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Although by this time it is no longer news, we feel that the recent first ascent of Everest by two climbers of the British party headed by Col. John Hunt deserves mention. The world's highest mountain has been the target of a number of attempts for the past thirty years, and will no doubt be the target of many more, but this first successful ascent by Sherpa Tribesman Bhotia Tensing and Edmund Hillary of New Zealand on May 29th will probably go down in history as the climax of the era of primary ascents.

### STRAINS AND STRUGGLES

#### Bull Run Mountain, 17 May 1953

Jim Bullard  
Jean Burnstad  
Marion Harvey  
Shirley Jackson  
Peg Keister  
Ray Moore

Gerry Morgan  
Betty Muollo  
Earl Reed  
Johnnie Reed  
Frank Sauber  
Jane Showacre

Ray Van Aken  
Don Watson  
Arnold Wexler  
Bill Youden  
Gorden (Joe) Zellner

Today the mountain appeared to wear her best dress of Alpine Laurel as a gesture of farewell to Jean, who was to leave Wednesday for Norway, Canada, South America and points unknown. Marion, Betty, Arnold, and Ray Van Aken reached the top first and went to work on Charlie's Crack. Before long they were joined by Earl, Jim, Johnnie, and Ray Moore, but this just wasn't the day for Charlie's Crack. Meanwhile, Betty, Don, and Joe took turns climbing the crack in the wall opposite Zeus' Throne. Then Marion collected herself a team consisting of Betty, Arnold, and Ray Van Aken and took off on a jaunt around the Throne. The last sight we caught of this crew before lunch time was of the leader well on her way up a tree and climbing fast. Earl, Frank, and Joe made the Bull Run Overhang, and Gerry and Don will make it next time for sure. After lunch Johnnie, Peg, Shirley, and Don gave the Throne another going-over. The rest of us, more or less, moved down to a climb which Arnold insists is called the Unclimbed Climb. Earl, Marion, Arnold, and the two Rays gave ample reason for a name change here. Stirling's Little Quartz Slab was next stop. Many tried it but only Jane and Earl succeeded. At this point the weather brought the climbing to a sudden halt. Betty, Ray Moore, Gerry, and Bill took off down the mountain at a dead run. We hear they made it to the car without getting wet at all. The rest fared not quite so well. Dinner at Marion's wound up a most enjoyable day.

F.S.

Carderock, Md., 24 May 1953 - HARVEY HUMBLER HERBIE'S HORROR!

Walter Downes  
 Alice Hallinan  
 Terence Hallinan  
 Marion Harvey  
 Huntley Ingalls  
 Shirley Jackson  
 George Kamm  
 Ken Karcher  
 Pim Karcher  
 Peg Keister

Alice Marshall  
 Wade Marshall  
 Tommy Marshall  
 Johnny Moonahan  
 Gerry Morgan  
 Earl Reed  
 Jill Reed  
 Johnnie Reed  
 Frank Sauber  
 Chris Scoredos

Eric Scoredos  
 Johnny Scoredos  
 Jane Showacre  
 Bunky Smith  
 John Sopka  
 and Family  
 Bob Stevens  
 Arnold Wexler  
 Bill Youden  
 Gordon Zellner

The movie makers returned to Carderock for probably the last time, to fill in some training sequences with Oscar. Johnnie went out a little early to set up Oscar's rigging, so the filming went along fairly rapidly and was completed shortly after lunch. A number of relative newcomers got a chance to practice their dynamic belaying after the filming was finished.

There was some climbing activity in addition to the filming; there were two fairly spectacular feats - Marion Harvey did Herbie's Horror, and Bill Youden went up the Spiderwalk twice. Frank Sauber did Jan's Face, and two newcomers did well for themselves; Alice Hallinan did the Beginner's Crack, and Terry Hallinan did both the Barnacle Face and Ronnie's Leap.

After the completion of the filming, some of the group moved down to the vicinity of the ChrisWexDon. Out of numerous attempts, only Johnnie Reed did Leonard's Lunacy, and Earl Reed did the Key Climb.

Climbing was followed by dinner at Frank Sauber's place, for which Earl demonstrated a phenomenal talent for selecting superb steaks, and Arnold again proved his abilities as chef.

Seneca Rock, W. Va., 6-7 June 1953

Moore party: Marion Harvey, Ray Moore, Gerry Morgan, Tony Soler, Bill Youden.

Wexler party: Joan Asher, Paul Bradt, Hans Krause, Arnold Wexler.

Seneca Rock this weekend was host to a distinguished visitor from the A.M.C. of N.Y., Hans Krause, who came down on Arnold's invitation. By coincidence, another party of Washington climbers was at Seneca as the result of a white-water boating trip which aborted for lack of water.

On Saturday, both groups climbed on Seneca, with Hans Krause leading the Wexler group on a skyline traverse - up the SE corner to the ridge, then over the Old Man's route and the Cockscomb to the South Peak. From there, they went down to the Gunsight, climbed the Gendarme, and climbed up to the North Peak. The Moore Group, arriving late, did a series of easy pitches on the west face up to a part of the southern skyline, then came down the east face.

Sunday, Arnold's party, except Joan, went down to Nelson Rock, where they climbed the NE ridge, encountering a bit of loose rock in the process. The thinness of the ridge and its fragile character suggested a brittle razors edge. They rappelled down the northern end. The rest of the climbers meanwhile did a series of pitches on Seneca Rock, except for Bill and Gerry, who went down the North Fork in Ray's rubber boat as far as Champ Rock.

Carderock and Great Falls, Md. - 13-14 June 1953Pittsburgh Group:

Cliff Alexander  
George Keremes  
Sayre Rodman

Walt Williams  
Charles Wittling

Washingtonians: (Those who came out Sunday)

Helen Baker  
Bill Hooker  
Shirley Jackson  
Ken Karcher  
Pim Karcher  
Peg Keister

Bill Kemper  
Tom Langan  
Ray Moore  
Gerry Morgan  
Earl Mosburg  
Earl Reed

Johnnie Reed  
Frank Sauber  
Ted Schad  
Jane Showacre  
Tony Soler  
Arnold Wexler

The Mountaineering Committee was host to some Social Climbers from Pittsburgh this weekend. The Pittsburghers heard so much of the local Washington climbing that they had to see it for themselves.

Arriving Saturday morning, the climbers went out to Carderock where they spent most of their time belaying Oscar. Some climbing was done: the Beginner's Crack, Ronnic's Leap, Jan's Face, and the ChrisWexDon.

Saturday evening, a sizable group gathered at the Buck's for a showing of Arnold's color slides of the Monashees. Because of rain, the Pittsburghers sacked out there, also.

Sunday was overcast, but there was no rain, so the climbers went to Great Falls, Md. The climbing began as usual with the Red Overhang and the Sturgeon's Struggle. The former was done by Earl Reed, Ray, Earl Mosburg, and Tony, and the latter by Earl Reed, Walt, Sayre, Ray, Frank and Gerry, with Arnold and Tony doing a tricky variation of it.

Immediately upstream of the rock formation on which is Peg's Progress; there is a second rock mass with an impressive northern face which was the next scene of activity. The face was done by Peg (under protest, with considerable impetus from the rear supplied by Tony and Johnnie), Arnold, Bill Kemper, Tony, Jane, and Gerry, with Tom and Ray doing the adjacent inside corner. The western face of the same rock was done by Earl Reed, Arnold, Johnnie, and Frank Sauber.

The Little Handhold That Isn't There was the next recipient of activity, with only Ray and Tony managing to make it. Cliff, Johnnie, Shirley, and Sayre did a nearby traverse with Johnnie giving his belayers, Cliff and Shirley, a chance to demonstrate their ability with a dynamic belay, by falling off unexpectedly on purpose.

After lunch, everyone sat around cheering Earl Reed, Jane and Walt on an attempt on Peg's Progress - seems that Earl, who was leading, had in mind a near impossible variation. They eventually completed it the usual way. The Great Falls Bulge was then given a working over by practically everyone, but no one made it.

Some of the folks followed up the climbing with dinner at the Buck's, with Earl Reed selecting the steaks and Arnold as chef - they make a good team.

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