

UP ROPE



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The Annual Meeting

Besides electing Arnold Wexler Chairman for 1949, the following officers were appointed: Betty Kaufmann, Secretary, and Dolores Alley, Treasurer. Dues have been subtly upped to 50 cents. Please pay your four bits to Dolores.

The Next Meeting

By way of reminder, the Culverwells' on February 26th for the movie premier UP ROPE. For directions see the previous issue of this newspaper.

The Next Scheduled Trip

The March 13 trip was scheduled as a Sugar Loaf trip, Ted Schad leader. With no coaxing at all Ted has reacted most favorably to the suggestion of making the goal of this trip Thurmont instead, with Art Lembeck acting as co-leader. Since Thurmont is a couple hours' drive, it is highly desirable to leave the Hot Shoppe as early as possible, and on this day breakfast eaters are urged to surround their hot cakes and coffee with great despatch in a noble effort to leave by 8:30.

UPS AND DOWNS

Earl Mosburg	Don Hubbard	Betty Alley
Jane Mosburg	Dolores Alley	

While the Scheduled Trip to Clark's Cave was busy in Virginia, the Hot Shoppe Gang sallied forth to visit Eagle and Prospect Rocks on the Virginia shore of the Potomac. It was freezing cold weather, with a high wind. Dog trouble almost routed the Alleys, but eventually the Gang reached the rocks intact. Earl climbed the Beak on Eagle Rock, probably the third ascent in twenty-five years, according to Patriarch Donald. Betty caused some little diversion during the day by starting a wild scream that she was falling off an exposed place, and then when told to let go and jump in the rope her scream reversed tenor as she informed the world that she couldn't fall off--her foot was stuck! (P.S. This was January 30.)

Gaby Rosenberger	Don Hubbard	John Meenahan
Bob Tiemann	Ken Karcher	Eleanor Tatge
	Pim Karcher	

On February 6, with entirely new personnel except for the trip leader, a second Prospect Rock trip was carried out. After exploring the nearby gold mine, and playing around on a handy iced over pond (no one had skates!) a tricky crack and face climb on a relatively low subsidiary to Prospect Rock was climbed by John and Ken and fallen off of by the 1/2 frozen women. At the bottom Ken thought up a neat and tricky little straddle which eventually everyone accomplished, with appropriate grunts and groans. The same rock yielded an interesting pitch to be ascended no hands. A thin snow cover made even walking rather hazardous, and so ropes were brought out as the group started up Prospect Rock. One rope team reached the top by a lengthy traverse, the other climbed straight up.

After lunch a group of young boys were entertained with rappelling lessons. Then three climbs were worked on, a short layback crack belayed by John, a "terrific" part chimney climb belayed by Don, and a face climb with a cave in the middle of it, referred to reminiscently by Don as a Leo Scott accomplishment.

Andy Kaufmann	Dick Goldman	Art Lembeck	Ted Schad
Betty Kaufmann	Paul Bradt	Win Lembeck	Kay Schad
Dave Waddington	Don Hubbard	Eleanor Tatge	Guests of the Schads

On the weekend of February 11-13 the scheduled ice-climbing trip was graced by beautiful weather but no ice to speak of. Paul arrived first at the Rock Spring Shelter in Shenandoah National Park, and left to spend Friday night on top of Hawksbill. Saturday Art, Win, and Eleanor arrived in time for lunch, then hiked up Hawksbill for the view. Back at camp again, they found Dick and Paul, and shortly the remainder of the party (except the Schads) turned up. Andy, we gather, is progressing nicely with his driving lessons from Betty. After dinner Dave and Betty in fine fettle encouraged a song fest of practically limitless duration, the singers, all flat on their backs, delivering discords each according to his special ability. The weather was chill, and even Paul admitted that the Shelter was a welcome protection from

the elements. But in the middle of the gloriously moonlit night there snuck up a big, soft, blorzy heat wave of spring-time proportions which nearly broiled us all in our sleeping bags.

In the morning we moved quick to breakfast, break camp, and look for ice before it all melted away. On Skyline Drive we found one fine ice field comprising a series of patches of ice bodecking a cliff about 17 feet high, several of the patches barely wide enough to cut steps in. Don soon hacked his way up and thenceforth busily belayed, with a tremendous lack of apparent security, from a large boulder surrounded by rubble which lay at a steep angle and continuously fell on the heads of the climbers below. Andy and Paul cut their own routes nearby. Ted and Kay Schad and guests showed up briefly, and passed on as we moved to Mary's Rock for lunch. Here, since no more ice was to be found, the party broke up. Dick, Art, and Eleanor finished their day with a brief 4-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail.

Chris Scoredos
Dolores Alley
Betty Alley

. Ken Karcher
Pim Karcher
John Reed
Eva Russell

Gaby Rosenberger
Bob Tiemann
Dick Gaylord

On February 13 a group left the Hot Shoppe for Cardrock to brush off again some of the well known climbs, such as the beginner's Climb, the Key Climb, and a crack, probably the Friction Layback, which provided the noteworthy exercise of the day, inasmuch as, it is reported, Pim singlehandedly drove two girls and a man to the summit. Rappelling was also practiced.

Notes and News

Arnold Werler won first place in the P.A.T.C. photographic contest with a photograph of Sterling Hendricks and Don Hubbard in the Selkirk, called "God's Country." Lowell Bennett and Hope Dawson won honors also with their colored slides.

Pim and Ken Karcher will spend the week-end of the 19th at Lake Placid.

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