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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", "balloon 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.

PAST MEETINGS

At the February meeting everyone was well entertained by Mary Neilan's amusing account of her trip around the world. The meeting was held at the home of Joan and Phil Cardon.

Jim Maxwell gave a very interesting talk on his experiences in Alaska, climaxed by some spectacular slides of Yrupaja at the March meeting held at Ray and Suzie Moore's home.

Our many thanks to Mary and Jim and our most hospitable folks.

SUBSCRIBER'S LIST ADDITION AND CORRECTION

ROWLAND, John and Maria, 3051 "N" St., N.W., Washington 7, D.C. AD-27462
SOLER, Tony - "9101" should read "9109".

ANNOUNCEMENT

Cliff Alexander, of the Pittsburgh Social Climbers, will marry a young lady by the name of Amelia on Thursday, March 29th, in Frostburg, Md. Best wishes to the two.

UPS AND DOWNS

February 12, 1956 - Carderock, Md.

John Christian
Joan Earl
Carolyn Egerton
Ken Egerton
Mal Forbes
Betty Johnson
Peg Keister
Lee Egerton

Tod Miles
Mike Nicholson
Ike Nicholson
Dave Nicholson
Warner Petticoles
Priscilla Petticoles
Earl Reed
Joe Ryan

Jim Shipley
Jane Showacre
Gail Stewart
Chuck Wettling
Arnold Wexler
Eddie Willman
Blondie Worrell
Ed Worrell

This was the first really warm and hence the most active Sunday that Carderock had seen for a long time. Down by the riverside, Instructress Jane organized a tension climb whose members worked hard in spite of inexperience. Several others generously gave up climbing for the morning to hand out interesting, if not always helpful, advice. Meanwhile there was much activity around Ronnie's Leap and Elsie's Edge Face, the latter being climbed by several after Mike gave away the clue. The Chris-Wex-Don was worked over by two groups with Dave leading the second one, and Jimmy and Gail completing his team. Dinner and movies completed the day.

B.J.

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