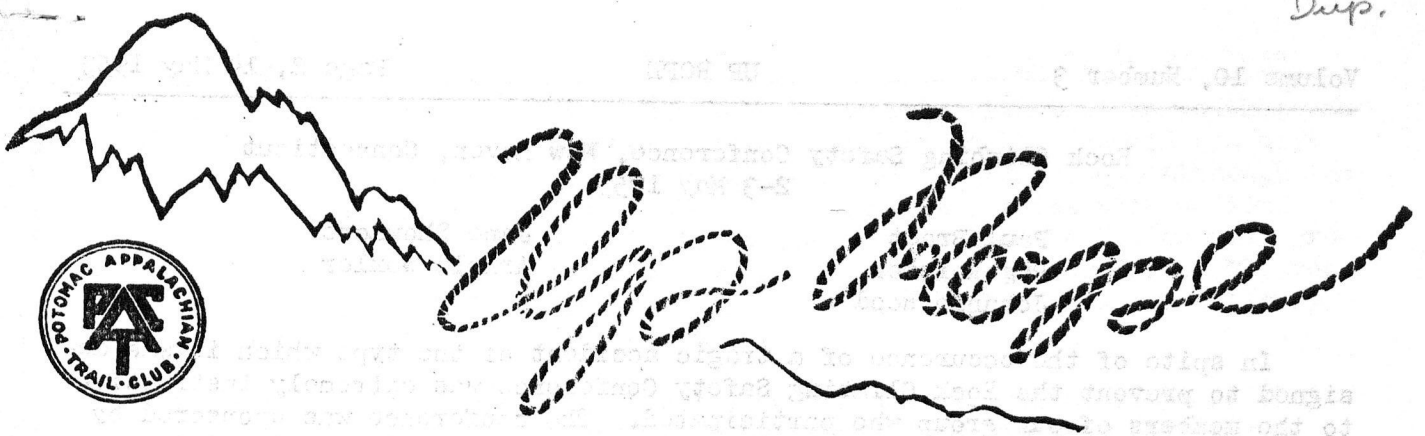


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SPECIAL ACCOUNCEMENT

There has been increasingly frequent disregard of safety precautions lately, and in view of this, our Chairman has seen fit to make the following announcement:

In the past we have carried on our activities with a minimum of rules and regulations. It has been traditional in our group that certain rules were always followed even though they were never formally written out. In the past few months I have become increasingly concerned about the disregard for these rules among many of the newer members of the group. There seems to be a feeling developing that the unexpected never happens, and that since we have never had a serious accident, there is no reason to believe that we will have. Within the last several years the number of relatively new climbers in our group has increased tremendously and it has become difficult to keep an eye on everybody. For this reason I have decided, after talking it over with several of the older members of the group, to set forth the following rules:

1. No one will take a team on any climb under any circumstances unless he has the permission of the trip leader. The leader of the team may not necessarily be the first man on the rope, but he will be the one who is responsible for the safety of his team.
2. No one will untie and descend or go on alone. The team must remain intact at all times.
3. There will be no climbing of any kind without a safety rope. No matter how easy a climb may be, or how competent the climber, it sets an extremely bad example for beginners to see people climbing without a rope.

Johnnie Reed
Chairman