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Ups and Downs

Jan Conn	Charlie Gallant	Walter Downs	Peg Keister
Herb Conn	Paul Bradt	Betty Kauffman	Arnold Wexler
Chris Scoredos	Jo Bradt	Andy Kauffman	Ted Schad
Eric Scoredos	Alan Bradt	Pim Karcher	Mary Sturgeon
Maxine Haleff	Peter Bradt	Marilyn Lesh	Sioux Hughes
George Stoertz	Hale Bradt	Ken Karcher	Ferebee Mitchell
	Valerie Bradt		Eleanor Tatge

Sunday June 11, 1950. Climbing was initiated at the Corkscrew Climb and the Wailing Wall just upstream from it on the Virginia cliffs of the Potomac below Great Falls. A rope of amateurs grew into two ropes as Mary led a waterline traverse upstream with five roped teammates and as many unroped kibitzers chiefly met along the route. Juliet's Balcony saw two teams, one male, one female, cross it. Don stoutly denies the rumor that he climbed the Overhang Corner first climbed by Herb Conn recently. Laurence's Last, we hear, offered its share of thrills. Romeo's Ladder, across from the Balcony, was simply mobbed by such experts as Charlie Gallant, Walter Downs, le, Pim, Ken, Arnold, George.

Jan Conn	Duncan Burchard	Maxine Haleff	Tony Soler
Herb Conn	Marion Harvey	Ray Moore	Lorraine Snyder
	Norman Goldstein	Arnold Wexler	

June 17-18: Baker and Seneca Rocks Trip, West Virginia. Up with the birds--because of an inoportune shower, the Conn Climbers, Inc. were met by the rest early Saturday morning at Baker Rock. The morning was spent limbering up on the pinnacles and main face of Baker--interesting climbs led by Jan, Herb, and Arnold. Mid-afternoon found Norm leading a climb up a chimney we thought we'd have to smoke him out of, while Ray Moore led up a concave slab that proves man is at least part beast. Dinner around the new Optimus stoves made us realize that even "rock" climbers are mechanized. Oh, what has happened to the romantic campfire?!

Sunday morning was beautiful--Arnold said it was "ladies' day" in favor of the two sheer novices present. The Conns, Marion, and