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Shadows of Things to Come

- March 16 - "Land of the Standing Rocks" by Ray Garner. National Geographic lecture and movie. Time: 8:15 P.M. Hope you have secured tickets by now.
- March 17 - Ray Garner's motion picture of climbing the Grand Teton. Elizabeth Vos was the first to volunteer her living room and we accepted with alacrity. Time: 8:00 P.M. Directions for reaching the Vos household are as follows, quoted from Up Rope of February 1, 1950:
- "Proceed to Old Dominion Drive. If by way of Chain Bridge, follow Glebe Road to Little Falls Road, turn right, continue on Little Falls Road 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 feet beyond the intersection, turn uphill to the right on a dirt road. The Vos' 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 Road and Lee Highway. Turn right, proceed to Old Dominion Drive, turn left, follow directions as above.
- The phone number is KEmmore 3-5765, should you get lost.
- March 18 - Climbing on Sugarloaf. We will be hosts to the Mountain Club of Maryland. Leader: Art Lembeck.
- March 24-25. Johnny Reed wants to have a camping trip, either at a shelter, lean-to, or good camping spot near some rocks. Any and all interested parties, let him know.
- March 31-April 1. Schoolhouse Cave. Leaders: Arnold Wexler and Ray Moore. Register now if you want a ride or riders.

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A new supply of pitons has arrived and is on sale at P.A.T.C. Headquarters. Stock now includes a good assortment of horizontals and verticals in several sizes, angles with loose and with fixed rings; dural carabiners also available.

The Sierra Club of Calif. is really active in the publishing field these days. Anyone fortunate enough to be planning climbs and trips in the Sierra will be interested in the 1951 edition of Starr's Guide to the John Muir Trail and the High Sierra Region (\$2.00. In bindery now). A 57-year index, 1893-1949, of the Sierra Club Bulletin will be a big help in locating information on out-of-the-way places. The first five volumes (over 2000 pages) of the SCB were recently reprinted by photo-off set, complete with reproductions of the original photographs. Even some of the old advertisements were included. Want a pair of Perfect Outing Boots for \$3.50? Or some of Dr. Noe's Poison Oak Salve - a Necessary Remedy? Some of our members have need for that! Since most of the original edition were destroyed in the 1906 San Francisco fire, collectors have welcomed this method of completing their sets. (Vols.-1-5, bound separately, \$25.00.)

A manual on packing by back or burro is scheduled and is awaited with great interest. Coming from the same club which produced Manual of Ski Mountaineering and Camp Cookery, it will have to be good. (\$1.75, late May)

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The Conn's are at it again. In January they were making a grand tour of Florida and, for probably the only time in their lives, could be called "stick-in-the-mud's". Because that is what happened to them. We quote from a letter: "Last evening we bought some ice-cream and stopped to eat it beside the road. When we tried to pull back on the road to drive on we found ourselves stuck in the sand. Vasco had decided he had gone far enough south.....We finally jacked up the lowest wheel, put some logs under it to make the truck a little more even, made up our beds, climbed in and went to sleep.....We slept with our clothes on, on the chance that someone would stop and help us. We went to bed about 10:00 and at 5:30 in the morning someone finally stopped and pulled us out and we went on our way."

Their way was down the east coast of Florida and into the Everglades National Park. At one point they camped in a grove of coconut palms and "practiced climbing the curved trunks of the trees the way you see natives in the movies do it. It is not actually hard. It is just like climbing a layback."

From Florida, they went on to Big Bend National Park in Texas. We hear tell that from there, they were going to proceed to Denver and eventually end up back in the Needles of South Dakota to welcome any and all climbers passing through this summer.

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The Lembeck apartment has been doing double duty this past month. On Feb. 20th Os and Frances Heard (and Ellen) came over from Baltimore to show movies taken by members of the Colorado Mtn. Club on their 1946 and 1950 expeditions to the Wind River Range. It was an unscheduled affair and there was not enough time to notify everyone, so only a fortunate few were able to see these excellent movies. Maybe Os can be persuaded to borrow the films again so that all can have a chance to see.

On March 8th, Norman Goldstein took over at 4840 Bradley to show slides taken on last summer's Wind River trip and the Neptune climb. Also, some of the Tetons and High Sierra. We received that first-hand account of the cross-country skiing trip in the Sierra and drooled with envy. Norman's plans are still rather vague but he expects to be skipping in and out of Washington for the next few months so those of you who were not able to come last week to see his slides might be able to pin him down some day for a private showing.

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On March 10, we went to Alaska, up, down and across. Johnny Reed not only entertained us with slides of his several summers spent in the geological mapping of Alaska, but he persuaded his father to show his slides and movies. We saw sections of Mt. McKinley National Park, the Alaska Range, various gold mines and examples of field geology in action, to mention only a few. We covered the Alcan Highway, in summer and winter, and shared rides in helicopters, amphibians & 4-engine transports.

We are surely indebted to Mrs. Reed for a pleasant evening in her home, as well as to Johnny and Dr. Reed for their spirited entertainment.

UPS AND DOWNS

February 18, 1951. Bear Island, Maryland.

Dick Goldman Sally Goldman Don Hubbard Peg Keister Art Lembeck Chris Scoredos

While most of the group was underground (Poorfarm Cave), a small party gathered as usual as the Hot Shoppe. Don's suggestion, that we follow the Hopkins trail for a little geologizing, met with no strenuous opposition. Accordingly, armed with the Johns Hopkins pamphlet on the region, we set out from Angler's Inn. At the first seven stations, we faithfully read the technical descriptions and tried to see the formations. At that point, being thoroughly lost among the amphibolites and plagioclases, we paused in the Purple Horse region for a climb or two. Art and Chris then headed back to town, and the rest of us ate a leisurely lunch. Subsequently we succeeded in making a number of 10' climbs look terrifically difficult. Completing the circuit of the island, we were content to locate most of the other nine geological stations for future reference. We stopped a moment at Cactus Knoll to examine the characteristic flora there and to sample the gooey, tasteless fruit which Don, of course, recommended as good eating. The four survivors ended up at the Goldman apartment, for "tea", which developed into a very tasty supper. P.K.

February 25, 1951. Great Falls, Virginia.

Dolores Alley	Wayne Houston	Peg Keister	Chris Scoredos	Stan Thomas
Betty Alley	Don Hubbard	Ray Moore	Eric Scoredos	Dick Waterhouse
Karen ? (With Betty)	Marian Jackson	A.M. Nelson	Alonzo Sherman	Jean Waterhouse
Jim Bullard	George Kamm	Felix Peckham	Joe Smith	Arnold Wexler
Jean Burnstad		Hans Scheltema		

The call of spring brought the climbers out in droves to storm the rocks along the Potomac. The earliest arrivals were piloted well upstream by Don, where presumably they climbed everything in sight. Arnold waylaid a group of beginners at the Corkscrew Climb, where he gave instruction in knots and climbing techniques. Nearby, Felix set up a practice rappel for the corkscrew graduates. After warming up here, this group moved upstream, where Peg guided Jean, Jim and Hans over Juliet's Balcony -- according to Jean the greatest optical illusion she has ever seen. Naturally Romeo's Ladder had to be tackled next by various of the more ambitious. Several "took a ride" on this face. Jim completed his first ascent of it, convinced that his hands had been left behind somewhere. Meanwhile, Chris and his disciples practiced carabiner rappels on the same face. Marian, Ray and Wayne worked on a waterline traverse, with some added minor scrambling, throughout the morning.

Lunch intervened, then the rocks were attacked with renewed vigor. George, Ray, Marian and Wayne made up a rope and tackled the rocks. George and Wayne succeeded in climbing the Bird's Nest Climb, then went on to work on an inside corner nearby. Arnold succeeded in talking Peg up an unnamed, unclassified climb, which felt like an "A" to her, then strolled up it himself with his usual ease. All went home with the satisfied feeling that comes with well-aerated lungs and pleasantly tired muscles. P.K.

March 4, 1951. Carderock, Maryland.

Carl Bock (MCM)	Tony Bullard	Sue Hughes	Chris Scoredos
Jim Bullard	Kay Heinmuller (MCM)	Art Lembeck	

Kay and Carl came over from Baltimore to climb with us. Sue, who used to live with Mary Sturgeon, has taken Mary's place with us, now that Mary has gone to Alaska.

A surprising amount of climbing was accomplished despite the accumulated slipperiness of two days rain. The Beginners Climb, Barnacle Face, Kindegarten, Jan's Chimney are only a partial list which the beginners made after the usual instruction from bowline to rappel. Jim Bullard climbed the Jackknife in the afternoon. Balance of the day was spent working on a layback on the corner near the Jackknife. A.C.L. & C.S.

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Arnold Wexler's trip to Wolf Gap Shelter for climbing on the Big Schloss and in Devil's Garden was just about swamped. But not with climbers. The heavens decided to reduce their accumulated water supply so not much climbing was done.

Are you interested in corralling that Hopalong?

It has been suggested that some of the parents in the rock-climbing group might be interested in forming a Co-operative. The purpose of said Co-op would be to free Mom of the unrelenting task of child-raising for one day, occasionally, so that she could limber up those rusty bones and get in a little rock-climbing.

The awe-inspiring name suggested is "Co-operative Supervisory Plan for the Small Children of Rock-Climbers". It would be more or less necessary to register all the children and the supervisors who would be interested. (We would have to have an idea of how many children, and their ages, would be involved so that programs of appropriate activities could be planned for each age group. Also, we would have to know how many parents, or un-attached climbers, would be available to stand watches.)

The whole program could be as elaborate or as simple as the majority desired. It would involve scouting out a safe place, near good climbing areas, for a play area. A tent could be erected for naps. A stove could be available for hot lunches. And a first-aid kit for cuts and scratches would be an essential. Anyone and everyone could participate whether they had children of their own or not. Story-tellers would never be turned down. Maybe someone could teach the older children to swim, or row (a rubber boat?). Or, even, rock-climbing.

This is only a bare outline of the proposed project. The number of children and adults interested has to be known in order to know if the plan is feasible. There would have to be enough "oldsters" to divide the responsibility of the "youngsters". If, for instance, there were five mothers, and twelve children, maybe only one, or two at the most, could have that day off. It would also mean scheduling a trip in advance, perhaps one a month, so that proper plans could be made. Once committed, it wouldn't be fair to suddenly discover that you wanted to do something else that day.

So, if you are interested, have any ideas, or suggestions, give Helen Scoredos a call. Better still, drop her a line at 4602 - 4th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. She would like to have criticisms as well, so don't hesitate to express yourself.

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Does anyone have an old nylon or two, a few odd pitons, maybe even a slightly worn carabiner that isn't needed? Mugelnoos of Feb. 8th reports that the Southern Chapter's equipment is still missing. We think a contribution should be made to these worthy people. Send your donations at once.

A note from Charlie Daniels, with his UP ROPE renewal, indicates he resolved that 1951 was going to be different. He was going to get to D.C. for more outings. To date he hasn't materialized but we're still hoping. Too many (what is it, six?) people have climbed Charlie's Crack. He'll have to come back and work out a new variation to preserve his fame!