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ANNUAL MEETING

Ted Schad New Chairman.

At the annual meeting held at the Moores' on January 28, the former corrupt administration was replaced by a reform ticket headed by Ted Schad. Johnnie Reed, former political boss of the organization, was sentenced to serve an indefinite term as editor of Up Rope as just retribution for his past sins. Retribution for his forthcoming literary sins will probably be decided upon in the very near future. Our congratulations to Ted!

Before being led away kicking and screaming, the former chairman took an opportunity to thank Paul Bradt and Arnold Wexler for their sound advice during his administration (advice they gave freely when asked and never when not asked), Jane Showacre for her good work in arranging evening meetings (a thankless task that she has agreed to continue), and Gerry Morgan, the retiring editor of Up Rope, who has done such an outstanding job for over a year and who rightly feels that he has done his fair share and then some.

One of Ted's first moves on assuming the chairmanship was to issue a schedule for the next few weeks (see below). If we may be excused an editorial comment --- this schedule sure looks good to us. It's nice to see something a little different for a change.

The meeting ended with a showing of John Christian's collection of slides from his recent European trip. Our compliments to John on one of the finest groups of slides we've seen in a long time. Many thanks also to Ray and Susie for their hospitality --- it is hoped that the Moore household will return to normal sometime within the next few weeks.

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS

Feb. 14. - Belay practice with Oscar at Carderock under the direction of Johnnie Reed.

Feb. 20-22. - Advanced trip to Schoolhouse Cave. Leader: Paul Bradt. Camping will be in the entrance room of the cave or at Armentrout's. Exploration of the cave will be by roped parties, which should be made up in Washington before leaving for the cave (editor's note: we assume ropes will be unnecessary on the drive down). No fixed ropes will be left, so it will be essential that each team have a leader competent to lead the climb out of the cave.

For those who are not going beyond the Jumping Off Place (or not setting foot inside the cave at all) there will be climbing at Seneca Rocks (if the weather is good) or an easier cave trip, possibly to Mystic Cave (if the weather is bad), under the leadership of Johnnie Reed.

Feb. 28. - Climbing along the River below Great Falls, Maryland side.

March 6-7. Cave trip to Breathing Cave, Bath County, Virginia. Camping at the N.S.S. cabin, Williamsville, Va. Fee: 50¢ per person per night. Further details in the next issue of Up Rope.

UPS AND DOWNS

January 10, 1954. Carderock, Md.

Moirá Armstrong	Jerry Jankowitz	Chris Scoredós
John Christian	Peg Keister	Doc Welsh
Joel Gross	Bill Kemper	Chuck Wettling
	Johnnie Reed	Arnold Wexler

The Hot Shoppers looked askance at the cold drizzle and gave a longing thought or two to their warm beds, fireplaces and good books, but the chairman shook out his long black whip and made up our minds to go out long enough to get wet and make the trip official. Moira, our latest British visitor, was asked several times whether she had brought back Stan Thomas' little cloud from Ben Nevis, but she disclaimed all responsibility.

While some of us huddled in the Buckets of Blood Chimney, others worked out on the only possible climbs for such a day, such as the Beginner's Crack and Ronnie's Leap. Most ambitious climb of the day was John Christian's slither across Wexler's Worst and the Stretch, John having thus kindly provided us with a sense of accomplishment, we felt free to leave, especially as the chairman was satisfied that we were all well saturated.

While John C. and Chris continued their aqua climbing upstream, the rest of us headed for Casa Wexler for lunch, a record of Jan's songs, and Bill's movies of this summer's Teton trip.

-P.K.-

UPS AND DOWNS (cont.)January 18, 1954 - Carderock, Md.

Helen Baker	Huntley Ingalls	Chris Scoredos
Mrs. Baker	Peg Keister	Eric Scoredos
Eileen Bertrand	John Meenehan	Johnnie Scoredos
John Christian	Johnnie Reed	Ed Worrell
Ellen Davis	Ted Schad	

Donald Hubbard was at the Hot Shoppe bright and early to see how many hardy souls would turn out on a cold morning. No amount of persuasion could get Doc Hubbard any further after checking on us. Perhaps next time. Went to the usual place --- Carderock. Despite the cold a good amount of climbing was done. Ellen, Ted, and John M. went up the Beginner's Crack. Peg, Ted and Johnnie R. climbed Ronnie's Leap. Johnnie, being in good form, also took care of Jan's Face and the Swayback Layback. Huntley led John C. and Ed on a morning trip over the ChrisWexDon. Huntley also did Sterling's Crack, while John C. tried a bizarre lead on the Buckets of Blood-Wexler's Worst. Chris took a pause from ice skating on the canal to go up the Spiderwalk a new way. Eric, in red rubber boots, started up the Beginner's Crack. Boots were a bit clumsy, so off came the boots. Then mocasins on little feet have a tendency to slip, so off they came. "Climb fast and your feet won't get cold," said someone's father. But his feet got cold.

-J.C.-

January 31, 1954. Carderock, Md.

Mike Nicholson	Jack Barclay	Johnnie Scoredos
Ike Nicholson	John Meenehan	Ted Schad
Dave Nicholson	Robert Struble	Bob Hinshaw
Jimmy Shipley	Chris Scoredos	Huntley Ingalls
Craig Magnuson	Eric Scoredos	

Leaving Arnold Wexler and Bill Welsh as straggling remnants of the Hot Shoppe Coffee Klatsch, the balance of our little group left the warmth of this shelter for the cold raw air of Carderock. While John built a roaring fire at the base of the Beginner's Crack, others began to warm the rocks of this and adjacent climbs by more conventional means. Before the morning was over practically the entire group had warmed up on the easier climbs, lessons in rappelling were given the newcomers, and a few attempts were made on the Swayback Layback, Spiderwalk and others. Bob Hinshaw, appearing suddenly for a few minutes, took off his shoes and socks, and climbed the Spiderwalk in his bare feet. After this display, all of us repaired to the warmth of the fire for lunch. After lunch, climbs were made of the Golden Stairs, and Chris took a few to the Jackknife. Most of us left early to view the movies of the K-2 expedition on television.

-T.S.-

Mountaineering Committee Activities - 1953

Each year I like to go over the old issues of Up Rope and compile a statistical summary covering the activities of the group during the year. The following figures cover the period from 1 Jan. 1953 to 1 Jan. 1954. Only information actually reported in Up Rope is included. Undoubtedly many trips were never reported to the editor this year; for example, only one trip was reported during the month of July and only one in December.

Total attendance for the year (names listed in trip reports x number of days):

	1953	1952	
1. Sunday trips -	702	828	
2. Weekend trips -	327	278	
	1029	1106	"climber days"

Climbing areas visited during the year:

	1953	1952
Carderock	23	14
Great Falls, Md.	4	4
Echo Cliffs	3	2
Great Falls, Va.	2	7
Herzog Island	2	2
Fall Run	2	3
Sugarloaf	2	3
	38	35

Weekends:

Hermitage	2	3
Seneca	2	4
Old Rag	2	3
Schoolhouse	1	2
Little Stony Man	1	3
Range View	1	
Sleeping Giant	1	
(New Haven, Ct.)	10	15

72 ascents of A climbs were recorded for 1953:

	1953	1952		1953	1952
Spiderwalk	22	14	Crossover	3	7
Bull Run Overhang	9	10	Chairman's Chim.	3	3
Sterling's Crack	9	12	Socrates' Downfall	2	1
Butterfinger	8	4	Charlie's Crack	1	1
Herbie's Horror	5	2	S. Peak Seneca via		
Fingertip Balance	4		Gunsight Notch	1	3
Leonard's Lunacy	3	2	Donald's Ducks	1	3
			Beginner's Climb	1	

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