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With the imminent exodus of the mountaineers for the high places, no trips or programs are formally scheduled for the summer months. Sunday climbing and occasional weekend trips will continue for those of us who are trapped in Washington for the summer. UP ROPE will go on a monthly, instead of a semi-monthly, schedule until September, when we will look forward to exciting accounts of the summer trips of our various members.

### UPS AND DOWNS

#### May 25. Carderock.

Dick Eck	Peg Keister	Johnnie Reed	Bob Stevens
Don Hubbard	Ray Moore	Ted Schad	Arnold Wexler
Jerry Jankowitz	Gerry Morgan	Chris Scoredos	Jonathan Wittenberg
George Kamm	Arshad Munir	Jane Showacre	Bill Youdin

Morning rain discouraged many people, including all the MCMers we had expected to entertain. Arshad was the only Baltimore representative present. However, a handful of Hot Shoppe regulars made a gooey trip to Carderock and were joined by other hardy souls during the day. While waiting for the worst of the wetness to leave the rocks, Don set up a loop ladder and a Prusik knot practice climb for those who had energy enough to struggle up them. Arnold and Ray took themselves off on some equipment business. By noon time, the rocks, if not dry, were less wet, so we managed a few climbs. Ronnie's Leap and the Beginner's Crack under these conditions could well have been qualifying climbs, and they were conquered by a number of the group. The Chockstone Chimney, which Don thinks is too often neglected, challenged a few, and a little crack on the nearby face presented some interesting problems. Jonathan and Bill arrived while we were having a little dynamic belay practice on the corner just beyond the Spiderwalk. High humidity and swarms of ravenous mosquitoes eventually won, however, and drove us away at a fairly early hour.

#### May 30-June 1. Seneca Rocks, West Virginia.

Joan Ascher	Marion Harvey	Alice Marshall	Johnnie Reed
Fred Bennington	Al Jankowitz	Louise Marshall	Ted Schad
Mike Bennington	Jerry Jankowitz	Tommy Marshall	Jane Showacre
Phyllis Bennington	George Kamm	Wade Marshall	Tony Soler
John Brehm	Peg Keister	Arshad Munir	Arnold Wexler
Geoffrey Eggleton	Bill Kemper	Mary Neilan	Jonathan Wittenberg
Eddie Gal	Ackie Loyd	Felix Peckham	Bill Youdin
John Gal	Betty Loyd		

During the week preceding this trip, it appeared that only a few enthusiasts were planning on going, and it was difficult to find riders to fill up a couple of

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cars. By the end of the weekend, ten cars, ten tents, and thirty people had converted the Armentrout property into a huge encampment. Once more Seneca was favored with fine weather, permitting three solid days of climbing, refreshing swims in the late afternoons, and pleasant relaxation with songs and stories around the campfire in the evenings. People of all ages and both sexes, experienced climbers, beginners, intermediates and even spelunkers climbed the Rock by nearly every known route (except the Moore-Soler east face route) and doubtless some unknown ones. Tommy and Alice have the distinction of being the youngest members of the party to reach the South Peak, climbing part of the Skyline Traverse very neatly. On Sunday, part of the group moved over to Nelson Rock. Arnold, Joan and Peg climbed and climbed and climbed between and around the pinnacles of the south outcrop, only to find that two long rappels (which branded Joan and Peg) were enough to bring them back to the bottom. Meanwhile, Ted and Felix climbed on the northwest section of the rocks. Congratulations to our leader, Johnnie, for a very successful trip. Probably more climbing was done in those three days than is normally done in three months.

#### June 8. Sugarloaf Mountain, Md.

John Brehm	Huntley Ingalls	Tommy Marshall	Johnnie Reed
Mary Ann Dawson	The Holland bros.	Wade Marshall	Frank Sauber
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**HEADLINE OF THE WEEK:** TOMMY MARSHALL CLIMBED THE BUTTERFINGER CLIMB, and furthermore climbed it with such grace and ease that he set an example for some of the larger and more experienced climbers. Beside this accomplishment, anything else that was done that day is hardly worth mentioning. Johnnie, John and Jerry also made the climb. The Little Traverse to the left of this A climb was as always an excellent exercise for those who are cutting their teeth as leaders. Johnnie also led a high traverse from the top of the gully around a couple of the most prominent outcrops, with Peg and Felix backing him up. The "cave" was one of the favorite route for the day. Some of the party cooled off with a swim at the Dickerson quarry, though others were discouraged by the number of cars jamming the church yard there.

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June 12 - Sylvan Theatre. Arnold Wexler, our imminent mountaineer, photographer, author and lecturer, gave a fine illustrated talk on the Canadian Rockies Traverse, before a large and enthusiastic audience. A number of local climbers were present to heckle, including two of the "characters" who featured in the story.

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