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FOREWORD

Dear Subscriber:

We haven't forgotten you. Up Rope is not in the hands of receivership. The climbers of rocks are still at it. In fact the organization has faithfully met every Sunday to climb cliffs of untold difficulty. But our dutiful scribe, alas, was not there. In far-away Mexico, among fiery rocks, food and drinks, she sought to recoup the energy spent on our worthy journal. If Up Rope be likened to a light spreading Truth, then her absence was like a shadow. For three months we have been under this shadow. The world is getting in a terrible mess so an editorial staff is endeavoring to take over the paper. Wish us luck and cooperate by sending in news items, subscriptions and sketches or photographs and descriptions of your favorite climbs to "Up Rope" at the address on the heading above.

NOTES

Something new in scheduled PATC excursions is Arnold Wexler's October 14 - 15 back-packing trip to cover Allegheny Front from Dolly Sods along Roaring Plains to Green Knob and US 33. (See USGS quadrangle, Onego, W. Va.) This trip is to be based on the mountaineering tradition wherein each participant carries his own equipment. For details see Arnold, Tom Culverwell, Paul Bradt, or the October PATC "Forecast."

The Arizona State Department of Highways (Phoenix, Arizona) publishes a beautifully illustrated monthly entitled "Arizona Highways" (\$3.00 for a year's subscription or 35¢ a copy). The August issue carries an article by Virginia Gerner about the ascent of Agathlan. You will remember that this is the formation sometimes mistaken for Ship Rock and that Herb was on the team that made the ascent.

UPS AND DOWNS

Out of the dim past we recall a few things.

There were three cave trips to Riverton W. Va. to show off the climbs and formations in Harper's Cave and Laurence's Cave. The big climb in Harper's Cave was a vertical calcite covered wall with convolutions that could not have provided any holds except for the fine crystals that gave it a sand-paper like surface. Ray Moore has led this climb each time. He has been followed by Tom Culverwell, Tony Soler, Bob Soler, Leo Scott, Loraine Snyder and Arnold Wexler. The beauty of this wall and the formations beyond was of course only incidental.

In Laurence's Cave the climbs of greatest note were a climb on fragile handholds made by Marian Jackson, and a traverse that included quite a spot made by Ray Moore and Leo Scott.

The beauty of Laurence's Cave cannot be exaggerated. The children of the party, that is, Mike Moore and the Scott and Bradt children, enjoyed being guests of the management on a trip through Seneca Caverns. Lest they get a distorted idea of the natural illumination in the center of the earth, they were immediately transported to the Schoolhouse Cave entrance room.

Sept. 2, 3 4. Labor Day Week end		
Ray Moore	Loraine Snyder	Pete Peterson
Tony Soler	Arnold Wexler	Ann Michener
Sam Moore	Stirling Hendricks	Glen Skaggs
	Jane Showacre	

On Saturday Harman's Cave was explored. It is small in size but has excellent and picturesque formations. Openings on the property of Warren Harper were examined and Loraine went down 150 feet or so in one well without reaching bottom.

On Sunday the group climbed on the east face and southeast corner of Seneca rock. It rained in the afternoon.

On Monday, Ray, Tony and Loraine completed Moore's Madness at Baker Rock. This was the first ascent of a very severe 5th class climb that we will hear more of later.

Sterling, Jane and Arnold ascended the Great Chimney (at Baker) and traversed the pinnacles to the right as far as the road. This route involves fine 4th and 5th class climbing with rappels.

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Dolores alley	John Reed	
Betty Alley	Jan Conn	Geo Kamm
Helen Baker	Walter Downes	Peg Keister
Paul Bradt	Charlie Gallant	Loraine Snyder
Herb Conn	Dick Gaylord	Tony Solar
	Maxine Haleff	Arnold Wexler

Most of us warmed up on the Beginner's Crack, Arnold climbed it without using the crack, while Tony and Loraine substituted Ronnie's leap in their warm up. Arnold demonstrated Meenehan's Staircase followed by Jan, Paul and John, and Herb did a layback up its right hand bannister. Arnold cleaned the webs off of the Spider walk (A-16). Loraine climbed Buckets of Blood Chimney with more loss of wind than blood. Tony and Loraine climbed Jan's Face at its right end (or should one say: at its left ear?) while Arnold went up its center (B-17). Paul did the Worst and Stretch (B-19). Arthur's Crossover (A-14) was climbed by Tony and Arnold. Peg nearly led the Chris-Wex-Don with Paul, Walter and Maxine as followers but Dolores, arriving late, took her place on the last pitch.

TRAVELS FARTHER AFIELD

Include Wm.D.Appel's trip to the Tetons and to Colo. to see Dave and Julia; Dolores Alley, Eleanor Tatge, and Maxine Haleff in Mexican mts.; Helen Baker to Colo.; Arnold Wexler, Art Lembeck, Don Hubbard, Tony Solar, Duncan Burchard, Norman Goldstein, Peg Keister and Irene Posner climbing in the Wind River Range; Arnold, Don and Norman proceeding to the Northern Selkirks; Fitzhugh Clark saw the country from the air; Tom and Stell Culverwell Travelled in the southwestern U.S.; Ken and Pim Karcher in the Badshot Range and Canadian Rockies; Andy and Betty Kauffman climbing in the Northern Selkirks; Bill Kemper in White Mts. and on Katahdin; Sterling King up and down the Smokies; Jim Maxwell and another climbed Yerupja, Peruvian Andes, then the highest unclimbed peak in the western hemisphere; John Reed in the Talkeetna Range of Alaska; Jane Showacre travelling in Mexico with her father; Harold Stimson in Colo. Rockies; Frances and Os Heard with the Colo. Mt. Club in the Wind River Range; the Silsbees climbing in the Tetons and Canadian Rockies; Chas. Gallant in the White Mts. You've heard of Marian Harvey's Teton Wind River trip in a previous issue Doubtless there were other members abroad that we've not heard from.

Leo Dawson is in Maine; Sam Moore, Leonard Bolz and Glen Skaggs are in the Adirondacs; Jan and Herb Conn have left for New Hampshire; and George Kamm is leaving soon on a New England trip.

THE CONNS ESCAPE!

All Conn fans, which means all the rock climbers, had been looking forward to having Herb and Jan with us until spring. But, alas, a highly trimmed maroon "Jeep" delivery truck appeared on the bargain counter one day, and their fate was sealed. All former plans notwithstanding, the Conn's stay could obviously last only until the new truck was fitted out to the nth degree. It was with mingled admiration and sadness that their friends watched its completion--pantry, wardrobe, library, desk, beds,--everything modern man craves. So, with many good luck wishes from their friends at the farewell meeting, the Conns hit the road again. Herbie leaves his chairman's duties in the capable hands of Art Lembeck. He has no worries and we hope he'll draw us a lot of cartoons and report a lot of wonderful climbs. So long, and good luck.

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