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### COMING EVENTS

- 4 March - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar". Leader: Joe Ryan  
10-11 March - Breathing Cave, Bath County, Va. Leader: Ted Schad. See details below.  
18 March - Rocks State Park, Maryland. Leader: Chuck Wettling. Meet at Hot Shoppe as usual. Park is about 25 miles north of Baltimore, Md. so plan on leaving the PS about 6 am.  
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### COMING CAVE TRIP

(Map reference: USGS Williamsville Quadrangle - 1:62,500)

Meet at Breathing Cave at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Those who wish may spend Friday night at the N. S. S. cabin, which is located on the Bullpasture River 1.5 miles northwest of Williamsville, Va.

To reach the cave drive west on U. S. 250 to McDowell, Va. Turn left on Va. Highway 678 (formerly 269) and drive about 10 miles south to junction marked on quad map as Elev. 1797. At this point turn right on secondary road, drive about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and turn right through a gate on a narrow road (Elev. 2162 on map). Drive to top of first hill, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile, and park cars in the vicinity of side road which angles off to the left. Cave entrance is located in a sink hole several hundred feet off the road to the left and is reached by walking down a trail which leads off from the side road. Cave entrance at  $38^{\circ} 12' 28.8''$  N. Lat. and  $79^{\circ} 38' 18''$  W. Long. It is a big cave with lots of passageways including a new lower level just discovered.

Those unable to leave until Saturday afternoon can meet the group at the cabin for Saturday night. On Sunday a trip is planned to Crossroads Cave, or we may explore climbing possibilities in the vicinity of Bath Alum.

The cabin is equipped with cooking and eating utensils, but sleeping bags and air mattresses are needed. Fee for use of cabin and facilities is 50¢ per person per night. Contact Ted Schad (LU 1-0299) before Thursday night if you are going so that arrangements may be made for group commissary.

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UPS AND DOWNSDecember 31, 1955 - January 2, 1956 - HERMITAGE CABIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Apparently this was a very good weekend trip - no one remembers much about it or else would rather not report it. A party was held on Saturday night to welcome in the New Year.

January 8, 1956 - CARDEROCK, MD.

(We're waiting for the reporter Leader Ed Worrell appointed to make a report.)

January 15, 1956 - GREAT FAJES, VIRGINIA

Bob Adams	Shirley Jackson	Johnnie Reed	Jack Wilson
Bobby Adams	Peg Keister	Joe Ryan	Blondie Worrell
Johnny Adams	Ira Laby	Ted Schad	Ed Worrell
Kate Adams	George Magee	Bill Weiss	and 2 "Capitol
Libby Brown	Todd Miles	and wife	Hiking Club"
Mac Brown	George Moore	Chuck Wettling	people
Artie Firkins	Pete Peterson	Donna Willard	
Jim Hawkins	Warner Peticolis	Jim Willard	
Huntley Ingalls	Earl Reed	Eddie Willman	

While the group toyed with a smooth-as-glass inside corner, the Corkscrew was the perfect climb for the Adam's small fry and our other beginners.

A young hiker, a fellow from Equader, joined us on the rocks. Lunch time came and so did Warner -- seems that his car had slid into the muddy ditch along the barricaded dirt road leading to the highway parking spot. Lunch was delayed long enough to free the ditch of its steel and rubber intruder. It was also long enough for the hikers, Johnnie and Peg, their olfactory senses turned to "tangerines", to appear, pull up a mattress of dry leaves, and lie down in wait with their mouths open. The itinerant cavers, Huntley and George, spent lunchtime at the Birds Nest, both climbing the cliff with Prussik knots.

After lunch, we joined the congregation now below the Fish Ladder in a jar crack (not to be attempted unless one is free front and foot ill) and on a face parallel to the river, distinguished by its adequate, although at five-foot intervals, holds. The Willards extended their last pre-baby hospitality at suppertime -- Robert Lewis Willard was born the following Thursday.

B. W.

January 22, 1956 - PURPLE HORSE, MD.

Bob Adams	Betty Johnson	Earl Reed	Jim Willard
John Bröhn	Peg Keister	Johnnie Reed	Eddie Willman
Libby Brown	Wolfgang Lieb	Ted Schad	Blondie Worrell
Mac Brown	George McGee	Chuck Wettling	Ed Worrell
			Bill Yuden

Snow, cold rocks, and the Purple Horse itself, did not stop the three who attempted the climb. Chuck disappointed his audience by being much too cautious, but John B. made a fine study for the photographers, dangling in the air, then slowly breaking through the ice, while Ed was roughly taken care of by a happy party of rescuers from the side.

In spite of a constant barrage of icy snowballs, some serious climbing was done after lunch. However, the sun soon went behind the rocks and we hurriedly left for dinner at Eddie's.

B. J.

January 29, 1956 - CARDEROCK, MD.

John Christian	Mal Forbes	Shirley Jackson	Earl Reed
Herb Conn	Erich Heinemann	Andy Kauffman	Eddie Willmann
Jan Conn	Robb Heinemann	Betty Kauffman	Blondie Worrell
Arty Firkins	Don Hubbard	Pete Peterson	Ed Worrell

We were very pleasantly surprised to see Herb and Jan Conn, wayfarers from South Dakota this Sunday.

In a drizzling rain Mal and Arty (both novices) did the Beginner's Crack. After Jan climbed Jan's Face in the rain everyone decided it was high time to go to Earl's apartment for lunch, jigsaw puzzles and UP ROPE mailing.

J. C.

February 5, 1956 - CARDEROCK, MD.

Bob Adams	Henry Dale	Theresa Lodda	Jane Showacre
Bobby Adams	Gilbert Dale	Alice Marshall	Wallace H. Walker
Catherine Adams	Jacqueline Dupont	Tom Marshall	Chuck Bettling
Johnny Adams	Arty Firkins	Jim Moore	Arnold Wexler
Mike Brady	Mal Forbes	Ray Moore	Eddie Willmann
John Brehm	Jim Haskins	Pete Peterson	Blondie Worrell
Libby Brown	Erich Heinemann	Earl Reed	Ed Worrell
Mac Brown	Robb Heinemann	Bob Schnauss	Joe Zasloff
Paul Cairn	Don Hubbard	Chris Scoredos	(of Pittsburgh)
John Christian	Betty Johnson	Jane Scoredos	

The weather was grand - a rousing 50°. There were no holds barred as climbers covered the cliffs from Jan's Face to the Easter Egg climbs and Jan's Chimney. The novices were put to some rather strenuous climbing with favorable results. Chuck demonstrated a technique for ascending seven-foot wide chimneys with his hands on one side and feet on the other. The three Easter Egg climbs provided much sport for those that tried, and also for those that watched.

Erich and Arnold informally tested a Phillips self-drilling expansion shield. A load was applied at right angles to the axis of the shell through a Gerry hanger, a steel karabiner and a block and tackle system. The karabiner failed at 4000 pounds putting an end to the test. The shell showed some distortion in the hole. This type of shell has the advantage of eliminating the need for sharpening drills. There will be a more complete report on these anchors in the future.

J. C.

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ADDRESS LIST CORRECTIONS

BROWN; Mr. and Mrs. MacAlister: "121" should read "122".  
 HINSHAW: "Box" should read "Bob". Add "MO 3-9129"; During school year: Bradford Hall, Box 36, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo."  
 HUBBARD: "WO 6-2115" should read "OL 6-4368"  
 JACOBS: "Overbrood" should read "Overbrook"  
 JONES: add "113 Boswell Ave., Alexandria, Va."  
 KAUFFMAN: "6403" should read "6366"  
 McDOWELL: should read "McDOWELL"  
 MOSSBURG: add "During school year: Sloane Physics Lab., New Haven, Conn."  
 SMITH, Thomas Jr.: should read "SMYTH"  
 WINSLOW: new address: "2511 Q St., N. W. City (7), CO 5-3850"  
 YODON: new address: "4945 Connecticut Ave., N. W., City, EM 3-9142"

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INTERNATIONAL HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION

The "Mountaineer" (Vol. 49, No. 2) of the Seattle Mountaineers reports that, although the NNE was forced off Lhotse, the group made over twenty one first ascents of peaks between 20,000 and 23,000 feet, which may be a Himalayan record. The United States was represented by Fred Beckey and Dick McGowan on the expedition.

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KANCHENJUNGA

The "Geographical Magazine" (British), January 1956 issue, has an exclusive series of photographs of the climbing of Kanchenjunga. The reproduction of the color photos is excellent. The accompanying article is entitled "Kanchenjunga Climbed" and is by George Band.

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SHE'S COMING BACK .....

The farewell party for Moira Armstrong was a waste of effort - she's coming back!

We've been requested not to make an official announcement, so this is quite unofficial: Moira Armstrong and John Rowland were married in England, February 18. After a honeymoon in Austria they will return to Washington.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Mountain World 1955 (Harpers, \$6.00)

The Mountain World 1955 attempts a wider survey than previous issues, covering not only expeditions to the Himalaya, Karakoram, Andes and New Zealand Alps, but also such related subjects as the possibility of using midget aircraft for supplying camps on high peaks. The article of greatest interest, however, is the full story of the successful Italian expedition to K2 in 1954. It is a shame, therefore, that this report is, in parts, stiffly written and awkwardly translated, and cannot compare with Houston's article on the American expedition in The Mountain World 1954.

Although the primary value of this book is as a documentary of the important expeditions of 1954, this reviewer wishes that the advice of G. W. Young in the lead article, calling for a description of feelings as well as technical details in mountain writing, had been followed more often. This is what makes the article on the small expedition to Cho Oyu so absorbing. It was virtually a pilgrimage for the participants, and a refreshing contrast to the usual large and intricately organized Himalayan trip.

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I. B.

This issue's typist is Libby Brown; this is her last "unmotherly" act for UP ROPE. The next UP ROPE will give details.

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