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Schedule

Feb. 4-5. White Oak Canyon for ice climbing. Peg Keister, leader.

Feb. 20 (Friday). 8:00 P.M. Vos home near McLean, Va. Picture showing.

Feb. 25-26. Cave trip. John Meenehan, leader.

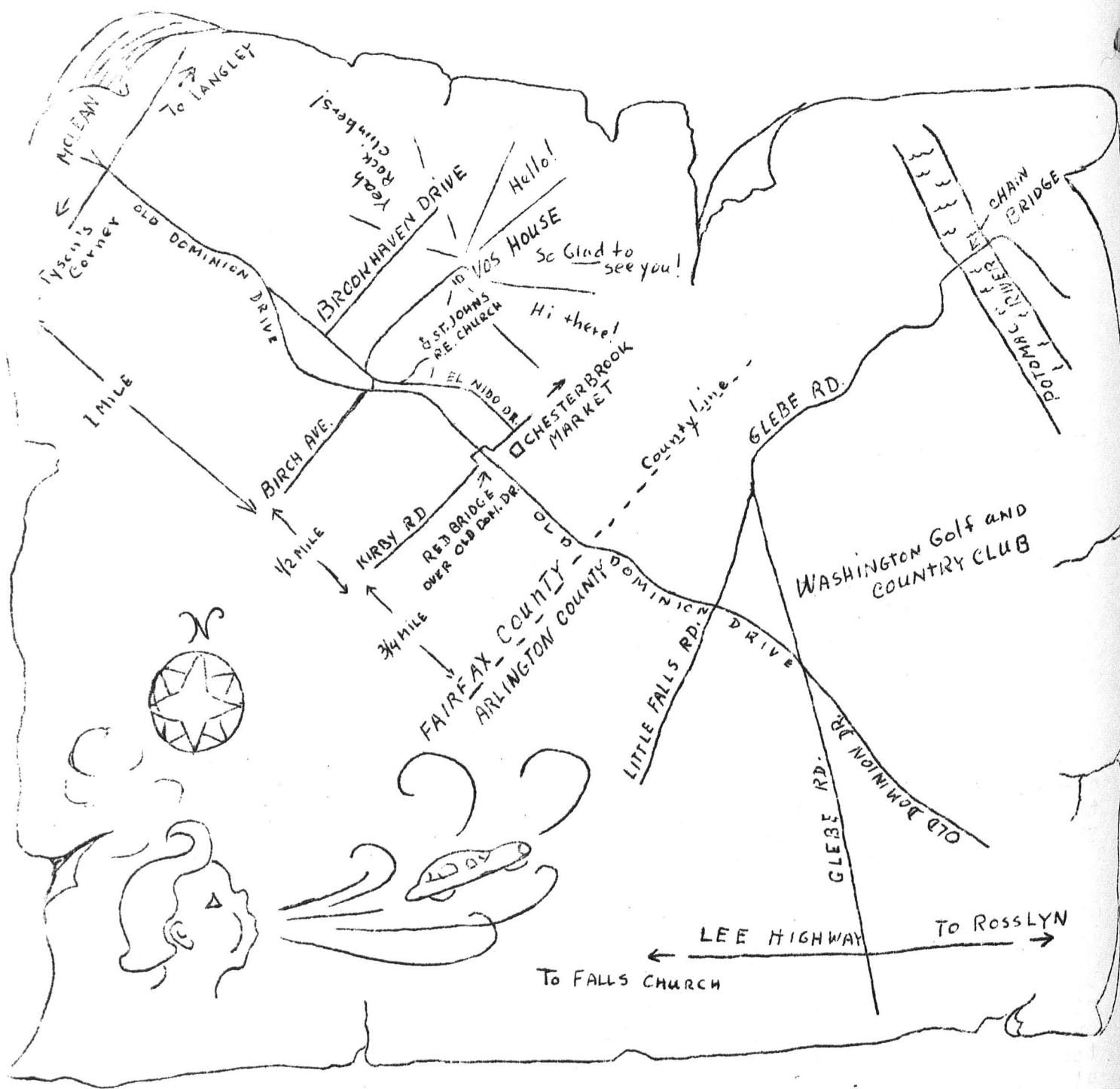
Directions for the White Oak Canyon trip were mailed out on postal cards. Andy Kauffman is in charge of the ice climbing. Lacking ice, there will be rock climbing on Little Stony Man Mountain. Rock Spring Shelter has been reserved for the night.

A letter from Elizabeth Vos to Mrs. & Mr. Chairman reads:

"I am enclosing a map showing our locale as best I can. The National Geographic Map of August, 1948, I believe is the best one we've found.

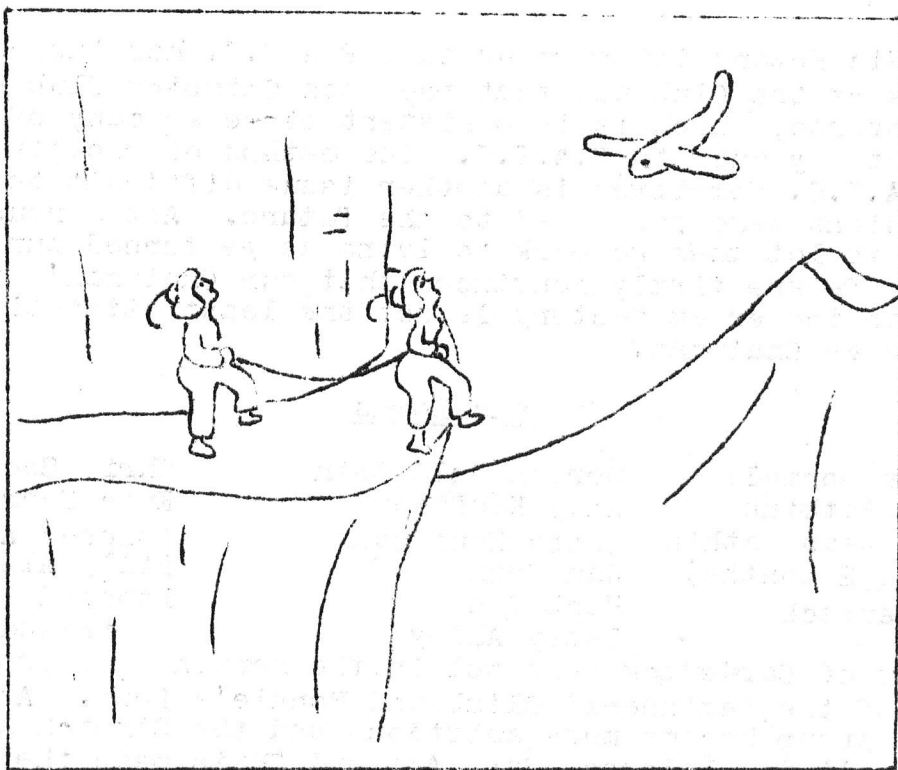
"The following directions should work: Proceed to Old Dominion Drive--if by Chain Bridge, follow Glebe Rd. to Little Falls Rd., turn right, continue on Little Falls Rd. to Old Dominion Drive, turn right on Old Dominion, continue out O.D.D. About 3/4 mile beyond the Arlington-Fairfax County Line you will go under a red bridge--on the right at this point is Chesterbrook Market. One-half mile beyond the bridge turn to the right, proceed uphill. About 200 ft. beyond the intersection, turn uphill to the right on a dirt road. We live at the end of this road, about 0.2 mile from the intersection, or rather meeting of El Nido and Old Dominion Drive. If going by Key Bridge, turn right just beyond the Hot Shoppe at Rosslyn, continue thru Cherrydale and West Cherrydale to the traffic light at Glebe Rd. and Lee Highway. Turn right, proceed to Old Dominion Drive, turn left, follow directions as above. Our phone number is Kenmore 3-5765.

"It might be best, if the gang goes to the Virginia side of the Potomac soon, to scout around and look us up in the daytime to be sure of finding our place later by night.



"For those who don't have transportation, we would be glad to run down to Lee Highway and Glebe Road to pick up anyone there. W. V. & M. Coach Co. runs buses on 11th and on K St., starting below F on 11th St. Any No. 3 bus, G-3, H-3, F-3, etc., will go to Lee and Glebe, or beyond. No. 3's start at the 2nd Queue point from the corner of F, on the east side of the street, just in front of Velati's store. The bus may be boarded just in front of the Hot Shoppe at Rosslyn, too, or along Y."

Your Editor plans to leave her home at 5811 14th St. NW at 7:00 P.M. and will be glad to pick up passengers along her route. She will



arrive at Cabin John car stop at 7:15, Stop No. 20 at Chain Bridge Rd. Please phone her at Randolph 8066 if you would like to be picked up.

THE MOUNTAIN

Those who attended Ray Garner's movie "The Mountain" at Constitution Hall Friday evening Jan. 27 were treated to the best in photography with the best of subjects. Shown were Paul Petzoldt, Glenn Exum, and Virginia Garner climbing the Exum Route of the Grand Teton. Their rope of three functioned so smoothly and photogenically that one only stopped to wonder how the photographer was getting up the mountain. Novel feature of Ray's performances is the cutting of the film to fit an accompanying symphony, which instead of background music becomes the ruling theme of the picture.

At least a dozen rock climbers cornered Ray after the show and made him promise more pictures and possibly a day of climbing when he returns to Washington this spring with more time at his disposal.

MEETING AT THE BRADTS'

Upon the invitation of the Bradts a meeting was held at their home on Thursday, Jan. 19, to discuss the relationship of the Rock Climbing Club and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. The historical background for the discussion was developed mainly by Paul Bradt, Gus Gambs, and Vic Howard, President of P.A.T.C. Altho by our constitution the Club is a Committee of P.A.T.C., yet at present its Chairman, Treasurer, Editor, and an increasing number of members do not belong

to P.A.T.C. Vic Howard informed us that P.A.T.C. has insurance to cover official trips of the Club and that the Rock Climbing Club as a part of P.A.T.C. is covered, which is inconsistent since so many of the rock climbers do not pay dues to P.A.T.C. The method of choosing the Chairman of the P.A.T.C. Committee is another issue difficult to resolve. Definite decisions were relegated to the future. After rousing all the sleeping dogs we let them go back to lying as we turned our thoughts to ice cream. We are firmly convinced that our Chairman's inside connection with an ice cream factory is not the least attractive of his qualifications as Chairman.

Ups and Downs

Marion Wormald	Norman Goldstein	Chris Scoredos
Dutch Watkins	Andy Kauffman	Eric Scoredos
Laura Jean Watkins	Betty Kauffman	Dolores Alley
(age 2 months)	Jan Conn	Billy Alley
Art Lembeck	Herb Conn	Leonard (Billy's friend)
	Betty Alley	

The rocks of Carderock were wet in the morning and provided slippery ascents of the Beginners' Climb and Ronnie's Leap. As the day dried off the group became more ambitious and the Stretch and Spiderwalk were assaulted. Dolores, Jan, Art and Chris made the Spiderwalk, thereby qualifying to vote for the next chairman!

Dolores finished off the day by leading Marion and Norman on the first part of the Chris-Wex-Don. While Herb led Andy and Betty up the Golden Stairs, Art and Jan climbed one of Sterlings Twin Cracks. (January 29, 1950).

Norman Goldstein	Jane Showacre
Tony Soler	Herb Conn
George Kamm	Jan Conn

January 21-22. Saturday afternoon the above sextet loaded caving equipment into Tony's car and headed for Schoolhouse Cave. It was to be a quick trip so they started right in at 6:00 P.M. They climbed three on a rope and went via the Angel's Roost, reaching the back of the cave before midnight. There seemed to be more bats around than usual. Jane picked one up on her pack as she crawled thru a low passage and they were mutually excited about it. By 4:00 A.M. the climbers were in their sleeping bags in the anteroom for a belated nights sleep.

Andy Kauffman	Garrett Park Cubs	
Betty Kauffman	Priscilla Maury	} Leaders
Marion Harvey	Alexander Richter	
Art Lembeck	Richard Maury	
Arnold Wexler	Bill Maury	Tommy Richter
Ray Moore	George Hartmann	Bennett Chamberlain
Eleanor Tatge	Michael Dix	Danny King

January 22, 1950. The Washington Sunday Climbers held their outing at Sugarloaf Mountain. The main event of the day was a swarm of Cub Scouts that took over the principal activity. Tirelessly they

scrambled hither and yon in the wake of a battery of competent teachers, chiefly Arnold, Ray, and Art, coiled themselves up in yards of rope, got stuck and unstuck in cracks, and produced more howls, shrieks, and screams of agony, protest, and delight than those old cliffs had seen for many a day. (Last but not least--Paul, Jo, Alan, and Peter hadt showed up too, and helped make the occasion noteworthy.)

Notes and News

The Sierra Club Yodeler of the San Francisco Bay Chapter offers in its Jan. 9 issue an installment of its CLIMBER'S GUIDE TO LOCAL ROCKS which is being reprinted from time to time from pre-War issues. Perhaps UP ROPE'S public would be well served by some such plan likewise! How about it, Editors?

This coming semester the Iowa Mountaineers in cooperation with the Men's Physical Education Department of the State University of Iowa will sponsor an advanced course in "Outings and Mountaineering." The course carries two hours credit, and will be held each Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

The Summer Outing Prospectus of the Iowa Mountaineers has just been received. It reads enticingly:

"The Iowa Mountaineers, welcome you to participate in their eleventh annual summer outing. The region selected for the 1950 summer outing is the world-famous mountain country located in the Canadian Rockies. The main basecamp will be located at Lake O'Hara in the heart of the scenic mountain land. Veteran travelers inform us that Lake O'Hara rivals Lake Louise in beauty. Although less than a mile in length and only a half mile wide, its wonderful coloring and perfect setting have been an inspiration to artists and campers the world over. Its blue-green waters, fed by melting glaciers, mirror the giant mountains that rise sheer from the spruce-clad shores. Fishing in its waters is of the highest order."

Accompanying photographs back up this propaganda to the uttermost.

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