



NEWS OF THE WASHINGTON ROCKCLIMBERS

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By the time this issue goes to press the bulk of our vacationers have left for the mountains and the balance of us were supposed to be able to meet in one booth at the Hot Shoppe. That is not quite the way it has turned out, however, as each Sunday climb has been well attended. So far the news we have from the West says that the air supply drops of the Hendricks-Kauffman parties were quite successful and Arnold and Don were following the rest of their party into the Selkirks the following day. A card from the Karcher-Showacre party put them well on their way to the Columbia ice-field, and Tom Culverwell can assure that rain is wet.

This is the first time that UP ROPE and I have met in precisely this fashion, and the encounter will probably work changes in both of us. After the fine job Chris and Helen Scoredos have turned out for the past several months my first reactions, on taking up the editorial, are akin to those of a highschool flash on being dropped into a big league game.

The summer contents of the paper are likely to be more slim than we have been accustomed to this past winter; the articles we have in mind will be lighter in vein and smaller in content. In addition, some of my writing may have a distinct speleological flavor.

One of the pleasures that falls to the lot of the Editors is the reading of the UP ROPE back issues. Some of the cartoons bear a resemblance to the New Yorker, and I'll try to reissue my choice of the best ones for the benefit of those of us who haven't had a chance to see them before.

The finances of our paper are also of some interest. Apparently the paper has been in the red so long that the Senate threatens to investigate it as the organ of an underground activity.

A matter that has enlivened lunch-time arguments is the official classified climbs. I am doing a little research into this matter and in an early issue there will be a list of the climbs up to date. Of course in a negative sense I can always eliminate certain climbs from the list by finding that I can or have climbed them.

UP ROPE offers congratulations to Laurence Curl on his recent marriage to Hallie Reeder; to Howard Watkins on his marriage to Clara Sholtz; and to Bill Welch on his marriage to Dr. Corinne Cooper.

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A late bit of news from British Columbia reveals that Mary Neilan and Betty Kauffman are in Glacier and have climbed Congar Peak and Mount Temple.

UPS AND DOWNS

June 26 & 27, 1948.

Ted Schad
Kay Schad
Jack Wilson
Alice Wilson
Lorrie Wilson

Rim Karcher
Ken Karcher
Eleanor Tatge
Jane Showacre
John Meenehan

The weekend was spent in Fort Valley near Strasburg, Virginia. Since both the heat and the humidity were in the high nineties, rock climbing was notable chiefly by its absence. Upon arrival in the valley the girls put on 30-pound practice packs and set off up Signal Knob under the impression that they were being followed by a strong support party of the boys. Said support party, in the meantime, was leisurely exploring the valley by car and examining the old iron furnaces. The late afternoon was spent down in Woodstock where we sat in the shade drinking sodas and watching the thunderstorm play with the girls up on the mountain.

On Sunday Buzzard Rocks were visited but the day was again much too hot for climbing and after two ascents by Ted and Eleanor the party adjourned to the quarries near Harper's Ferry, West Virginia for an exceptionally delightful swim.

July 3, 1948.

Dick Gaylord
Clara Lee
Eleanor Tatge
John Reed

Marie Hesselbach
Helen Baker
Harold Drewes
Joan Price

Carderock was damp, soggy, and full of mosquitoes following recent rains. After a session on the Beginner's Crack Joan led the Golden Stairs for John, Harold, and Dick, while Eleanor, Helen, and

Clara worked on Margie's Chimney. Later John led his group on the Chris-Vex-Don Traverse. In the afternoon Clara, Helen, and Eleanor went swimming while the remainder of the group moved to Arthur's Traverse and eventually likewise into the river.

July 2 to 5, 1948.

John Meenehan
Ted Schad

Nancy Rogers
Earl Mosburg

The weekend of the 4th was spent with the Speleological outing at Greenville, West Virginia, about 60 miles south of Schoolhouse Cave. Several caves were examined, one of them being mapped for a distance of 2.6 miles. The new Bluestone Dam at Hinton was visited.

July 11, 1948.

Earl Mosburg
June Mosburg
Diane Osmond
Eleanor Tatge
Murray Blitz
Tom Malvill
Betty Alley
Ted Schad

Billy Alley
Dolores Alley
Rita McAuliffe
Doug Price
Joan Price
Ken Cole
John Meenehan
Harold Drewes

The outstanding feat at Carderock was Earl's, leading his team of Ken Cole and Joan Price up Leonard's Lunacy. Later he made the same ascent safetied from above. Most of the morning was devoted to instruction of neophytes by John, Eleanor, and Dolores. Dolores made a traverse of Wexler's Worst and the Stretch followed by John (without his blacksnake whip). After lunch Ken made the same climb easily and Joan found that she needed another 16th inch when it came to the Stretch. June Mosburg hurt her arm in leading the Golden Stairs.

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ATTENTION ROCK CLIMBERS--OLD GOAT DIVISION

In your leisure time you might cast an eye on the climbs our youngsters are making these days. The line to garner fresh mountain laurels forms to the left.

