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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

November 9. Bull Run Mountain. Leader: Peg Keister.

November 15-16. Wolf Gap Shelter, climbing at Devils Gardens and Big Schloss.

Those interested and/or desiring transportation contact Betty Muollo, STerling 9200 (or Code 164), ext. 2304. Comissary will depend on number going, so please let Betty know early. Have heard that the spring is low, so it might be advisable to bring along your own water supply, if possible.

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### GRUNTS AND GROANS

#### October 5 - Great Falls, Virginia

Susie Broome	Huntley Ingalls	Alice Marshall	Ann Remington
Larry Cohen	Shirley Jackson	Tommy Marshall	Bruce Remington
John Fortna	Jerry Jankowitz	Wade Marshall	Gale Remington
Abe Friedman	Peg Keister	Kim Massie	Frank Sauber
Edith Goodhue	Bill Kemper	Gerry Morgan	Jane Showacre
Walter Goodhue	Barbara Liveright	Earl Reed	Bob Stevens
Don Hubbard	Peter Liveright	Johnnie Reed	Jim Willard

#### Great Falls Superlatives:

Most talked-of event: the kidnapping of Don Hubbard. Don appeared at the Hot Shoppe in civilized clothes once too often. With Jane driving the kidnap car and Jerry as the strong-arm man, Don was delivered, properly clad, at the cliffs. (Ed. note: Who dressed him?)

First and most-climbed route: the Corkscrew, on which beginners were instructed, and nearly everyone warmed up.

Greatest show of determination: Huntley Ingall's long and valiant battle with the overhanging corner upstream from the Corkscrew.

Most embarrassing moment: when the piton used in belay practice, on which several people had been jumping, came out with a flip of the rope.

Toughest climbs: Romeo's Ladder and the Bird's Nest, the former conquered (we think) by Huntley, Jerry, Tommy, Kim, Johnnie, Ann and Jane. Sorry, we didn't witness the latter.

Easiest climb: Juliet's Balcony, which entertained a ladies' team and a junior team.

Most ludicrous sight: the take-off on an aerial traverse, in which the traversers started headfirst down the cliff before making any horizontal progress on the ropes. This so intrigued a passing Annie Oakley that she was induced to give it a try.

Greatest anticlimax: the hour and a quarter wait for dinner in a certain restaurant at the end of the day.

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### October 12 - Great Falls, Maryland

Stevie Fisher	Bill Kemper	Dr. Sven Nisson-Meyer	Ann Remington
Jerry Jankowitz	Norman Kruse	Mrs. Nisson-Meyer	Bruce Remington
Jerry Johnson	Alice Marshall	Ronnie Monce	Gale Remington
Russell Johnson	Tommy Marshall	Arshad Munir	Jane Showacre
Susan Johnson	Wade Marshall	Felix Peckham	Bob Stevens
Peg Keister	Andy McReynolds	Earl Reed	Arnold Wexler

Surprise and pleasure showed on many faces at the Hot Shoppe this morning at sight of Jan and Herb Conn, here on a short visit. We delayed our departure for a while to chat with them and inspect the product of their latest enterprise - beautiful hand-tooled leather articles. Although we couldn't persuade them to come climbing, we extracted a promise that they would join us at Arnold's in the evening, so we reluctantly set off without them.

We note that Don removed himself to a safe distance this weekend (New York) to forestall any repetition of last week's performance. Un-don-ted, we set forth for Great Falls, Md., where we watched some rash people setting out in canoes to indulge in the dangerous sport of shooting the rapids. We then tightened our safety ropes and turned to the nice firm rock.

Probably the Red Overhang has never sustained such traffic before, being worn smooth by climbers too numerous to name here. The Sturgeon Struggle, next to it, was also well populated. Ann led a variation of Peg's Progress on the opposite cliff, with Jerry seconding, and Gale also on the rope.

We wish someone would recall the name of the climb on the face with the diagonal crack on the first sizable rock mass in this area. It has become a popular climb lately and was done by large numbers of people on this trip.

Quite a few worked hard on the Great Falls Bulge, but only Arnold and Ann succeeded. Moving toward the river after lunch, we climbed various routes on Cleft Island. The Little Handhold That Isn't There repulsed all aspirants except Ann. Apparently it still isn't.

Late in the afternoon most of us hurried off to Arnold's for supper and the promised treat of a visit with the Conns and a session of Jan's songs. Sure wish we could move the South Dakota Needles to the outskirts of Washington.

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### October 18 and 19 - Old Rag

Susie Broome	Paul Burroughs	Alice Marshall	Gale Remington
John Buck	Glenn Collins	Tommy Marshall	Bruce Remington
Elisabeth Buck	John Fortna	Wade Marshall	Jane Showacre
Peter Buck	Carlton Hutchinson	Mrs. Marshall	Frank Sauber
Susie Buck	Shirley Jackson	Andy McReynolds	Bob Stevens
Judy Buck	Jerry Jankowitz	Betty Muellie	Lloyd Sutton
William Buck	George Kama	Gerry Morgan	Arnold Wexler
Joan Burnstadt	Peg Keister	Johnnie Reed	Jim Willard
	Bill Kemper	Ann Remington	Tommy Wright

What was probably the last organized trip of the year to Old Rag, demonstrated once again that old saw about the exception proving the rule. For the first time this

year, an expedition to Old Rag was not rained out; in fact, Mother Nature almost outdid herself in providing ideal climbing, camping, and picture taking weather.

The Marshalls, with Tommy Wright and Paul Burroughs along to see the sights, arrived there Thursday to do some work on the trails. They were joined Friday evening by Peg, Gerry, Johnnie, and Glenn. The group spent the evening admiring the stars and listening to a new account of the writings of A. Milne, courtesy of Johnnie Reed. During the wee hours, a mysterious prowler awakened Peg, who decided that a warm sleeping bag was the better part of valor. It developed the following morning that Jerry, the Romingtons, and Jim had arrived at the foot of the mountain rather late, and had decided not to pack in 'til morning. Jim, however, came on up to the lean-to to sack out, and woke Peg in the process.

Saturday, the group got an early start and managed to get to the top and warm up on a few climbs before lunch. The Hollywood Climb was as popular as usual, and two teams gave it a going over; the first, led by Peg, included Johnnie and Gerry, and the second, led by Jerry, included Jim, Ann, and Bruce. Along about noon, people came wandering in from all directions, and during the afternoon, the rocks received a thorough going over. The Layback crack was climbed by Tommy Marshall, Johnnie, Betty, Arnold, Andy, Peg, Alice, and Jane, and the Finesse Climb by Peg, Johnnie, Gerry, Jim, Betty, Alice, and Jerry. On the latter climb, Susie Broome displayed considerable sang-froid by stopping to remove an errant watch while in an unusual, and inolegant position. Johnnie led a team up Paul Bradt's jamcrack version of the Hollywood Climb. His team consisted of Arnold and Betty. Gerry led the conventional Hollywood Climb, followed by Bob, Alice, and Shirley. The Beginners' Climb did not go unchallenged; Johnnie led up it a large team that consisted of Arnold, Betty, Ann, Jerry, and Tommy Marshall.

Having exploited the better known climbs rather thoroughly on Saturday, on Sunday, the climbers looked for new material. The Beginners' Climb was tackled once more, however, by a team led by Jane, with Jean and George following. The rest of the group scrambled around the rocks looking for new climbs. Johnnie took Shirley and some others down the cliff face just to the west of the peak, and eventually located a promising climb. Shirley said she'd like to try it again sometime starting from the bottom. Jean took a team of three, who had missed it the previous day, up the Hollywood Climb; she was seconded by Jane, and George brought up the rear.

Late in the afternoon, having thoroughly polished most of the handholds on Old Rag, the group took off for Warrenton and their favorite restaurant. Unfortunately, about 50,000 other cars were also on the road, and the restaurant was closed by the time Warrenton was reached. An alternate choice still open proved a poor substitute, but the famished climbers managed to get enough food to keep them alive till they could get back to Washington.

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#### October 19 - Great Falls, Va.

##### Hot Shoppers:

Don Hubbard

Sterling King

Dot King

Jack King

David King

Arshad Munir and unidentified

girl-friend

Bill Youden

The majority of the climbers on this Sunday were out giving the Old Rag cliffs a going over, and of the few that turned up at the Hot Shoppe, only Don was familiar with the Virginia side of Great Falls, where the group decided to go. Don, as usual, had business elsewhere, so your editor was unable to find out just what was climbed. As near as could be determined, the beautiful weather inspired considerable activity, and it is suspected that Sterling made the Romeo's Ladder climb, while some of the others probably did the Corkscrew. In addition, the group got in some free (and otherwise) rappel practice.

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