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The storm of subscriber complaints over last spring's issues having abated somewhat, your editor has considered it safe to venture south from the Alaskan snows to resume publication. But evidently our subscribers, too, have been busy. We don't know whether they were (1) looking for the editor in order to subject him to physical violence, (2) trying to escape writing reports of Sunday climbs, or (3) gathering material to fill Up Rope's future pages, but we've heard rumors of ---

Frank Sauber, John Christian, Joel Gross and Chuck Wettling in the Tetons and on Devil's Tower;

Ed Worrell with a Pittsburgh group and Joan and Phil Cardon, on their own, also in the Tetons;

Andy Kauffman in the Coast Range with the Stanford Alpine Club;

Betty Kauffman in the Solkirks;

Sterling Hondricks, Jane Showacre, Don Hubbard (retired), Peto Peterson, Pim and Ken Karcher in the Lyell Range of Alberta;

Arnold Woxler in the Bugaboos;

Joannette Fitzwilliams, Peg Koister and Win Lembeck on the Sierra Club High Trip in Sequoia National Park;

Bill Hooker in the Tetons;

Gerry Morgan, Tony Soler and Ray Moore aqualunging in the Bahamas (Gerry, we assume, still soaking his head after his editorial stint. We know just how he feels).

Helen Baker in Yellowstone, Glacier, Canada and the Conns' Needles;

Bob Stephenson in Colorado and Wyoming.

We have filed these bits of useful information in a small metal box which we will soon consult in search of "volunteers" who wish to become well known authors.

History - ancient and modernJune 6 - Ted's Tortuous Trek

Pim Karcher	Dolores Alley	Dutch Watkins	Alvin Peterson
Ken Karcher	Somerset Roby	Caroline ?	Jack Wilson
John Moenchan	Bill Welsh	Huntley Ingalls	Jane Showacre
			Ted Schad

On a cool clear day early in summer the trip along the Potomac from Great Falls to Chain Bridge on the Virginia side proved to be not so arduous as had been anticipated from a previous attempt on a hot humid day last July.

Fishermen's trails were followed most of the way, with a minimum of climbing over rock outcrops and very little bushwhacking. The trip would have been more enjoyable in the winter, when the absence of foliage would permit better views of the river. T.S.

July 4th weekend----we understand that there was a Seneca trip, but haven't received any account from John Christian, the trip leader.

July 18 - Loudoun Cliffs, Harpers Ferry

Arnold Wexler	Tommy Marshall	Duncan Burchard	Huntley Ingalls
Thos Welsh	John Moenchan	Bill Hooker	Ted Schad

Helen Baker stopped by for breakfast to tell us goodbye before her vacation trip to the west. Upon her return from vacation, she plans to go to Holland on a Fulbright Fellowship where she will practice pediatrics for a year.

Prospects of swimming at the Halltown Quarry attracted the rest of us to Loudoun Cliffs, where we spent the morning climbing. Duncan led Huntley and Bill on the Old Man's Folly. The other groups ascended various pinnacles by easier routes. In the afternoon we joined the rest of the Moenchan family and their neighbors at the big quarry near Halltown, where we also met Gerry Morgan, Ray Moore and his family, and Tony Solor, who were experimenting with their aqualungs. T.S.

July 25, - Carderock

Chris Scoredos	Don Levy	Tommy Marshall	Blondie Neuhaus
Eric Scoredos	Duncan Burchard	Alice Marshall	Tom Ford
Johnny Scoredos	Huntley Ingalls	Bill Hooker	Norman Ford
Wanda Juniper	Bill Welsh	Peg Koister	Ted Schad

While several spent a lot of time instructing beginners, the more ambitious climbers had an active day. Duncan led Huntley and Bill up Sterling's Twin Cracks, the two Fords climbed Jan's Face, and Tommy made Lembeck's Crossover.

In the afternoon practically everyone climbed Jan's Chimney. Duncan and Tommy made what are reported to be the third and fourth ascents of the Upside-Down climb, near the Jackknife. To finish off the day, Bill, Duncan, Huntley, Blondie, Tommy, and Alice made the Jackknife, and a lesson in belaying was administered to the chairman on the same climb. T.S.

August 1 - Echo Cliffs

Huntley Ingalls	Betty Johnston	Wade Marshall	Jerry Smith
John Moonahan	Shirley Jackson	Torrey Marshall	Peg Koister
Blondie Neuhaus	Wanda Juniper	Johnny Johnson	Tod Schad
Bill Hooker	Duncan Burchard	Jimmy Whitney	

Went in from the highway bridge over Difficult Run, and after some experimentation found a good trail (Och, Tod, how you prevaricate!) direct to the cliffs. After yesterday's 103° heat, everyone was too exhausted for much climbing. The morning was spent instructing beginners and practicing on easy in the vicinity of the Four Year Old Climb, the Sloping Shelf, etc.

Not long after lunch almost everyone headed for the water, except Duncan and Huntley who worked out on the Waterline Traverse. Near the end of the traverse, Huntley also headed for the water, but made a miraculous one-handed recovery, to the great disappointment of the gallery which was moored nearby on air mattresses in the river.

August 8. - Virginia side of Great Falls 1/

Climbing and swimming near the Flatirons and Juliet's Balcony. We trust that as soon as Blondie Neuhaus has finished reading and rereading the list she will send it to us, along with a write-up.

August 15 - Carderock

Buddy Jones	Huntley Ingalls	John Christian
John Moonahan	Chris Scoredos	Tod Schad

In a downpour of rain the climbers waded through the mud of the towpath to Carderock, where we quickly put Buddy, a newcomer to the group, through his paces on the Beginner's Crack. He did so well that we moved him over to Ronnie's Leap, which he also ascended with ease. The rest of us also climbed the latter, and found it quite difficult with rain pouring down over all the holds. Huntley made an unsuccessful attempt or two on the Swayback Layback. (These were the only climbs on which we could belay from the shelter of the chimney.) There was no sign of a let-up in the rain, so we all gave up at about noon and started for home. Shortly thereafter it cleared up.

The rest of the crowd that showed up at the Hot Shoppe in the morning holed up with Frank Sauber at his apartment to wait out the rain. Some of them later went for a vigorous hike in Rock Creek Park.

August 21-22 - Rock Climbers' Beach Party

John Christian	Ed Werroll	John Moonahan	Pim Karcher
Moira Armstrong	Rox Schridt and family	Abbie Moonahan	Jane Schowacre
			Tod Schad

On Saturday the weather was raw and windy, but the water seemed warm by comparison. With our stoves set up in the lee of the Moonahans' cabana, the comfort of the old south made us forget the roaring wind.

By morning the wind had blown away all the clouds and we enjoyed a clear bright day on the beach, with high breakers.

As far as is known, no climbing was done from the Hot Shoppe on this Sunday, the first time in years.

1/ Our apologies to Blondie. Her write-up, which appears on the next page, was recieved the day after this stencil was cut. Sorry!

August 8, 1954 - Great Falls, Virginia

Moira Armstrong	Josephine Hamilton	Alice Marshall	Jim Shipley
Church Browning	Bill Hooker	Tommy Marshall	Chris Scoredos
John Christian	Shirley Jackson	John Moenehan	Eric Scoredos
Margaret Ethier	Wanda Juniper	Blondie Neuhaus	John Scoredos
Jeanette Fitzwilliams	Peg Keister	Brad Rohm	Chuck Wottling
Stan Green	Bob Kerr	Ted Schad	Ed Worrell

Breakfast only---Don Hubbard

The early bird Hot Shoppers were peacefully drinking their coffee this morning when in walked Don Hubbard with---you guessed it---mushrooms. Trimming the stems, he deposited the debris in an ash tray---oddest looking butts you've ever seen (editor---I don't know, we've seen some pretty odd ones!)---and presented the fungi to the waitress with full instructions concerning their cooking. It is to be noted that those of us who did not have mushrooms for breakfast all spent the day on the rocks.

The day being a very hot and very lazy one, more time was spent, it seems, either asleep or in the river, than on the rocks, but even so, a bit of climbing was accomplished. First stop - the Flatiron. Bill led Blondie on the normal traverse, while Tommy, backed by Ted and John Moenehan, tried and conquered a newer more difficult traverse below. The Straddle Chimney provided a rappel and a little more exercise for Ed, John M., John C., Ted, Jimmy, the two Chucks, Stan, Bill, Alice and Blondie. Intermission -- lunch and a walk downstream to stop 2 - Romeo and Juliet (while John C. sneaked off to climb the Bird's Nest). All those thus far taking their ease came to life on Juliet's Balcony, as Peg, Tommy, Blondie and Jim led teams across. A practice center was established near the start of the Juliet's Balcony traverse to provide the newer climbers with an initial experience in belaying, during breaks in activity on the traverse. And all the while, the gentlemen on Romeo's Ladder (Chuck W., Ed, Tommy, Jim, John C., and Chris) demonstrated their predominantly feminine audience just how this sort of thing is done.

A dip in the river and supper at Frank Sauber's -- and we retired for the day.

August 29, 1954 - Carderock, Md.

Moira Armstrong	Lee Lowinger	Kay Schad	Bob Spindler
Norman Ford	Alice Marshall	Ruth Schmidt	Bob Stephens
Tom Ford	Paul Mirongoff	Chris Scoredos	Chuck Wottling
Jool Gross	Blondie Neuhaus	Eric Scoredos	Arnold Wexler
Rosemary Hines	Earl Reed	Johnny Scoredos	John Williams
Huntley Ingalls	Johnnie Reed	Joanne Schreiber	Eddie Willman
Shirley Jackson	Frank Sauber	Keith Schreiber	Ed Worrell
Peg Keister	Ted Schad	Jimmy Shipley	

A number of relative novices provided an opportunity for the grand tour of Carderock from the Beginner's Crack to Leonard's Lunacy, and on into the river. (Editor and typist apologize to Blondie for leaving out the names which she conscientiously listed for each climb. There just wasn't room.) Among the miscellaneous individuals in the river, one J. Reed suddenly appeared, accompanied by Peg, fully clothed, in mid stream, asking for directions to an area known as Carderock. They were ultimately directed to a tavern on MacArthur Blvd., where they seemed to recover from their ordeal of exposure. The grand tour ended at the Bucks' house, where flying saucers on the lawn and a folkdance floorshow in the living room livened the dinner hour.

M.L.N.



ROCKCLIMBERS' MEETINGS

Thursday, September 23, 8 P.M. - Andy Kauffman - Coast Range of British Columbia, 1954, including ascents of Tiedemann and Serra IV.

at the Marshalls' - 4209 Everett Street - Kensington, Md.  
Phone: OLYmpic 9-9066

Directions: Out Connecticut Ave.. At 3.7 m. beyond Chevy Chase Circle, turn left on Everett St. Go  $1\frac{1}{2}$  blocks to 4209 on right.

OR Out Wisconsin Ave. past Naval Medical. At traffic light, turn right onto Cedar Lane. Go 1.3 m. to Everett St., turn right. 4209 is on left in first block.

Thursday, October 25. Johnnie Reed, Alaska. At Joan and Phil Cardon's.

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Herafter an effort will be made to schedule meetings regularly on the third Thursday of each month. Complete schedule later. (We are in dire need of meeting places -- calling all volunteers.)

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The new edition of Hiking, Camping, Mountaineering and Trail Clearing Equipment is just off the press and is available at PATC headquarters for 50¢. There is much useful information on up-to-date equipment sources and prices in this little volume.

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The supply of carabiners at headquarters is temporarily exhausted, although there are still some pitons and expansion bolts available.

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While looking for something to fill in the rest of the stencil we picked up a copy of a little booklet entitled Introduction to Caving by John Thraillkill (published by Gerry Mountaineering Equipment Co.). We had fully intended to give it typical UP Rope review but on leafing through it found that it is really a well written, informative little booklet. In 28 small pages it includes short chapters on locating caves, procedure and safety, equipment, geology of caves, conservation, a glossary, and a note on the N.S.S. There is a copy in the PATC library if anyone is interested in looking it over.

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