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## COMING EVENTS

- April 11 - Carderock - Belay practice with Oscar.
- April 18 - Bull Run Mountain, Va.
- April 25 - Virginia side of Great Falls, opposite the Fish Ladder.
- May 2 - Echo Cliffs.
- May 8-9 - Old Rag (details to be furnished later).

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## NO DALLY ALLEY by John Christian

During the February 19-22 trip to Seneca Rocks a party consisting of Ed Worrell, Bill Hemphill and John Christian "discovered" a new chimney climbing area. "Discovery" seems to be appropriate, as only one Army piton was found inside and then only 5 ft. above the floor. The chimney is formed by the divorce of a large flake from the west side of the North Peak. The bottom of the chimney can be reached by traversing easy ledges from the Gunsight. At the south end the chimney is a maximum of 100 ft. or more in height. The width varies from 4 to 6 ft. over the 300 ft. depth or length. In the north half there is a large accumulation of chock stones near the floor. Traversing over these chock stones it was noted that the floor dropped sharply away to 20 or 30 feet below.

As time was short, a quick route up was desired. A ledge was discovered on the west wall, beginning at the chock stones, and sloping upward to the south. It ended in a widening of the ledge about 10 ft. below the top. John led up to this place and drove a piton. A vertical crack extended up to the top of the west flake. John continued the lead up this crack and then belayed Bill and Chuck\* up. The top of the west flake was graced by one well-bleached pine trunk. A walk along the narrow top to the north brought the party to a large chock stone suspended at the top of the chimney. From here the group descended by a series of ledges and "chimneying" to the north opening of the chimney.

The group named the chimney the "No Dally Alley" and the lead climb the "One Stop" route. Also, the west flake was named the "Weiss Wand" for the whiteness of its west wall.

\* Neatest trick of the week.