



# Up Rope

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 \* There will be a meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Leo \*  
 \* Dawson's home, 3610 Horner Pl, S.E., Telephone\*  
 \* LU 2059, March 6 at 8:00 P.M. The English \*  
 \* speaking version of the French Mountaineering \*  
 \* film "Daredevils of the Alps" will be shown. \*  
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 \* Since the Dawsons live in Congress Heights \*  
 \* the following buses will take you there: A 4 \*  
 \* Bellevue; A-2 Congress Heights (the 2 with- \*  
 \* out diagonal red line); A 8 Fort Drum; A 6 \*  
 \* Livingston St. Buses leave 10th and Penna. \*  
 \* Ave. about every five minutes. Go out \*  
 \* Nichols Avenue, beyond St. Elizabeths Hospit- \*  
 \* al to Sterling Street. Cross Avenue, and \*  
 \* walk back 1/2 square or less, 3610 Horner is \*  
 \* 2nd house down. \*  
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## MOUNTAINEERING WAS SIMPLER THEN-- by Chris Scoredos

My early boyhood was spent in Colorado in the shadow of the Sangre de Cristo Range and it seemed natural to want to climb. Although our climbing equipment was simple we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were able to reach the summit of many of the mountains in the Range. Our wardrobe consisted of a pair of blue denim pants, a blue denim jacket, wool socks and ordinary work shoes with miner's hob nails. Pitons, karabiners and swiss edging nails were unknown to us and the only piece of climbing equipment we used was the lariat of the cowboy.

Our camping equipment and way of living would please those hardy members who believe camping is not to be enjoyed but endured. Our tents were made from household sheets and waterproofed by being dipped into hot turpentine that contained paraffine. An ordinary bed-tick stuffed with alpine grass covered with a Hudson Bay Blanket made up our sleeping equipment. Our food was always precooked and eaten cold which eliminated the need for cooking utensils.