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### COMING EVENTS

On June 13th and 14th a group of Pittsburgh Climbers are planning to join us for some local climbing and dynamic belay practice with Oscar. The tentative schedule is as follows: June 13th Saturday - climbing and belay practice at Carderock. Saturday night - meeting at the Buck's, 4505 Saul Road, Kensington, Md. 7:30 PM (call Peg Keister at OL-9-8398 or OL-4-1400 (2378) for directions). Program not yet definite. June 14th - local climbing - possibly Echo Cliffs or Great Falls. Meet at the Hot Shoppe as usual.

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3 May 1953 - Carderock, Md.

Jim Bullard  
Paul Burroughs  
Marion Harvey  
Shirley Jackson  
Wilma Jackson  
John Jacobs  
Bob Johnk

George Kamm  
Sven Nissen-Meyer  
Earl Reed  
Ted Schad  
Chris Scoredos  
Eric Scoredos  
Johnny Scoredos

John Sopka  
and Family  
Claire Steel  
Bob Stevens  
Donna Willman  
Bill Youden

As the rains of the past week made it impossible to do any climbing at Great Falls the group journeyed out to (guess where?) Carderock. Jim Bullard, Chris, Eric and Johnny Scoredos stopped off at Camp Lewis to do some climbing but Johnny, we hear, was the only one that did any climbing to speak of.

Ronnie's Leap was climbed by a number of people, as was the Beginner's Crack. Sven Nissen-Meyer made a good showing by doing both the Spiderwalk and the Triple A. Bill Youden did the Spiderwalk for the benefit of some non-climbing picnickers nearby and then almost startled them out of eating their sandwiches by rappelling - seems they thought he was falling off. Jan's Face was given a thorough going over by Earl Reed, Donna Willman, Marion Harvey and Bill Youden, with Bob Stevens doing it the easy. The Barnacle Face also had a few visitors - Shirley, Bill Youden, Paul Burroughs, John Jacobs, Earl Reed, and Bob Stevens. Ted Schad made a valiant attempt at the Knubble Face, but no go.

After climbing, some of the group went to a Howard Johnson Restaurant for supper and then to a movie afterward.

S.J.

Old Rag, 9 and 10 May 1953 - EXTRA! EARL REED FALLS ON HOLLYWOOD CLIMB!

Paul Barrans  
Marion Harvey  
Mrs. Harvey  
Shirley Jackson  
Jerry Jankowitz  
Ken Karcher  
Pim Karcher

Peg Keister  
Bill Kemper  
The Marshalls  
Johnny Meenahan  
Gerry Morgan  
Felix Peckham  
Earl Reed

Johnnie Reed  
Ted Schad  
Jane Showacre  
John Sopka  
and Family  
Bob Spindler  
Bob Stevens  
Arnold Wexler

Sketches by Alice Marshall

Ye Olde Thrills and Chills Stock Company convened again for filming purposes, this time at the scene of an earlier thriller. The Hollywood Climb once again has demonstrated its photogenic characteristics.

Following the usual late breakfast at the leanto Saturday morning, the group trudged to the top, along with the spectators, cinematographer and directors. In anticipation of a fall on the Hollywood Climb crossover, Johnnie Reed went up and labored with a star drill for fifteen minutes or so to put in a strategic expansion bolt, but alas, after drilling the hole, Johnnie put in the sleeve backwards - and couldn't extract it. Undaunted by this setback, the actors roped up, with the camera grinding away, and proceeded up to the second ledge in an unusually hazardous appearing manner. Earl led, with Jane seconding and Tommy Marshall bringing up the rear. About this point, lunchtime intervened, during which the Director instructed the prop boy on the proper technique for installing an expansion bolt, and gave a demonstration - after about an hour of pounding, Arnold was overheard muttering something about the difference in hardness of the rocks on the two sides of the ravine. With this expert instruction, Johnnie went back up the climb and drilled another hole - this time taking about an hour and a half.

During the unexciting lulls in the filming for rock termite activity, some of the folks worked over other climbs. The Finesse Climb and adjacent layback crack got most of the business, with Paul Barrans, Bob Spindler, Marion, Felix, Gerry,



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the Marchers, Alice, Shirley, Jerry, and John Sopka doing the former, and Paul Barrans, Gerry, and Ken Karcher doing the latter.

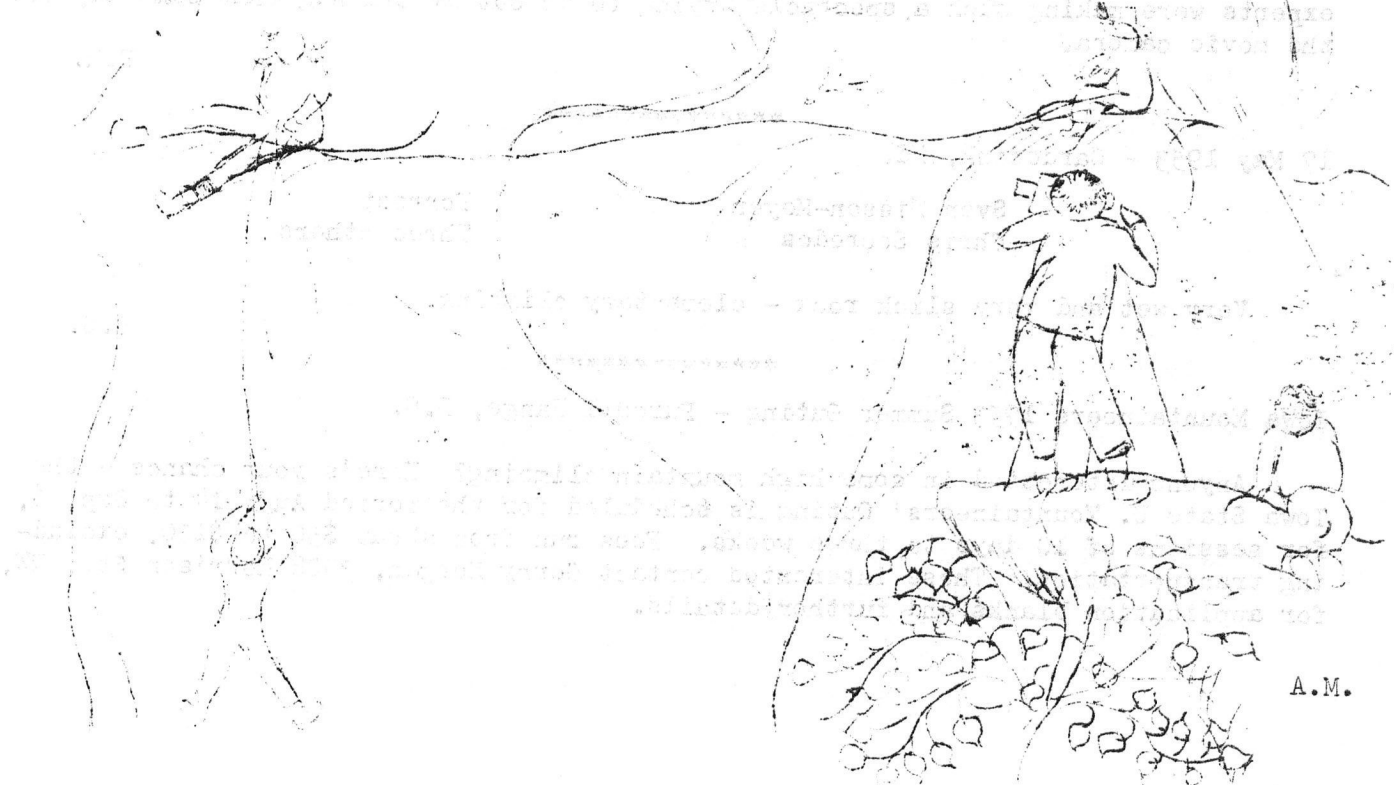
To return to the filming, with the second expansion belt finally in place, the actors again cautiously advanced up to the ledge, and Earl prepared for the crossover. Getting about two feet over from the ledge, Earl, amid shouts of "fall!, fall!" cautiously proceeded over to the next ledge and relative safety, then, after carefully working his way down as low as possible, toppled off. Seems that there was an unobtrusive ledge inconveniently placed a little lower than Earl thought might make him bounce a bit too realistically.

About this time, a chilly wind and ominous rumblings finally forced the company to retire to the leanto for the remainder of the day.

Sunday was more or less a repetition of the previous day's activities, with Earl, Jane and Tommy still on the ledge, and other people climbing elsewhere. The Beginner's Climb was done by Ted, Felix and John Sopka with an overhead rope. Peg and Bill Kemper headed a search party for a missing small fry. And Earl Reed fell off the Hollywood Climb crossover. Again, and again, and again. Jane wore the fuzz off the rope, and all three acquired a potent suntan. Fours passed, with buzzards circling hopefully overhead, and eventually, Eureka!, Earl did the crossover without falling, brought Jane and Tommy over, and all three went up the crack out of sight.

Scenaric note: Camera pans cliff line up to sky, which provides background for -

THE END



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This morning the telephone rang with disagreeable insistence. It was your harrassed Editor Gerry Morgan wanting to know why my copy for the May 10, 1953 activities had not been submitted. The events of the day went somewhat like this: On the lower section of Socrates' Downfall it was up! DOWN! up! DOWN! making very good belay practice. On the middle section of the Downfall, Reynolds reinacted Socrates taking the Hemlock (tree). For the CowHoof portion of the route Lane truly gave a most graceful and sprightly demonstration of how it should be done. After rappels and bowline-on-the-bite descents for those who wanted them, the crowd departed in installments for the Pot Holes where the personnel drove pitons, made climbs, did Bulgarie rescues, Prussic Knot ascents and descents until they ran out of steam. For the Bulgarie rescues Donna and Jim Willard worked the ropes with perfect coordination and had the rescued individuals out of the crevasses (up the rock face) literally "on the run". The Prussic Knot ascents and descents for those who tried them might be summarized as a lot of "fun and frustration". One person came down so fast it was alarming, while another came down so slow it was alarming. All told it was a very adept crew and did everything gracefully for fun that the experts were making such a spectacle trying to do out at Old Rag that same day for the movie camera.

D.H.

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17 May 1953 - Carderock, Md.

Sven Nissen-Meyer  
Chris Scoredos

Forrest  
Three others

Very wet and very slick rock - elementary climbing.

C.S.

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Iowa Mountaineers 1953 Summer Outing - Purcell Range, B.C.

Anyone interested in some high mountain climbing? Here's your chance - the Iowa State U. Mountaineers' Outing is scheduled for the period Aug. 14 to Sep. 6, for sessions of 10 days to three weeks. Fees run from about \$50 to \$150, excluding transportation. Those interested contact Gerry Morgan, 3908 Morrison St., NW, for application blanks and further details.

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