

UP ROPE!

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NEWS OF THE WASHINGTON ROCK CLIMBERS

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UPS AND DOWNS

October 3, 1948

Carderock, Maryland

Chris Scoredos	Arnold Wexler	John Meenehan
Helen Scoredos	Donald Hubbard	Jack Wilson
Eric Scoredos	Dolores Alley	Laurie Wilson
Eleanor Tatge	Betty Alley	Harold Drewes

While Don and John collected mushrooms, John's oldest ceramic (clay-soaked) rope was rigged for practice belaying with Oscar. It worked fine, until it parted while lifting Oscar. The balance of the day was spent climbing. Jack and Dolores completed Wexler's Worst, while Harold made a climb on Arnold's Arduous Ascent. An unsuccessful attempt was made on the Seven Steps.

October 10, 1948

Carderock, Maryland

Donald Hubbard	Chris Scoredos	Andy Kaufmann
Arnold Wexler	Helen Scoredos	Betty Kaufmann
John Reed	Eric Scoredos	Ted Schad
Jane Showacre	Harold Drewes	

This beautiful autumn Sunday found the group again at Carderock for belay practice with Oscar. While a new three-eighth's inch manila rope was being rigged through blocks so that Oscar could be lifted with a mechanical advantage of four, members of the group, under the leadership of Don, gathered mushrooms, persimmons, and (unsuccessfully) paw-paws. Oscar was soon ready, and a series of drops was made with varying amounts of slack, with Don belaying. After lunch, at which Don proved how delectable was mushroom soup when made with milk, bacon, and cheese, another series of drops was made with Andy as belayer. Our tests were brought to a close abruptly when the piton holding the belay rope was pulled from the tree. At intervals during the day, climbs of Meenehan's Staircase and the Beginner's Climb were made.

October 8, 9, & 10

Old Rag Mountain

Paul Bradt
Jo Bradt
Peter Bradt
Alan Bradt

Art Lembeck
Win Lembeck
Jean Peterson
Bill Kemper

Leonard Bolz
John Buck
Ken Cole
Jerry Weiss

Other members of the Mountain Club of Maryland

The Bradts and Lembecks, finding the leanto occupied by John Buck and party, camped at the parking place near the pass. Saturday morning the Bradts moved camp to the cave just below the summit fire tower. While Jo carried Peter, Paul and Alan (age 4) carried the bedding and food for the party. Art and Win, not having anticipated such a move, had not brought their packboards, so remained camped below. On top, Paul showed Art the motion picture traverse, including Bill Shockley's alternative finish, which, avoiding the Catwalk, involves essentially a retablissement at a point near enough to the belayer to justify it as a lead. John Buck joined them on the first part of the climb. Leonard Bolz and Jean Peterson climbed the practice layback, and Jean, a beginner, showed such promise that the others led her over the airy route they had just shown John Buck.

Sunday morning, rain appeared imminent, so the Bradts broke camp and returned to the car. Our report on Sunday's climbing is incomplete.

October 17, 1948

Carderock, Maryland

Helen Scoredos
Chris Scoredos
Eric Scoredos
Dolores Alley
Betty Alley
Lorraine Wallach

Andy Kaufmann
Betty Kaufmann
Don Hubbard
Arnold Wexler
Harold Drewes

Win Lembeck
Arthur Lembeck
John Meenehan
Bill Kember
Sue Kemper (spaniel)
John Reed

Most of the day's effort was expended on rigid belays with the use of a dynamometer to record the resulting strains. Following a bit of dynamic belaying practice, Oscar was put to bed in his crotch of the tree in the middle of the afternoon. The crowd then stormed up many of the favorite climbs, from Jan's Face to the Chris-Jex-Don Traverse and Sterling's Twin Cracks. The Jam Box, Jackknife, and Lembeck's Crossover were also visited.

October 24, 1948

Carderock, Maryland

Arnold Wexler
Donald Hubbard
Francis Pittinger

Chris Scoredos
Harold Drewes

John Reed
Eleanor Tatge

The group met in a somewhat helter-skelter fashion. Arnold, John, and Harold arrived at the cliffs first and gave Herbie's Horror some concentrated attention, but their efforts went entirely unrewarded. The remainder of the group arrived shortly before noon, Don carrying his usual badge these days, a hatful of mushrooms. The

first part of the afternoon was spent on the Friction Layback, successfully ascended by Arnold and John. After part of the group headed for home, Harold climbed the Three Chimneys Climb, and Arnold Sterling's Crack.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader</u>
November 13 & 14	Baker Rock	Don Hubbard
December 11 & 12	Little Devil Stairs	Arnold Wexler
January *	Cave Trip	John Meenehan
February *	Ice Climbing in White Oak Canyon	Andy Kaufmann
March *	Sugar Loaf Mountain	Ted Schad
April *	Old Pag Mountain	Art Lembeck
May *	Devil's Garden	Paul Bradt
June *	Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina	To be decided

* Exact date within the month to be announced later, when conditions are known (especially after a new calendar is procured!)

Those interested in going on these trips please get in touch with the leader well in advance of the date of the trip, so that transportation may be arranged. Any trip in which not enough interest is shown may be cancelled. In addition, of course, the Sunday trips to nearby areas will continue, with the group meeting at the Wisconsin Avenue Hot Shoppe at 7:30 AM.

NEWS OF CLIMBING AND CLIMBERS ELSEWHERE

The Seattle Mountaineers have cancelled all climbing and other pleasure trips for the past six weeks, in order to concentrate on work parties so that their new Snoqualmie Pass Lodge and Stevens Pass Ski Hut, now under construction may be finished before the snow falls.

Unusually dry weather for the past two years has disclosed that the Whitney Glacier, in the southwest corner of the Great Cirque on Mt. Whitney, still exists, and shows all the symptoms of a live glacier. This apparently is the southernmost glacier in the United States. --From the Mugelnoos.

The 1948 expedition which attempted the ascent of Mt. Vancouver retired in defeat because of the loss of two airplane drops and the frozen feet of one of the climbers. The party reached an elevation of 14,000 feet on the 15,700 foot mountain.

Laurence Curl showed his kodachrome slides of the Appalachian Trail to the Natural Science Section of the Sierra Club recently.