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"RCS ENTERTAINS NOTED VISITORS"
(Note from Sierra Club Yodeler)

"It is always fun to meet people who have been known only as names or legends. It is even more fun when they are as lively and talented as Jan and Herb Conn, long known to rock climbers as luminaries of the Washington Rock Climbers and as founders of Up Rope, and to Bulletin readers as authors of "Jam-Crack Jce."

Since Herb got out of the Army, he and Jan have been touring practically all the climbable parts of the country, living in a panel truck and migrating as the spirit moves them. Berkeleyans are happy that it has moved them to the Bay region for a while, and are hoping to see them on frequent climbs and at many gatherings such as that at the Leonard' house last night, when Jan sang numerous lively ballads of climbing for the group."

We hear from Jan at Echo Lake, May 12, 1947. Echo Chalet, Echo Lake, Calif. "Well, it looks like Herbie and I are working! We were sort of rushed into it because Jorgy (our boss) is very hard up for helpers right now. I don't have any idea how long we will be working here. From all we hear it could be anywhere from a few weeks to fifty years. I guess it is safe to use the address though. We will probably be here at least a month.

Today was our day off, and we went rock climbing on a rocky crag that I can see as I wash dishes every day. Echo Chalet is on a mountain lake high in the Sierra Mountains. All around the lake, hidden among the trees, are summer cottages. There is no road running around the lake and the only means of transportation is by boat. Dick Leonard has a cottage on the lake and it was through him that we got the jobs. Jorgy has only owned the Chalet for a little over a year. Before that he ran the Sierra Club skiing lodge and it was there that he met the Leonards, in fact it was Dick who urged him to buy the Chalet when it was for sale. Up until last winter the Chalet was strictly a summer operating resort. The main business was keeping the cabin owners all around the lake supplied with food. To do this a big barge cruised around the lake delivering groceries and getting orders for the following day. This and transporting

and Leonard down one of the more prominent chimneys, then led Arnold and Sam back to the top over the Buzzard's Roost route. As a variation Arnold made a direct finish over the overhang which guards the odoriferous "Roost" from above. Although invited to follow him Sam declined, pleading an extra sensitive sense of smell. The day ended with rapelling and climbing lessons for the beginners on a small rock outcrop just above the A. T., complete with kibitzing by the others from below.

What did Kay and Elizabeth do? They minded the baby, read the papers basked in the sun, and generally behaved like sensible people.

June 22 - On the same Sunday that the reunion was held at Stony Man Julia and Stimmy, Dave Appel and Chris Scoredos climbed at Carderock. Dave climbed Sterling's Crack. ***

Sunday, June 29 -

Bernice Walston (Fla.)

Howard Watkins

Clara Scholtz

John Meenehan

Leonard Bolz

Bea Howell

Ken Cole

Arnold Wexler

Don Hubbard

Dolores Alley

With a car and a jeep, the group went to Carderock. A large variety of mush-rooms were gathered along the towpath but Don had no cooking utensils with him so we couldn't sample his delicious mush-room soup.

Chris decided we should play with Oscar so he rigged up a carabiner for a pulley on the old pine pole but after a couple of tugs the pole broke in half. A substitute anchorage was made at Oscar's resting place. John made a couple of catches. However, the over-zealous elevator crew broke the rope while trying to replace Oscar. Everyone got a fall. Arnold was thrown against a tree where he left a little skin from the side of his face. This was definitely not a climbing accident.

In the meantime Don had the beginners rapelling and playing on the Golden Stairs.

John Meenehan

Ted Schad

Kay Schad

Henry Allnut

Wm. Welsh

Bob Hackman

Clara Scholtz

Bea Howell

Howard Watkins

and 2 Bennets.

July 4 - 6, 1947 - Hellhole Cave and Seneca Rock - Ted Schad.

The fourth was spent amid Speliological civilization at Hell Hole. Bea strutted her stuff by rescuing a telephone from a ledge for the cave men; but even so isn't too enthusiastic about caves yet.

On Saturday those named went for some scrambling on Seneca Rock, that is, all but John Meenehan who did nothing but pull PITONS all day. From the north summit they proceeded down to the gunsight notch. After some exploring there Bill Welsh led Bea and Ted up to the south peak (qualifying climb A-20). Down the same route Bea came last. Ted joined Kay on the north peak to return down the path. Bill, Henry, Bob and Bea climbed off the rock on the east side to end the day swimming in Armentrouts' pool.

July 16, 1947 -

Don Hubbard
Arnold Wexler
Pete Peterson

Dolores Alley
Betty Alley
Billy Alley

Chris Scoredos
Conrad Faick

Chris, the early bird, was on his way home when we met him on the tow-path. Our usual rope toters had sent their ropes ahead to British Columbia. However, Don led Pete and Dolores all over Hades Heights with an imaginary rope.

After lunch the boys went with Pete to work in his garden.

July 13, 1947 - John Hackman, Chris Scoredos, Ted Schad, Bea Howell, and Ken Cole climbed on a very nice face about 100 yds. upstream from the Bird's Nest Climb. After Chris went home early to take care of his family the rest went for a swim in a clay pit near Laurel, Md. They recommend it highly.

We hear through Chris that a lot of life raft traffic comes down the flooded Potomac these wet week-ends.

NEWS NOTES.

On the 24th of June the stork left 7 1/2 pound Eric Chris with Helen and Chris Scoredos. He's home now and ye editors have decided that Chris is a superman to be climbing Sundays after walking up and down all night every night with his heir apparent.

Roy Britten has joined the ranks of the benedicts, having married Barbara Hagan on Friday, May 23.

Sterling Hendricks, Donald Hubbard, Arnold Wexler and Pete Peterson have decided to see if they can meet Betty and Andy Kauffman in the Battle Range of British Columbia.

The navy still seems to be moving around. We received the following address from Art Lembeck:

Chief Pharmacist Arthur C. Lembeck, USN
School of Medical Practitioners
U. S. Naval Medical Center
Guam, M. I., Navy 926
F. P. C. San Francisco, Cal.

T H A N K S

Those who remember the disturbance produced in their family's routine when they were born (or expected to be born) will understand any lapse of time before the next issue. Using this break as an excuse, we would like to thank the following who helped us greatly during the past year: Eleanor and Mrs Tatge, Hope Dawson, Estelle Culverwell, Sam Moore, Chris Scoredos, Elizabeth and Bert Vos, Marie and Emery Pittenger, Dolores, Betty and Billy Alley

Jo and Paul - July 4