

Up

Rope!

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Schedule

TRIP

Devil's Gardens
May 1st week end
Paul Bradt, Leader

MEETING

Friday, April 22, 1949, 8:00 P.M.
Bennett home, 1207 Noyes Drive
Teton Mountains, by kodachrome
Lowell Bennett } Speakers
Tom Culverwell }

Get in touch with Paul Bradt, 6626 First Street N.W., GEorgia 3917, for the Devil's Gardens trip if you can offer transportation, would like to have it, or if you need directions.

On the next page we are re-reproducing the diagram appearing in the March 16 UP ROPE to help you find the Bennett address. The Bennetts live on Noyes Drive between Georgia Avenue and Colesville Pike. Noyes Drive may be reached from the bus terminal at Georgia and Alaska Avenues by the Z4 bus, which runs north on Colesville Pike, or by the Z2, Y2, or Y2 buses, which go north on Georgia Avenue. If you take the Z4, turn left on Noyes Drive when you get off; if you take a Georgia Avenue bus, turn right on Noyes. The Bennetts' phone number is SLigo 7313.

Ups and Downs

Chris Scoredos
Bill Walker

Mrs. R. E. Stephens
R. E. Stephens

Lois Barnes

Sunday, April 3, Chris drove the Hot Shome assemblers, comprising himself and two novices, first to Carderock, where they were met by Bob and Mrs. Stephens. After initiating the climbing by instruction on the Nubble Face in belaying and rappelling, ascents, and attempted ascents, were made of the Beginners' Crack, Barnacle Face, Jack-knife, and Jan's Chimney. Later Chris drove Bill and Lois up to Great Falls for a little scrambling and sight-seeing.

Dick Gaylord
Gaby Rosenberger
Pim Karcher

Ken Karcher
Bob Tiemann
Eva Russell

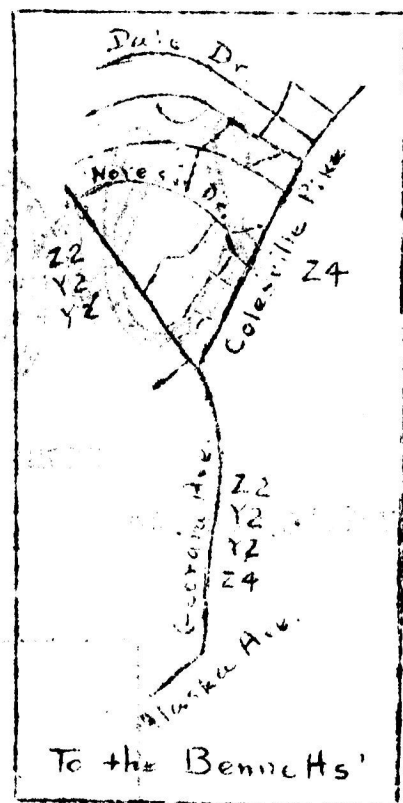
Dick, Gaby, Ken, and Pim left Arlington Saturday morning, April 2, destination Shavers Hollow. After arranging the camp, they basked in the sun, when it was shining. Gaby and Pim fell asleep, and Dick and Ken took a quick trip to Little Stony Man to do some scrambling and climbing. Bob and Eva joined the group in the early evening, and all sat around the camp fire singing songs until bed time.

Sunday morning, headed for Little privately nicknamed new route to the leaving the car and wordly direction on we arrived, somewhat again led astray by in arriving at Stony were buzzing us all searching for a lit-warded by a nest with Each of us rappelled closer view. Fea-It was too cloudy pictures of it.

Art Lembeck
Win Lembeck
Arnold Wexler
Alexander Tatge

Studies in White No. II

Flashbulb Photo of
the Inside of
a Mountain Tent
Set Up Khaki Side Out



April 3, the group Stony Man. Ken, appro-Mr. Boone, pioneered a cliffs by "bushwacking" traversing in an up-the western side until bedraggled. From there, Mr. Boone, we succeeded Man summit. Ravens the way and after tle while, we were re-four beautiful eggs. to the nest for a ture disappointment: and dark to take any

Paul Bradt
Jo Bradt
Alan Bradt
Peter Bradt



By
H.C.

On Friday evening, April 1, Art, Win, Arnold, and Eleanor drove up to Old Rag to camp at the Shelter. After a busy day Saturday repainting the blazes on the Ridge Trail, they were joined by the Bradts Saturday night. Sunday morning Paul, Arnold, Art, and Eleanor climbed the mountain, finished the painting, and climbed the Beginners' Climb, Art leading--his first ascent. In the afternoon Art and Arnold (Paul left early) climbed the Mummery Crack and Catwalk, and finished off with a peculiar straddle hump sort of climb near the summit of the mountain. Rain put an end to activities. Dinner at the Warrenton Coffee Shop was very welcome. Noteworthy events: both Art's and Paul's axe handles were broken this week end.

Arnold Wexler
Dolores Alley
Eleanor Tatge

Chris Scoredos
Helen Scoredos
Eric Scoredos

John Meenehan
Abby Gammack

Ted Schad
Gaby Rosenberger
Dick Gaylord

On Sunday, April 10, after meeting at the Hot Shoppe the group went to the quarry on the Virginia side of Great Falls, and hiked downstream to Echo Cliffs. The Big Toe Traverse was the main feature of the morning. In the afternoon miscellaneous climbing events took place. Helen Scoredos, somewhat out of practice due to the duties of motherhood, demonstrated that she had lost no whit of her skill by first scandalizing her all-women rope team with a terrific 75-foot lead, and then by climbing Socrates' Downfall from the bottom without so much as batting an eyelash or drawing a heavy breath!

For a Good Understanding

New climbing shoes! Art Lembeck reports, "An American Bramani-type climbing shoe is at last on the market. The monstrous no-longer-available Army shoe can be discarded in favor of a shoe manufactured especially for Gerry Mountaineering of Ward, California. The sole is the same one made for the Army boot, with U-shaped lugs of friction formula rubber. The heel is modified to avoid picking up pebbles. It is understood that a square toe is maintained on a 5-1/2 inch upper, no hooks, and the tongue is sewed to the halfway point. The weight is about 4-1/2 lbs. a pair, size 7. Whether or not women's sizes are available is not known but is presumed. No specimen models are yet available, but delivery is scheduled for early June.

"Gerry Mountaineering guarantees the fit. If you are interested in testing this new model, and understand this is an experimental proposition, send foot tracing (Hold pencil nearly vertical) made while wearing the correct number of socks and stating usual size, plus \$15, to Arthur Lembeck, 8810 Manchester Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, for group order, postage to be collected later. The order must be received before Monday, 18 April. When the order is placed, early delivery will be stressed, but is not guaranteed."

Ken and Pim Karcher have sent shoes to be soled by Holubar Mountaineering Equipment, 1215 Grandview Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, mentioned some time ago in UP ROPE. They expect to have them back in about two weeks, and will be glad to let you see them. The price is \$5.25 plus shipping costs. Mr. Leroy Holubar highly recommends these Goodyear Bramani-type black rubber lug soles for mountain conditions, and adds, "The leather welt of your shoes should be in good condition or they will have to be rebuilt. There is an inner rubber sole which is sewed to the leather welt; then the lug soles are cemented to this inner sole and put in a press." Art Lembeck adds that the Rapid Shoe Repair of Berkeley, Calif. furnishes the same sole using Phillips screws in attaching as a further safeguard. The black friction type rubber should be insisted upon from both concerns. The lugs of the Goodyear sole are straight rather than U-shaped as in the Army sole.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The rock-climbing movie "Up Rope" will be shown by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club on April 26 at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the District Building on the southeast corner of 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. A talk will be given by Andy Kauffman on Mountain Safety, and there will be an exhibition of mountaineering and rock-climbing equipment.

The Sierra Club of California plans eleven 2-week wilderness outings between 3 July and 27 August. Two High Trips, four Burro, two knapsack, and one saddle trip plus two Base Camp periods are included in their schedule. All except one knapsack trip to the Tetons will be in the California Sierras. This year's Base Camp, set in

Mitre Basin near Mt. Langley and offering access to seven nearby 14,000 peaks will be exceptionally inviting. A few vacancies for early registrants from clubs similar to the Sierra Club may still be available. Call the Lembecks, SH 0421, if interested in details.

The National Speleological Society held its 6th Annual Convention 1-3 April at the Dodge Hotel. Among the papers presented we hear that those on bats received the greatest amount of interested discussion. It seems the bat population of caves is rapidly decreasing. A field trip to Shenandoah Caverns was very interesting.

Inside Corner

Mary Neilan is hunting a prospect for prospective prospecting. Would you like to try it for a few weeks this summer? She says, "I don't really expect to find anything. It would be such fun to sit along streams and pan gravel, and pack stuff just as far as seemed like fun, and pan some more gravel, or look for outcrops. I've begun to collect equipment, such as mineral samples, a scratch plate, and have feelers out for Geiger Counters, or tubes so I can make one. ...I do hope I'll be able to join the rock climbers some Sunday soon. I'd love to see all of you."

From Earl Mosburg, at Yale, referring to the Sleeping Giant cliffs, "The cliffs here give me just the type of practice I need most--leading climbs that are completely new to me. The climbs are so many and varied that months would be required to climb the cliffs out (not mentioning the more severe climbs). Last week I was out four times in eight days and on Saturday finished a new route (new as far as I know) which turned me back last month. The route should be known as the Frustration Route since from the bottom it looks ridiculously easy. However most of the many apparent holds and ledges turn out to be out-sloping. The crux of the problem, a fifteen-foot chimney flared and open at the bottom, has loose chunks of rock with moss and dirt mortar and makes placing a piton difficult. However a good piton was finally placed and a move to the left brought me to the top holds. It is certainly no more difficult than the Bachelor Climb (probably easier), but I find it hard to compare. Sunday we scouted out two more possible new routes, enough to keep me busy for several Sundays."

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