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### COMING EVENTS

25 December - Stay home and play with the kids.

31 December to 2 January - Hermitage Cabin, Pa. Leader - Johnnie Reed. Everyone that is going must make reservations with him. Phone Johnnie at WC 6-4268 in the evenings. DIRECTIONS: From Penna. Hwy. 16 (0. mile) at a point 3.7 mi. W of Monterey and 2.8 mi. E of Waynesboro, drive N on hard-surfaced Antietam Road. At 1.9 mi. cross Mentzler Gap Road. At 5.5 mi. turn left uphill on Swift Run Road. At 6.4 mi. at left turn in road (Monument Rock turnout) park car. Follow blue-blazed trail on right at turn .22 mi. to cabin.

8 January - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar".

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### THE WIND RIVERS PLUS \* 1955 By Blondie Worrell

Thea Welsh, Jean MacDowell of New York, and Ed and Blondie Worrell left the East on Friday evening, July 15th. Two full days and a few hours later we were at Elkheart Park, a few miles east of Pinedale, Wyoming, where we met our other two members, Damon Phinney and Tony Prasess of Lima, Ohio.

Monday morning we backtracked a few miles and unloaded the Beast, the Worrell's combination Pullman and baggage car, at Faler's Hunting and Fishing Camp. Back at Elkheart Park we abandoned Damon's Chevy and the Beast, took up our packs (with gear for the next two days) and slowly began the plodding trip to Island lake, 12 miles farther into the Winder River range.

Half of the trail was level at about 10,000 feet, but this was, unfortunately, only the first half. The ridges and valleys encountered thereafter were scenic, each ridge giving us closer glimpse of our steep and spectacular destination. The feet and muscles of some of us who hadn't been sufficiently conditioned protested all the way. The next day we went up into Titcomb Valley and established a base camp. Around us were a ring of 3000 foot walls, deep notches and broken boulder slopes we'd come to climb. Mrs. Faler arrived with her pack horses and our gear in the late afternoon, and not too much later we were sleeping in our tents.