Japan, China and Okinawa. She is supposed to have reached Manila April 25th.