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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Feb. 9-10-11, 1951. Shaffer Rocks, Hermitage Shelter - Leader: Arnold Wexler.  
See last issue of UP ROPE for details, or call Arnold.

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Feb. 17-18, 1951. CAVE TRIP - Leaders: Paul Bradt and Ray Moore.

Two years ago the then rock-climbing committee ran a cave trip for the Trail Club. Those who went on that trip have been clamouring for another. THIS IS IT.

The attractions this time are Poor Farm Cave and Patton's Cave, in the order named. The former offers sleeping quarters and will be the meeting place on Saturday. To reach it, follow U.S. 219 through Hillsboro, West Virginia (just south of Marlinton, West Virginia) for 0.6 m. From there follow instructions posted on the windshield of a gray jeep station wagon (belonging to the Bradts) parked in a driveway on the left side of the road. Come prepared to carry your bedding and food approximately 0.5 mile to the cave.

Poor Farm is mainly a dry cave. Patton's a wet one. The leaders on this trip are Paul Bradt and Ray Moore but they hope to have a lot of help from the Mountaineering Committee. These are much larger caves than were visited last time and it should be a lot of fun exploring them in small parties. Be sure to bring water, compass, safety rope and illumination. While the rope may not be used, there should be one in each party. Food will be taken care of by individual car groups.

This will be a private car trip. The drive of about seven hours each way is somewhat long but the quality of the caves justifies it. If you wish transportation or have extra places in your car, call Paul at Georgia 3917. \$6.00 has been suggested as the transportation charge but individual drivers may set their own prices.

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The mystery of Duncan Burchard's disappearance from the local rocks has been solved. He has traded his mountain nylon for manila hemp in the Coast Guard. Presently stationed at New London, he expects to soon be transferred to Boston. We hope he will get down to join us occasionally on the local rocks.