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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.