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COMING EVENTS

- 8 April - Spitzbergen, Md.
- 15 April - Echo Cliffs, Va.
- 17 April - MEETING. Harry Francis of the Harvard Mountaineering Club will give an illustrated lecture on the HMC expedition to the Karakoram last year. The meeting will be at 8 PM at Betty Johnson's home. Directions: Out Wisconsin Ave., turn Left on Old Georgetown Road, then Left on Bellesmill Road until you reach Woodhill Road. Address - 10005 Woodhill Road, Route 4, Bethesda 14, Md. OL-2-4717

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INCIDENTAL INFO

"The thermal resistance of an air mattress can be increased if the inside of the tubes is coated with aluminum powder" (from "Physiology of Heat Regulation and the Science of Clothing" by L. H. Newburg, page 305).

Down-filled U.S. Army Arctic sleeping bags are available from Johnson's Fair, 8th and Allegheny, Philadelphia 40, Pa. for \$12.99 plus .75 shipping charge per bag. They are, to quote the ad appearing in the 11 March "New York Times", "ballocn cloth covered, filled with 40% down, 60% waterfowl feathers. Sturdy, full, heavy-duty zipper, like new. Regular \$65 value".

"Oscar's" engine and windlass will be more secure with a new fastening arrangement. The engine and windlass will be bolted to two box channels which will be permanently bolted to the rock slab by four bolts passing through the rock. Thanks go to Erich, Earl and Ed for drilling the holes and to Jim Hawkins for the hardware work.

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FINALLY

Laura MacAlister was born to Libby and Mac Brown on March 15. She weighs 7 pounds, 1 ounce, is 19.5 inches long, and has blue eyes and blond hair.