

UP ROPE!

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In Suspense

At times the Washington Rock Climbers are so busy with their up and down activities that the pages of UP ROPE bulge with the tale of their adventures. At other times they are even busier, too busy to write, and the UP ROPE reader must hold his breath, so to speak, until the climbers reach leveler going and can pause to rest and record their narratives.

This summer finds all but a skeleton crew vacationing in lands of adventure remote from Washington. Most of those who remain at home are busy planning their Washington exodus. The editorial staff of UP ROPE is therefore taking the liberty of suspending publication until fall.

The suggestion has been made that the editorship of UP ROPE should be changed more frequently. The present staff is heartily in accord with this idea, and the next issue of UP ROPE awaits the appointment of a new editorial staff in September.

Ups and Downs

Paul Bradt	Sue Hughes	George Kamm	Earl Mosburg
Jo Bradt	Mary Sturgeon	Abbie Hammack	Charlie Gallant
Peter Bradt	Chris Scoredos	Jane Showacre	Herb Conn
Alan Bradt	Eric Scoredos	Eleanor Tatge	Jan Conn
Betty Kauffman	Arnold Wexler	Duncan Burchard	Don Hubbard
Andy Kauffman	John Meenehan	Stanley Weintraub	Marion Harvey
	Spike Zywicki	Maxine Haleff	

June 25 (Sunday). Up at Sugarloaf Mountain the day developed brighter and more gorgeous by the minute and full of Sunday School picnickers. Don started off a traverse joined by practically everyone present, except a few obstreperous individuals who had to try more challenging routes. Shortly the Sunday School picnickers arrived adding stupendous feats of daring and equally terrific decibels to the occasion.

Earl and Paul climbed the Butterfinger Climb. A severe outside corner by the Cave Climb was made by a group of sticklers who

refused to use the obvious take-off rock. Earl led a roped team up the cliff near the Fat Man's Climb, while Eleanor, Mary, Sue, Jan, and Herb climbed up and down the Fat Man's Climb and the similar crack beside it--the Fat Woman's Climb?

By this time most of the group adjourned to the quarry for swimming, but Jan, Herb and Duncan stayed at the rocks on the pretext of doing more climbing. They report that more was said than done.

Tony Soler
Lorraine Snyder

Tom Culverwell
Sterling King

Lowell Bennett
Ray Moore
Susie Moore

Week-end of June 25. As a follow up on the discovery of a number of new cave entrances in the Germany valley section of West Virginia, the above party spent the week-end exploring the Tight Squeeze and Harper's Cave. Exploration of the Tight Squeeze is pretty much completed but Harper's Cave seems to have more to offer yet for future trips.

Norene Bateman
Earl Mosburg
Paul Bradt
Jo Bradt
Alan Bradt

Marion Jackson
Herb Conn
Jan Conn
Dolores Alley
Peter Bradt

Irene Posner
Chris Scoredos
Eric Scoredos
Betty Alley
Tony Soler

Don Hubbard
Sally Goldman
Dick Goldman
Arnold Wexler
George Kamm
Maxine Haleff

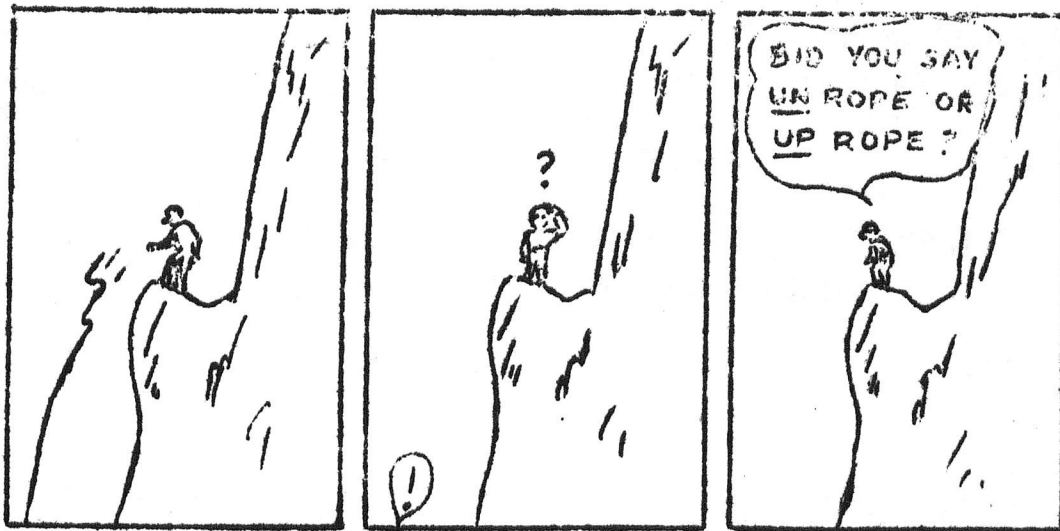
Sunday, July 2. A rock climber may be all right when he is on the rocks, but the group who waded to Herzog found themselves to be "all wet" as far as wading was concerned. Even long-legged Tony managed to get dunked almost to the waist, and one of the shortest members ended up swimming completely dressed. On the island the party proved themselves again to be not well rounded outdoors people by getting lost between the wading spot and the rocks.

But once on the rocks they proved themselves to be adept in at least one phase of outdoor life. Tony sailed up the Finger-tip Balance Climb while Don lead Maxine and Irene up the face just up stream, followed by roped ascents of the cliff faces downstream.

Tony, Jan, and Herb sought the Tension Corner, which they all climbed. At the top of the corner Tony became intrigued with an exposed outside corner on the upstream side of a cedar-treed ledge forming the top of the Tension Corner. Belayed from above he maneuvered out from the corner using under hand holds and sloping footholds on the slightly overhanging face. Once around the corner things became more reasonable and he soon reached the top. With some difficulty the Conns followed.

On down stream to Chairman's Chimney Tony climbed to within eight feet of the top when swoosh he was in the rope. Back at the bottom he said he didn't feel up to trying it again. Herb, up top, said, "You always climb best when you feel worst--Just look at Don." Heartened by this, Tony tried again and made it.

After a swim, we headed home thinking we had had a good time. We changed our minds on Monday, tho, when we found this ditty only too appropriate:



There once was a higger
 And he wasn't any bigger
 Than the wee small point of a pin
 But the bump that he raises
 Itches like blazes
 And that's where the rub comes in.

The group that didn't wade to Herzog went to Carderock. Chris led a rope comprising himself, Earl, Dolores and Paul across the Chris-Wex-Don Traverse. Ours of sheer orneriness they did it in the upstream direction. Paul points out that this raises a question as to who made the qualifying climb, the leader or the end man. There was no question as to which end of Earl Mosburg's rope made the qualifying climb on the Spiderwalk--it was Earl's.

Earl Mosburg	Eric Scoredos	Ray Moore	George Kamm
June Mosburg	Chris Scoredos	Marian Jackson	Jan Conn
Eleanor Tatge	Marion Harvey	Sam K. Brown	Herb Conn

Sunday, July 9. After reaching Clark's place from the Quarry on the Virginia side of Great Falls, the group floundered around to the south until they found themselves grounded on Echo Cliffs. One group explored the possibilities on a sloping ledge above the river--more slope than ledge--while others worked on the jam crack forming the lower half of Cowhoof Rock climb. Herb and George alternated leads on a rope including Sam and Marion, across the Big Toe Traverse, where late afternoon found them still lunchless. Meanwhile Marian Jackson and Jan put the boys to by climbing Socrates Downfall from the bottom with plenty of time for a hearty lunch, altho Ray and Chris unsuccessfully did their best.

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Inside Corner

Marion Harvey is going on a honeymoon--Joe Walsh's and Margaret Dimmit's--a party of six to the Tetons. Arnold, Duncan, Don, Irene, Peg, Tony, Norm, Art, have left for the Wind Rivers, Tetons, and Selkirks. The Kauffmans have a rubber life boat for crossing the Columbia river. Jane is off for Mexico. The Karchers are off???