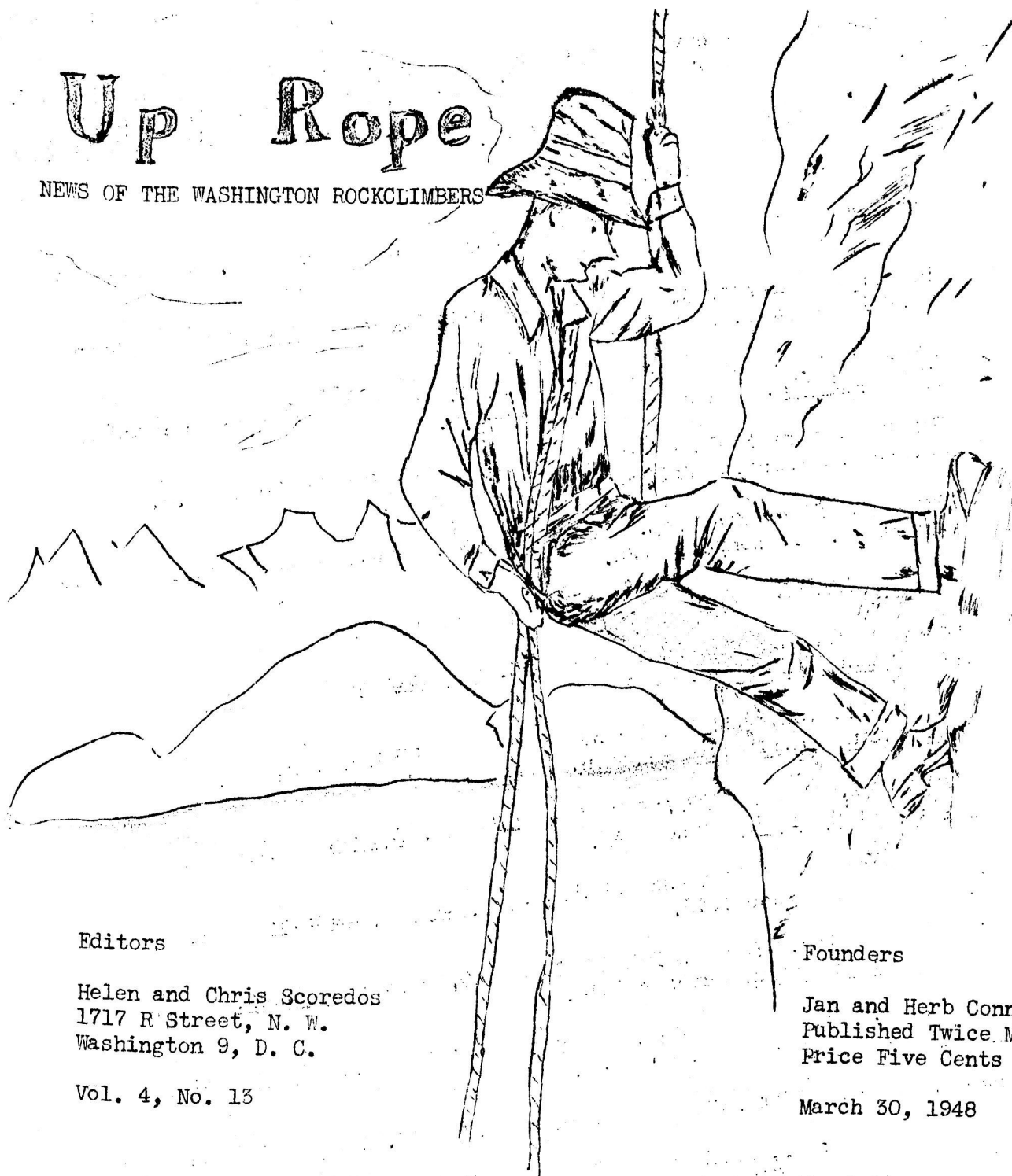


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## BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON ROCKCLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING

by Chris Scoredos

Frequently newcomers to the group have asked me about books and other information on rockclimbing and mountaineering and with vacation time at hand it seemed a good time to jot down a few of the many books and articles available on the subject. It is not my intention to compile a comprehensive bibliography, but rather to suggest a few of the books and articles which I have in my library at home and which I feel certain are readily available in the library of nearly every other person who has followed the sport for some time.

Unfortunately I have not made notes on many of the articles published in recent issues of some of the national magazines. It is hoped that anyone coming across articles will make a note of them and let the editors of Up Rope know so that mention can be made of them.

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#### NEWS

Art and Win Lembeck expect to return to Washington in September where Art will start to work at the Medical Research Center, Bethesda, Md. They hope to spend some time in August vacationing in the Minarets in the Sierra.

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In the letter from the Lembeck's was a clipping about a Tunnel-Elevator planned for Chimney Rock, N. C. We quote: "Chimney Rock, long one of western North Carolina's leading scenic attractions and a "must" for tourists in this area, soon will have a tunnel and elevator to ease the task of visitors climbing to the top of the column." \* \* \*

'A 190-foot long horizontal tunnel, paved with concrete, will be bored into the cliff at the base of Chimney Rock. It will be seven feet wide and seven feet high. The elevator shaft will rise vertically at the end of this tunnel a distance of 250 feet, to a point about 200 feet from the top of the rock. The elevator to be installed will have a capacity of 18 persons and a speed of 500 feet per minute.'

A lounge for visitors will be erected at the top of the elevator shaft."

This description is of particular interest to the local Rockclimbers who did some spectacular climbing on their visit to the Rock.

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Leo Scott informs us that W.A.A. has Burton made Air Corp Sleeping Bags for sale at \$9.50. The Stock No. is R27B285, Contract No. 288S30697. These bags are available only to ex-servicemen.

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## SPELUNKING AND THE WIND RIVER RANGE

The meeting of March 27 at the home of Jo and Paul Bradt was notable by the excellence of the French film "Spelunking" and the trip via movies conducted by Mr. Floyd Wilson through the Wind River Country.

The caving film gave an interesting account of caving techniques, which will be long remembered by those who saw it. The beauties discovered in the caves as well as the hazards connected with this type of exploration were vividly recorded.

Mr. Wilson, a guide in the Wind River Region, is in Washington to obtain guests for his camp and extends a hearty invitation to those Washingtonians who might be interested. Arnold will be able to give his address to anyone who might want to contact him about vacation plans.

The movies of the region showed life about the camp, some of the beautiful scenery around Gannet Peak, and the marvelous fishing in the area.

### UPS AND DOWNS

March 21, 1948

Jan Conn  
Herb Conn  
John Reed  
Donald Hubbard  
Arnold Wexler  
Dolores Alley  
Pim Karcher  
Ken Karcher  
John Meenehan

Betty Kauffman  
Andy Kauffman  
Chris Scoredos  
Trixie Woodworth  
Jo Bradt  
Paul Bradt  
Allan Bradt  
Peter Bradt  
Earl Mosburg

Leaving the Hot Shoppe the group drove to Loudoun Cliffs. The group was divided into four teams when they arrived at the cliffs. Chris led his team on a climb in the vicinity of the chimney, straight to the summit.

Pim describes the activities of their team as follows: "While Betty was "breaking in" by scrambling around the rocks, Don led the first rope around the side of the chimney and up to the top of the pinnacle. The strata on the first part of the climb pointed downward, requiring underhand holds and Don lamented the fact that we didn't have to contend with wet rocks and slippery hand-holds. After basking in the sun for a few minutes and engaging in the inevitable discussion of Harper's Ferry and the historical rivers, Don suggested an aerial traverse. Ken set up the traverse which had piton anchors on the pinnacle side and a tricky landing on the far side. Imagine Trixie, a newcomer to the group, leap-frogging across an aerial traverse on her first day out! She made an excellent showing. Our attempt was made to simulate actual mountain conditions. The entire party crossed the traverse, the knot was reversed and the rope retrieved after the last member of the party had crossed. After a few short rappells and some practice piton driving Andy led the rope up another side of the chimney, over lichen and moss covered, wet rock. Betty decided to surprise Andy by tying in to make the climb. Later, John Meenehan and Dolores Alley joined us and made the climb too. Many times during the day turkey vultures were flying below us and occasionally a duck hawk was thought to be seen high above.