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COMING EVENTS

- 5 February - Carderock, Maryland. Belay practice with "Oscar".
- 12 February - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.
- 19 February - Great Falls, Va. (opposite Fish Ladder)
- 26 February - Great Falls, Md.
- 28 February - MEETING at Joan and Phil Cardons, 1730 Crestwood Dr., N.W.,
at 8 PM (RA-6-8530). PROGRAM: Mary Neilan's around the
world trip. DIRECTIONS: Drive out 16th St., turn left on
Shepard St. (first street to left beyond Woodner Hotel),
turn left on Crestwood (first street to left).

OTHER EVENTS

Gus Gambs will be 88 years old on February 3. Our best wishes to you, Gus.

Robert Lewis was born to Donna and Jim Willard at the George Washington Univ. Hospital on the morning of January 19. He weighed a little over six pounds. May he have the climber's grip and the skier's rhythm.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at Pete Peterson's home in Chevy Chase. Jane Showacre was unanimously reelected as Chairman of the Mountaineering Committee and Chuck Wettling was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman. Pim Karcher was requested to continue as Secretary. Blondie Worrell was appointed Program Chairman.

Robb and Erich Heinemann were appointed Business Managers of UP ROPE. After the "elections" John Christian showed slides of the trip the Karchers and he took in the Canadian Rockies this past summer. Our many thanks to Pete and his sister for their hospitality and the wonderful buffet.

UPS AND DOWNSNovember 27, 1955 - Cupid's Bower, Md.

Cornelia Abrams	Betty Johnson	Warner Peticolas	Jane Showacre
Bob Adams	Marty Kayhoe	Al Petrini	Charlene Smith
John Brehm	Andy Kauffman	Louis Post	Rowland Tabor
John Christian	Betty Kauffman	Mark Post	Bill Welsh
Ruth Devlin	Todd Miles	Earl Reed	Arnold Wexler
Jim Hawkins	Bob Mole	Joe Ryan	Eddie Willmann
Erich Heinemann	Ray Moore	Frank Sauber	Blondie Worrell
Robb Heinemann	Priscilla Peticolas	Bob Schnauss	Ed Worrell
Don Hubbard			Bill Youden

Because of the huge crowd and the scarcity of climbs, people were forced to do all sorts of things they wouldn't normally do. The M.A. was climbed by so many beginners and the like that it has now been downgraded. John Christian did this climb three times, each time demonstrating one of his many techniques. The Ph.D. area was the scene of feverish activity. A climb to the right of the Ph. D. was attempted by many in their post-doctoral research and finally made by Ed. A tension climb to the left absorbed the rock engineers and some non-engineers who apologetically claimed that they were acting against their principles. The most interesting aspect was not placing the pitons but retrieving them. Rowland Tabor had a most interesting technique; i.e., with an overhead belay he proceeded to swing in under the overhang, give the piton a "whack", swing out, swing in again; another "whack" ad infin. Needless to say, the piton remains.

RRH

December 4 and 11, 1955

Reported previously in issue No. 4.

December 18, 1955 - Bear Island, Md.

John Christian	Bevan Hewitt	Faith Okamoto	Bob Schnauss
Gordon Gaston	Huntley Ingalls	Earl Reed	Jim Shipley
Jim Hawkins	Betty Johnson	John Reed	Chuck Wettling
Erich Heinemann	Marty Kayhoe	Joe Ryan	Blondie Worrell
Robb Heinemann	Peg Keister	Ted Schad	Ed Worrell
			Bill Youden

Twenty hardy souls braved a fierce blizzard in a trek up the Maryland shore of the Potomac; originally the trip was scheduled for Prospect but it was decided by popular consent to head for Spitzbergen instead. Part of the group arrived late, including the leader who was checking for stragglers; they took part in about the only climbing of the day by descending a 20 foot chimney which suddenly appeared in the path. Since the rocks were all covered with a fine coating of snow, it was decided to head for Great Falls via the Billy Goat Trail. At Great Falls a reenactment of the Battle of Concord Bridge was staged on one of the footbridges over the river. Snow balls and hand-to-hand combat sent the opposing forces back and forth across the bridge several times, but finally pangs of hunger drove everyone to the museum building for lunch. The group then retired to PATC headquarters to work on UP ROPE.

JH

December 25, 1955 - Carderock, Md.

Two climbers, who would rather not have their names mentioned went climbing.

December 26, 1955 - Carderock, Md.

Two climbers, who would rather not have their names mentioned again went climbing.

January 1, 1956 - Carderock, Md.

Chris Scoredos

Eight unidentified climbers.

Chris started the New Year by making seven climbs and seven rappels and then went skating on the canal. While skating he saw the unidentified climbers, some wearing down jackets, headed towards Carderock. He called hello but they didn't answer - perhaps they felt climbers should not associate with mere skaters.

INCIDENTAL INFO

"Summit" Magazine is now on our exchange list. H.V.J. Kilness, the Managing Editor, mentioned they are interested in publishing articles on all phases of mountaineering activities regardless of location and would welcome any contributions.

APPRECIATION

The Editor would like to thank Bill Welsh for his devotion and donations to UP ROPE as Business Manager during the past year. Bill reluctantly resigned for personal reasons.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Frank Sauber has a bachelor apartment adjacent to Arnold Wexler's. Frank's new address and phone are:

5800 14th Street, N.W., Washington 11, D.C., Apt. #2
RA-3-8263

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of UP ROPE will be run off Feb. 12 after climbing. Volunteers to help are welcome.

BACK TO THE FOLD

The Editor welcomes back Shirley Jackson, typist for many, many UP ROPES. This issue was typed by Shirley and she didn't use a portable either!

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