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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.

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