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WASHINGTON ROCK CLIMBERS

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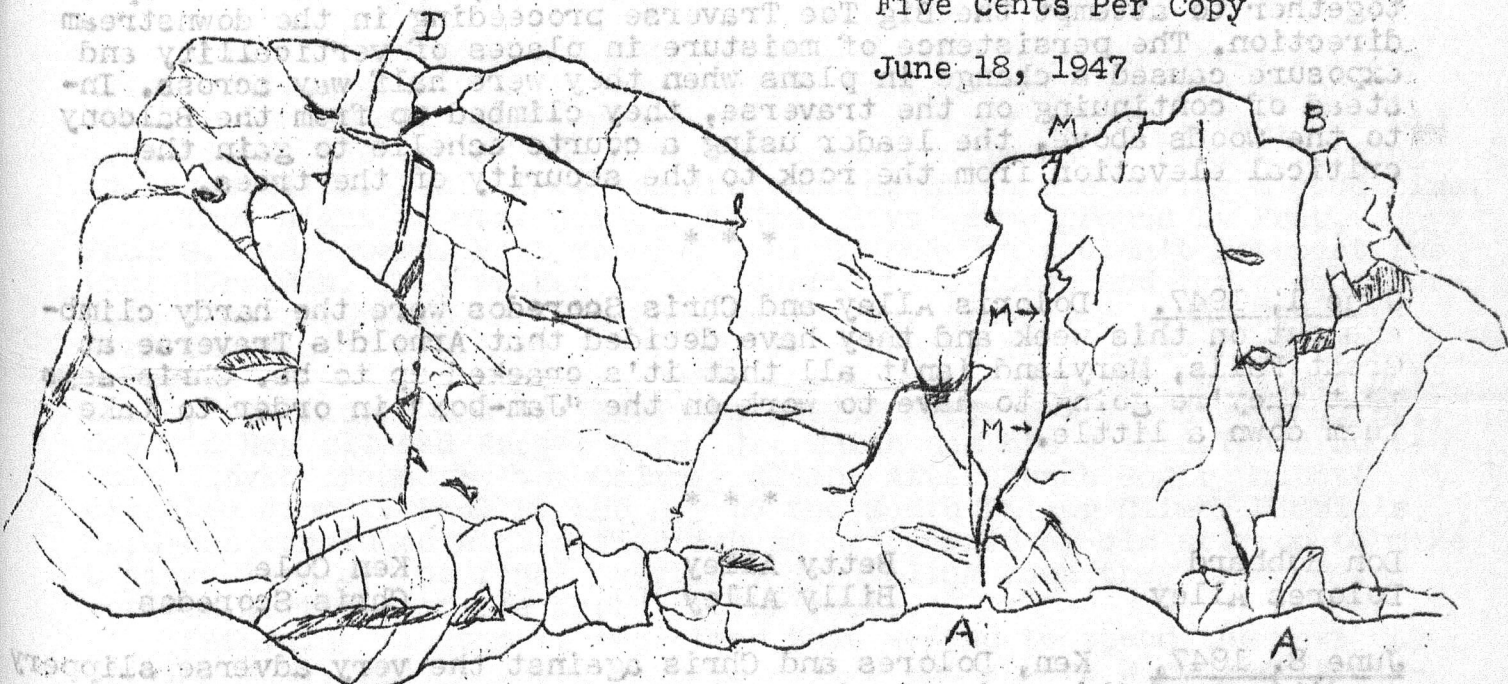
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Ph

Cupid's Bower Academic Climb

The routes A.B. or bachelor's climb is easy. The route A.M.M. or master's climb is up a vertical inside corner and is somewhat harder. The climb Ph.D., known also as the Cupid's Bower Overhang, or triangle and Coffin climb has a 30 foot face of 23 degrees average overhang. It is qualifying climb A-9, and reputedly was first climbed by Marshall Wood back in the early thirties. Stimmie keeps in form by climbing it every week.

UPS AND DOWNS

Chris Scoredos
Mary Neilan
Ken Cole

Bea Howell
Arnold Wexler
Don Hubbard

May 18, 1947. These climbed mostly around the Flatirons on the Virginia side of the river - looking over photographic possibilities which had been scouted from the Maryland side the Sunday before.

Chris Scoredos
Donald Hubbard
Andy Kauffman

Betty Kauffman
Dolores Alley
John Meenehan

Bill Welsh
Roy Roberts
(?) De Nollis

Arnold Wexler

May 25, 1947. In spite of rain, ten stalwarts went out to the Echo Cliffs to find that dampness had imparted to the rocks a quality of texture that was not far different from the wet tile bathroom floor, for the rocks precipitated one into the most undignified of positions with the same suddenness as the wet tile. Don took the two novices, De Nollis and Roberts, in hand and before the day was over, they had been exposed to the belaying, rappelling, climbing and driving and using pitons. The others divided their time in the morning between climbing some cracks and faces just above the river upstream from the start of the Amphibious Traverse and falling off Socrates Downfall. In the afternoon, a session was held under the supervision of Arnold and Chris in which the sliding belay was practiced in catching a man jumping from a ledge as high as eleven feet above the ground with as much as three feet of slack. Then Arnold, Chris, Bill and John roped together to attempt the Big Toe Traverse proceeding in the downstream direction. The persistence of moisture in places of verticality and exposure caused a change in plans when they were half way across. Instead of continuing on the traverse, they climbed up from the Balcony to the woods above, the leader using a courte echelle to gain the critical elevation from the rock to the security of the trees.

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June 1, 1947. Dolores Alley and Chris Scoredos were the hardy climbers out on this week and they have decided that Arnold's Traverse at Great Falls, Maryland isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Chris says that they're going to have to work on the "Jam-box" in order to take them down a little.

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Don Hubbard
Dolores Alley

Betty Alley
Billy Alley

Ken Cole
Chris Scoredos

June 8, 1947. Ken, Dolores and Chris against the very adverse slippery conditions of this rainy Sunday worked on Leonard's Lunacy, the Chris-Wex-Don Traverse and the Golden Stairs.

Don and the two youngsters collected a number of turtles and then tried to decide how they would get their menagerie home. One was a snapper and they evidently had quite a lot of fun with him. Dolores finally consented to carry two of the "beasties" home in her pack. We wonder if the people on the street car avoided her as assiduously this Sunday as they did the time she carried the skunk cabbage and their assorted smells home for the children to show at school.

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Chris Scoredos
N. Zegob, Jr.

Leonard Bolz
David Simons, Jr.

June 15, 1947. These climbers met some interesting boatmen who at first thought the climbing must be rather easy as Chris climbed high (on a face on the Maryland side opposite the Bird's Nest Climb) and placed a piton before he went on up. But as each succeeding climber "peeled off" they became more and more impressed and left with a decidedly enlarged view of Chris' ability.

Hope Dawson, her father and mother, and their friend Clinton Roper from New Hampshire were also up the river on this Sunday.

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Note: Andy Kauffman says that mountain tent material may be obtained from: General Sales Store, Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, 2800 South Twentieth Street, Philadelphia 45, Pa. for \$0.89 per yard.

SHAWANGUNK MOUNTAIN TRIP

From Washington:	From Boston:	From Scarsdale and
Don Hubbard	Jimmie Maxwell	New York City:
Arnold Wexler		Fritz Wiessner
Bea Howell	From Philadelphia:	Hank Grunebaum
Roy Roberts	Joe Walsh	Paul Schoup
Ted Schad	John Walsh	Roger Wolcott
Lay Schad	Emlen Cresson	Howard Friedman
Paul Bradt		Bill Shockley & others

May 30 - June 1, 1947: The Washington contingent arrived in the gap about 3:00 P.M. Seeing those from Philadelphia climbing there, we parked our cars and joined them forthwith. Scrambling up to the bridle path we found Hank scouting out a route from under an overhang, and Jimmie holding Howard's rope from the top of a face with small holds on it. Arnold successfully figured out Hank's difficulties and went up. After a brief try, Howard swapped places with Jimmie and brought him up.

A little way down the path we came to the Lone Horseman, a beautiful challenge. Further along a climb called Minty was recommended. Arnold started out with Don second. The way they let Roy, Bea, Joe and John tie on the end of the rope reminded old timers of Paul's leading on Arden Cliff. Paul, tho, was instructing Emlen and having a good time.

That night we were joined in Mrs. Hays' camp ground by Hank, Paul S. and Howard. Next morning Paul B. and Don couldn't get past The Lone Horseman. They walked on air during this climb and for a considerable time afterward. Before they were down, Arnold, Bea and Ted were near the top of The Easy Overhang. It was beautiful to look at. Two horsemen stopped with us to admire but when the horses' knees began to shake, the riders had to leave. Following Fritz's suggestion Paul B., Don and Roy climbed Frog's Head. Joe Walsh and his Philadelphia hopefuls played around on the Chimney Climb. After lunch Roger Wolcott directed Jimmie, Paul B. and Roy to the South Pillar Climb. Jimmie's lead was concluded with a flourish as he ignored an old stirrup to make a piton lead of the final overhang. Scrambling down they touched various portions of the North Pillar route.

Returning to camp we regretted that we had to spend the next day driving home. Hans Krauss, Maynard Miller and others were just arriving. We returned full of gratitude for a wonderful trip and hoping that sometime, some way, we could be as gracious hosts to our A.M.C. friends from the north.

Pitt Pittenger	Alan Bradt	Bea Howell
Marie Pittenger	Arnold Wexler	Bob Stevens
Jo Bradt	Ted Schad	Dolores Alley
Paul Bradt	Don Hubbard	John Meenehan

June 15, 1947 - Old Rag Mountain.

During the rains Saturday Pitt, Arnold and Paul cleared the annual growth from the Ridge Trail. On Sunday Don, Arnold and Paul brought the Beginner's Climb within safety standards by putting in a piton and two expansion bolts. Bea Howell tested it out by the first up to date ascent. Ted, Pitt and Bea climbed a diagonal crack with a wet vertical extension. This crack is beyond the Beginner's Climb almost to the Needle's Eye. Ted, Don and Bea finished the day off on the Cloudy Climb.

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NOTICE

UP ROPE editors have formally abandoned the previously bi-weekly schedule and will put out the paper occasionally as the heading indicates. Expect your paper when you see it.

NEWS NOTES

Betty Kauffman is leaving sometime this week to prepare for their trip into the Battlé Range of British Columbia.

Sterling Hendricks, Donald Hubbard and Arnold Wexler are leaving about July 17 to climb with the Canadian Alpine Club for a while and then to go on to the northern Selkirks. They will try a second ascent of Mt. Neptune and a first of Trident.

Eleanor Tatge is bound for Switzerland to visit Sally Chamberlin. The last the editorial staff heard she is to leave here by 'plane on June 27, go to Madrid, Spain and from there by train to the French Alps.

Bill Kemper writes: "Have seen some very interesting rock climbing opportunities in the Organ Mt. of White Sands (N.Mex.) Have not been able to climb any at this time because of military and time restrictions but did climb Sierra Blanca (12,000) in New Mexico. It was a stroll up except for some uncomfortable wind and sleet."

Laurence Curl has transferred from the Citrus Lab in Winterhaven, Fla. to the Enzyme Research lab., Western Regional Research Lab., Albany, Cal. He is already taking steps to join the Sierra Club tho he does not expect to assume his new duties for at least a month.

The last we have heard from Jan and Herb was that they are in California.

Weddings

Around the first part of May Kathleen Culverwell and Franz Karban were married at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City. Franz is to be in charge of Pan American Airways airfield in Vienna, Austria. Kathleen will join him there soon we hear.

On June 7 from the National Cathedral, Ellen Dawson and Clermont Powell (Monty) started a two month honeymoon across the country. They expect to go to Yellowstone Park and Teton National Park. They will visit other parks along the route.

Anne Dickinson, who has climbed with us, will be married to Hugh Ross on Saturday June 28 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church.

Scheduled Trips

June 22 Sam Moore leads a trip to Little Stony Man and Stony Man, Shenandoah National Park. Leave Wisconsin Ave., and Van Ness St. Hot Shoppe 7:30 A.M. (Note: Make inquiry before expecting breakfast at this hour) Call Sam about the transportation arrangements - Taylor 2162.

July 4-6 P. A. T. C. excursion Smokehole and Seneca Rock, W. Va. Ask W. W. Richardson for details.

Aug. 30, 31, Sept 1 Seneca Rock and Nelen Rock or (in case of rain) Schoolhouse Cave. Leader, Arnold Wexler.