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### COMING EVENTS

5-6 May - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar". The Pittsburgh Climbers will be here for the weekend.

13 May - Bull Run Mt., Va.

19-20 May - Seneca Rocks, W. Va. Leader: John Christian. Commissary will be by individual cars. For car-pooling or other info call John at South 5-7700, ext. 85261, between 0730 and 1600 hours. Seneca Rocks is at Mouth of Seneca, a hamlet at the junction of US 33 and State Routes 4 and 28, 190 miles west of Washington, D.C. Take State Route 55 from Washington to Moorefield, W. Va. Turn left on U.S. Route 220 to Petersburg, and turn right on Routes 4 and 28. About one mile before Mouth of Seneca there is a group of buildings consisting of first a motel, then a restaurant-gas station and a house, all on the left side of the road. Turn left immediately beyond the house on a dirt lane. Follow to end to the campground on the Armentrout's farm. Bring drinking water unless you are prepared to ford the river to the spring.

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### REPORT ON OUR WESTERN KINFOLK

The Editor had an opportunity to meet a number of climbers on the West Coast while on a business trip to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle last month. It was interesting to note the different techniques and the even more different views on equipment of the various groups. There is a hasty type of rappel where the person stands between the two ropes, and bringing the ends around behind him, grasps the ends with the opposite hands. Tension climbing is more common - thanks to places like Yosemite. Bowline-on-a-coil for the leader is more commonly practiced than here. There was shown a rather foolproof method of tying the bowline-on-a-coil which had best be demonstrated.

The Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section, San Francisco Bay Chapter, have had to institute a minimum amount of rules for rock climbing safety and qualification of leaders as a result of requests of the National Park Service (Yosemite) for help in judging the qualifications of climbers who sign out for climbs in the National Park.