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Annual Meeting

Business and pleasure were thoroly intermingled at the Washington Rock Climbers Annual Meeting, held at the Hendricks home in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Friday, December 9. The pleasure part comprised three movies in color, one sent us by Rick Leonard, the other two shown by Orrin H. Bonney. The Leonard pictures were of our own climbers at such famed local hangouts as Herzog Island, Echo Cliffs, and Carderock and showed many of our most favorite climbs, altho at times from unexpected angles, and at least once completely reversed. Mr. Bonney's first film depicted a trip into the Wind River Range of Wyoming for the purpose of making first ascents of the Titcomb Needles, of which several were climbed. The group of five men and two horses had picturesque and thrilling adventures amid the most typically Alpine scenery to be found on this continent. His second film, "A Rock Climber's Nightmare" was a collection of horrendous stunts calculated to make the hair rise--prodigious feats of daring, rappelling up the rope at top speed, glissading backwards, and other photographic marvels.

Sandwiched between the movies the business of the Club was carried on. The rank disregard of the Club in the past of its own constitution and by-laws was discussed, and it was agreed that the general informality prevailing regarding Club affairs would continue and that the rules would continue to be disregarded without bothering to do anything officially to remedy them. The subject of dues was briefly taken up, and it was decided that Club activities in the field of movies and other equipment warranted continuance of the annual fee of 50 cents from each member. It was declared unnecessary that the President of the Club be also a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and Herb Conn was elected President. He appointed Jo Bradt Secretary and Dolores Alley to continue as Treasurer (in spite of the questions voiced on all sides as to just how come the

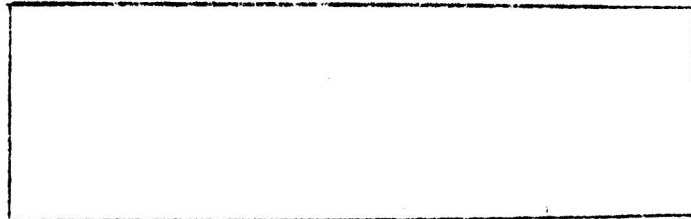
Treasurer managed recently to acquire a new automobile!). New members were elected as follows: Marion Harvey, Anton Soler, Peg Keisler, Cliver Westfall, Norman Goldstein, Suzy and Ray Moore, and George [redacted]. They will find Dolores fully prepared to collect 50 cents from [redacted] (presumably her new car needs gas, oil, and such).

Ups and Downs

Jan Conn	Dolores Alley	Andy Kauffman	John Meenahan
Herb Conn	Betty Alley	Betty Kauffman	Arnold Wexler
Art Lembeck	Billy Alley	Andrea Overman	Marion Harvey
		Eleanor Tatge	

Off to Carderock on Sunday, December 11, a cloudy day with rain off and on, scarcely noted by the climbers. The morning was relatively dry. While the gentlemen discussed matters of importance

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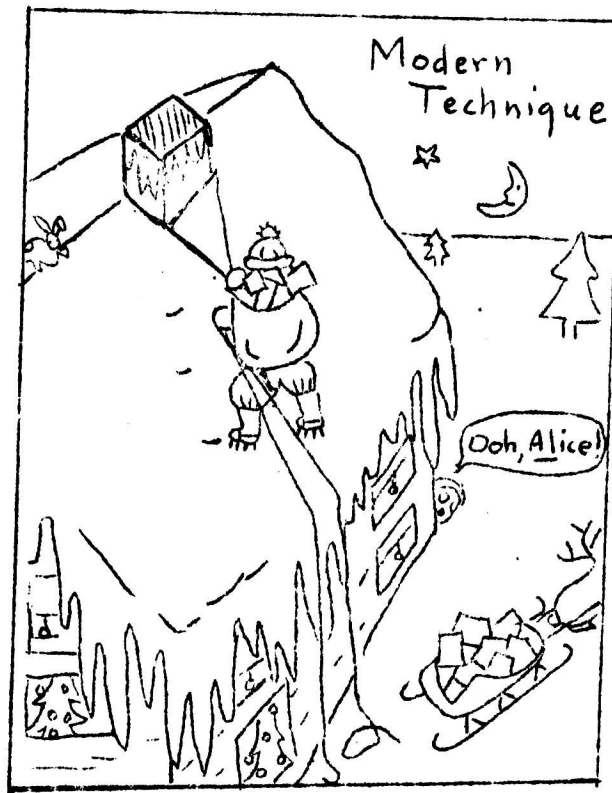


View in Cave at Moment
Photo Flash Goes Off
Four Inches from End of Nose

(we presume), Dolores belayed Billy and Betty on the cliff above Beginner's Corner, and Eleanor, Andrea, and Jan teamed up for the ascent of the Nubble Face, accomplished with no loss of life. The Kauffmans and Marion returned from a walk to Great Falls to have lunch with the group, after a mass assault of the Spider Walk. The Jackknife Climb was damp and slippery to the nth degree, but was climbed several times by the use of various holds scorned in better weather. Finally Art Lembeck proved to everyone's satisfaction that he can still climb Arthur's Traverse (which he invented many years ago) after Jan had demonstrated the technique, including a finally portion which had been added since Arthur's time. Marion climbed it also.

Herb Conn	Arnold Wexler	Andrea Overman	Eleanor Tatge
Jan Conn	Marion Harvey	Art Lembeck	Ted Schad
Norman Goldstein	Chris Scordios	Paul Bradt	Jo Eradt
		Peter Bradt	Alan Eradt

Sunday, December 18, was a dreary looking day from the start, but refrained from actually raining until after the group was all assembled at Carderock. After Andrea climbed the Barracle Face in comparatively low humidity conditions, a succession of moist ascents of the Beginners' Climb were made under hazardously slippery conditions. Wet rock and wet sneakers made a new climb of that familiar route.



Since the rain showed no signs of abating, before noon it was decided to repair to the Bradt's living room fireplace for roasted weenies, pop corn, and singing, mostly by Jan. Peppermint ice cream and coconut frosted cake by Arnold Wexler added no little to the general festivities.

Inside Corner

The latest borrower of our "Up Rope" movie was the Iowa Mountaineers group. The president, John Ebert, expresses their satisfaction thus: "The "Up Rope" was most enjoyable. You people have excellent practice climbing walls. Your movie titles were outstanding." He also thanks us for the right to reprint Paul Bradt's article on balanced climbing, which will appear in the Club's annual Magazine.

Mary Neilan sends us all yuletide greetings from Somerset, Pennsylvania. Merry Christmas to you, Mary.

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Jan Conn, the soul of impatience, is heading for the North Pole to meet Santa half-way. She is planning to spend Christmas at Fort Churchill on Hudson's Bay entertaining troops with her guitar. She is leaving Friday and expects to be back the following Wednesday.

NOTE FOR SUNDAY CLIMBERS: Christmas Sunday the Hot Shoppe at Van Ness and Wisconsin Ave. will be closed. Herb Conn will be there, however, by 8:30 as usual, in case any rock climber in Washington over the holidays managed to get to bed early enough Christmas Eve to arise and climb Christmas morn.

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