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SOME IMPRESSIONS OF SUNDAY ROCKCLIMBING TRIPS

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The somewhat drowsy-faced rockclimbers, dressed in well-worn jeans and shirts, interspersed with a few bright-eyed youngsters, sitting at the corner table at the Hot Shoppe struggling to force down an extra cup of coffee or eagerly watching the kitchen door hoping that their bacon n' eggs will arrive in time to make the 8:30 deadline.... The stares and comments that the well-heeled and well-dressed Sunday breakfasters turn in the direction of the climbers as they straggle out.... The obvious relief of the old-timers, remembering four-mile hikes to Carderock, as they survey several cars "almost empty".... The gayety of the youngsters as they pile into the jeep three-deep.... The breathless arrival of the cars and the quick survey to see if this person or that has arrived.... The startled glances of the newcomers when they see the crop of year-olds for the first time.... The pitying glances cast by the few parents who accompany their half-grown brood at the fond parents and enthusiasts who must drag along their babies....