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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Hermitage, Pa., Nov. 21, 22, 1953

Cliff Alexander  
Bob Berger  
Gert Christie  
Joel Gross  
Shirley Jackson  
Peg Keister

Gerry Morgan  
Mary Neilan  
Earl Reed  
Johnnie Reed  
Sayre Rodman

Frank Sauber  
Chuck Wettling  
Arnold MacWexler  
Jean Winné  
Ed Worrell

The Social Climbers combined forces with some Washingtonians, for a weekend at the Hermitages. Immediately on arrival late Friday evening, a brilliant full moon inspired Johnnie, Earl and Gerry into doing the Swiss Guide Climb a' la Scoredos (Johnnie leading). Peg and Frank followed on an added rope.

All was not mountains and madness, however -- Saturday dawned grey and drizzly, and climbing was abandoned in favor of other pursuits. One of these was a combined sightseeing tour and motorized geology expedition, the other was a long drawn out game of penny ante. Dinner Saturday was spaghetti- courtesy of Joel.

Sunday was soggy. The drizzle had stopped, but the air still seemed wet enough to drink. A few never-say-die climbers went out to see whether the easiest climbs were navigable, and unbelievably ended up by doing such things as the Hoverhang and Eeors Gloomy Climb. Jean was the first up the former, bypassing the overhang proper by a traverse to the left. The others making it, Ed and Chuck, went up and over the overhang. The Gloomy Climb bowed first to Johnnie, who made it look just barely possible, and, with successively greater ease, to Earl and Chuck, in spite of the conviction of all onlookers that the climb was clearly impossible, wet or otherwise.

In the meantime, Jean demonstrated the Swiss Guide Climb can be managed while wet, even by a five foot three-er (Peg was rather pointedly looking elsewhere).

The Washingtonians trip back home was interrupted by a stop near Frederick for dinner.

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Bull Run, Nov. 15, 1953

Don Feder  
Joel Gross  
Marion Harvey  
Huntley Ingalls  
Shirley Jackson  
Ken Karcher  
Pim Karcher  
Peg Keister

Bill Kemper  
Gerry Morgan  
Dave Nicholson  
Mike Nicholson  
Ike Nicholson  
Earl Reed  
Johnnie Reed  
Ann Remington

Jane Showacre  
The Sopka's  
Bob Spindler  
Bob Struble  
Lloyd Sutton  
Chuck Wettling  
Jim Willard

Main non-climbing feature of the day was the appearance of a new No Parking sign at our usual parking area near the old mill. Most of the climbers drove around to the west side of the ridge and bushwhacked up to the trail.

In spite of a fair sized turnout there were few successful climbs (that your reporter saw, anyhow). Main event of the day was a successful ascent up Charlie's Crack by Johnnie - and he didn't make it look easy - that is one rough climb! Numerous other folk got off the ground on it. Only other climbs made were the Overhang, by Johnnie, Ann, Bill, Mike, Chuck, and Jim, and the Chimney next to Charlie's Crack, by Earl. Heard also that several folks did Sterling's Little Quartz Slab Climb.

Carderock - November 22, 1953

A slick time was had by all on Nov. 22. As the Beadle-Buck-Marshall-Showacre party arrived at the Jungle Cliffs, following a compass course, Chris and the Nicholsons could be made out dimly, and scraping and slithering sounds attested to the presence of other optimists at work in the clouds. Pressing on to the Outlook Rocks, the BBMS party watched open-mouthed while Tommy, using a mixture of surface-tension-e'chelle and osmotic layback, surmounted Lembeck's Crossover. George, Alice and Jane then demonstrated that it was impossible, which the rest of the party, staying sensibly below, knew without trying. The fog had now lifted enough to see the tops of the Jungle Cliffs, so John went into the belaying business at the top of Ronnie's Leap (Judy Buck, David, Mike and Ike Nicholson, Huntley, and later George as successful customers), while a similar conveyer belt operated up the Beginners' Crack (Susie and Peter Buck, all the Nicholsons, and Linda, making her first climb).

Meanwhile the more adventuresome, even by taking turns, had managed to wipe off only the bottom few feet of Sterling's Twin Cracks and had selected the Layback Crack as easier prey (Jane, Chris, Alice, George, Tommy, and finally, John).

The Barnacle Face, now having dried off enough to be merely a B, was then negotiated by David, Peter, Judy, John and George, while Tommy somehow Spider-Walked and Alice Nubble-Faced. By mid-afternoon conditions had improved to what might be called poor, just in time for us to leave.

J.B.

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Great Falls, Maryland - November 29, 1953

Huntley Ingalls  
Bob Hinshaw  
Paul Knight

Don Feder  
John Christian  
Gunter Wystuf

John Meenahan  
Chris Scoredos  
Jim Willard

In order not to alarm the tourists, we did some early climbs near the Falls, before many of them had arrived.

The Tension Climb which on previous trips had been a real killer, was climbed by Huntley, Bob and Chris. On the beginners climb near the Tension, Bob and Huntley were successful. On this climb Chris successfully followed the flight of the Man on the Flying Trapeze. The rest of the group made climbs on the inside corner upstream from the Tension Climb. Other climbs were made on the face and corner below the wire fence. As the tourists gathered the group headed downstream.

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Carderock, 6 Dec. 1953

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This day was just about what one might expect of December - raw and threatening rain. However, during the morning we made hay though the sun didn't shine. Shirley, Joel and Peg took our three beginners - Ellen, Douglas and Louis - in hand for instruction in knots, climbing technique and rappelling, and kept them from freezing to death by browbeating them into climbing the Beginner's Crack, Ronnie's Leap and the Barnacle Face.

Meanwhile, Chuck defied the weather and climbed the Spider Walk, Mike and Huntley did the Butterfly, and Bob is reported to have done the Key Climb four times.

The rain arrived along with lunch and the Remingtons. There followed a stampede into the Buckets of Blood Chimney. The hearty souls later ventured out for Prussik Knot and Bilgirie rescue practice.

When shivers became universal, we adjourned for coffee, then went on to Joel's for a folk song record concert and a delectable supper.

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