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COMING EVENTS

March 28 - Virginia side of Great Falls.

April 4 - Little Devil's Stairs. For location see PATC Map # 9.

April 11 - Garderock. Belay practice with Oscar.

SCHOOLHOUSE DAVE LADDER DOWN

Fourteen years ago Leo Scott and Dr. H.F. Stimson made a wire ladder of cypress steps on copper-bearing galvanized steel stringers. With the help of other climbers this was hung from the Judgment Seat in Schoolhouse Cave. Since that time it has been climbed hundreds of times by visitors to the back parts of the cave. The makers of this ladder had no anticipation of such use, and it was never thought of as a permanent fixture. Apprehensive of possible crystallization of the steel, Paul Bradt dropped the ladder to the mud slope below the Judgment Seat during his visit Feb. 21. Those planning future trips should figure on using the Angel's Roost Route.

-P.B.-

GORDON STRONG

In our many climbing trips to Sugarloaf Mountain we have occasionally gotten a glimpse of our tall, erect, white-haired host. He loved the mountain and allowed us to share that love because, as he once put it when we stopped to thank him, he felt that he would be something of a "poland china hog" if he kept it to himself. His recent death reminds us of our debt to him for the use of his fine cliffs and views. In his generosity he further established a foundation, "Stronghold, Inc.", to see that this debt shall continue to grow. Thus, to the spiritual uplift afforded by the mountain is added that of a man who loved also his fellow men. For this, Gordon Strong, we thank you.

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