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Coming Events:

November 6. There will be a gathering of the clan come Friday evening, November 6 at 8:15 P.M. at Sterling Hendrick's place, 1118 Dale Drive, Silver Spring, Md. Feature event of the evening is to be an illustrated talk by "Old Dad" Wexler on the trip last summer to the Coast Range. Directions: Drive out Colesville Road from Silver Spring to Mrs. K's Toll House. Turn left on Dale Drive and proceed about one block.

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Explorations in Suicide Cave - 3-4 October 1953

Huntley Ingalls  
Ray Moore  
Gerry Morgan

Tony Soler  
Bill Youden

The purpose of this trip was to explore as far as possible a new section in this cave which had been discovered on Labor Day Weekend by a party in which the writer participated. The new section is reached by a low, muddy crawlway, about 50' long, at the end of the Grotto Passage. About 1,000' of new passages had been discovered, some with beautiful formations. Air currents and the skeleton of what seemed to be an opossum indicated that there might be another entrance.

Tony, Bill, and the writer were quickly lowered to the bottom of the big drop and were soon at the crawlway. Ray and Gerry agreed to meet us in 10 hours and left for the surface where they planned to spend the day looking around for another entrance to the cave.

The main passage soon pinched out beyond the limit of previous explorations, so we looked for leads through some of the pits in the floor. One of them led down to a lower passage which carried us to a stream passage. Here we saw sticks and leaves, and Bill found a bone from a large animal. Since this looked encouraging, we followed the passage upstream. More sticks and leaves, larger ones. Then a tin can. We were getting hot! More tin cans. We began to have visions of