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COMING EVENTS

At their last meeting, an appeal to the rock climbers was made by Bill Stephenson of the Washington Grotto of the NSS. Bill would like to have a few rock climbers along on the expedition to Floyd Collins Cave (Ky.) towards the end of February. The word "expedition" is used advisedly - the cave is an immense thing, having an estimated 40 miles of passages, and is reached by a very long crawlway. The expedition is expected to spend a week in the cave (individuals not more than three days, however) and will have an elaborate communications setup. There will probably be considerable publicity attached to the trip.

There is no need for climbing in the known part of the cave, but there may be some in the unexplored sections.

Any climbers interested should contact Bill (OL 2-6560) or Burton Faust (WO 6-8785) not later than January 17.

The last get-together of the rock climbers (at John Christian's apartment just before Christmas) came off on schedule, but practically no one showed up. Accordingly, the Kodachromes of his European trip, including some of the Tyrolean Alps, will be shown again at the next meeting. The meeting will be at Ray Moore's place on January 28th (Thursday) at 8:15. The address is 301 W. Myrtle St., Alexandria. To get there from Washington, take the 14th St. Bridge and follow U.S. 1 till you hit a railroad overpass. Turn right (onto Monroe St.) and follow this to its end. Turn left onto Russell Rd. and go six blocks. Take W. Myrtle to your right. Ray's is about 2/3 block down on the right.

The annual election of Mountaineering Committee officers will also be held at this meeting, so if you are entitled to vote, be sure to show up. The voting qualifications are given on the next page.

In view of the coming elections the end of this month, we give below the voting qualifications of the PATC Mountaineering Committee:

"In order to vote at business meetings of the Mountaineering Committee, PATC ..., each member must meet both the following requirements:

1. Each person who desires to cast a ballot must (a) Be a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club; OR (b) Must have been a member of the Mountaineering Committee (formerly and colloquially known as the Washington Rock Climbers) who met the climbing requirements for voting prior to June 1, 1950.

2. In addition, each person who desires to cast a ballot must have participated, during the preceding twelve months, in the climbing activities of the Mountaineering Committee, as outlined in Paragraph a below, or, alternatively and electively, in Paragraphs b, c, d, e, or f, and must be a dues-paying member in good standing:

- a) Completion of two Class A, or one Class A and two Class B climbs.
OR
b) Participation on ten trips and completion of ten climbs of a classified nature. Only three of these trips must be official Committee trips; the remaining seven need merely be reported to the Editor of UP ROPE.
OR
c) The ascent of a glacier-hung peak, requiring mountaineering techniques, and participation in three official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of three classified climbs.
OR
d) The ascent of a rock peak, requiring mountaineering techniques, which extends more than 2,000 feet above timberline, and participation on three official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of three classified climbs.
OR
e) Participation in an expedition which requires back-packing into remote country for the purpose of mountaineering, and participation in three official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of three classified climbs.
OR
f) Exploration of a cave requiring mountaineering techniques, and participation in five official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of five classified climbs."

QUALIFYING CLIMBS of the PATC Mountaineering Committee
(as of January 24, 1952)

"A" Climbs

Bull Run Overhang
Sterling's Corner, Bull Run
Charlie's Crack, Bull Run
Butterfinger Climb, Sugarloaf

Fingertip Balance Climb, Herzog
Face Traverse and Jan's Semi-
Chimney, Herzog, as a lead
Arthur's Traverse, Carderock

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| Little Handhold That Isn't There Cleft Island | Sterling's Crack, Carderock |
| Donald's Ducks Traverse, Echo Cliffs, as a lead | Spider Walk, Carderock |
| Socrates' Downfall, Echo Cliffs from the bottom | Leonard's Lunacy, Carderock |
| Bird's Nest Climb, Potomac Gorge, Virginia, as a lead | Herbie's Horror, Carderock |
| Coffin (Ph D), Cupid's Bower | Angels' Roost Climb, School- house Cave |
| | South Peak, Seneca Rock, by crack from Gunsight Notch |
| | East Face, Camp Lewis |
| | Chairman's Chimney, Herzog |

"B" Climbs

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| Little Quartz Slab, Bull Run Traverse SE Corner and ascent S face of Peak Gambs, Bull Run | Two Inches More, Bull Run |
| Beginner's Climb, Old Rag | Chimney Climb, Stony Man |
| Socrates' Downfall, from top | Charlie's Lead, Md. Hgts. |
| Climb to the Woods, Echo Cliffs | Harper's Ferry |
| Bird's Nest Climb, not as a lead | Cockscomb Overhang, Seneca Rock |
| Chris' Crack and Stocking Climb, Great Falls, Va. | Big Toe Traverse, Echo Cliffs |
| Dancing Climb, Boucher Rock | Vertical Crack facing Juliet's Balcony Potomac Gorge, Va. |
| Face Traverse and Jan's Semi- Chimney, Herzog, not as a lead | Inside Corner, Flatiron Rock Great Falls, Va. |
| Elsie's Edgeface, Carderock | Jan's Face, Carderock, from bottom center |
| Friction Layback, Carderock | Wexler's Worst and Stretch, Carderock |
| ChrisWexDon Traverse, Carderock as lead | Arnold's Arduous Ascent, Carderock |
| | Either of Sterling's Twin Cracks Carderock |

"C" Climbs

(Except when classified higher, climbs which are "A's" or "B's" for the leader are "C's" for others on the rope.)

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| Ronnie's Leap, Carderock | Three Chimneys, Carderock |
| Golden Stairs, Carderock | Face on Cleft Island 25 ft. upstream from Little Hand- hold That Isn't There |
| Face to right of Butterfinger and around corner from cave, Sugarloaf | Zeus' Throne, Bull Run |
| Long Chimney (Squeeze Box), Bull Run | Vertical Crack facing south toward Zeus' Throne on Overhang massif |
| Sam's Pinnacle, Loudon Cliffs | The easy lead around corner from Overhang, Shaffer Rocks, Pa. |
| Chockstone Climb, Loudon Cliffs | Any ascent to South Peak of Seneca not otherwise described |
| Nubble face opposite Betty's Face, Chimney Rock, Thurmont | Face Climb at Flatiron Rock, Great Falls, Va. |
| Ascent of Champ Rock Ridge except by trail at back | |

Had a request from John Christian, also. To quote:

"Would you please insert a couple of lines in the next UP ROPE requesting anyone that is interested in getting together next month for practice in ice and snow technic to give me a call. Plans would be to take an extended week-end or more and go up north around Mt. Washington or some place that has snow and ice and, of course, if a group of us got together we would be looking for an instructor."

Heard by the Ed.:

The seasonal disappearance of the ski enthusiasts has begun. We hear that Tony Soler, Arnold Wexler (a relatively new convert) and a non-climber, Charlie Gordon spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays up at Mont Tremblant in the Laurentians. Ray and Susy Moore, Lorraine Snyder and yours truly just missed them on a trek to the same place over New Year's. Marvelous skiing, but badly crowded. Lack of adequate snow anywhere in New England caused a record crowd in Canada.

Ann, Gale and Bruce Remington went out to Davis for skiing over New Year's. 'Twas Gale and Bruce's first taste of skiing. Hear they're enthusiastic converts now.

We also hear that a group of non-skiers headed by Johnnie Reed spent New Year's at Pocosin Shelter. Hope to have a trip report forthcoming on this for you.

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