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### COMING EVENTS

- 27 May - Herzog Island, Md.  
29 May - MEETING. Bill Youden will speak and show slides of his European tour at the Scoredos' home at 8 PM. Directions: Take Connecticut Ave. to Chevy Chase Circle, Turn Right on Western Avenue and go about one mile to Beech Street. Turn Right on Beach St., go 1 block and turn Left on 32nd Street. Their house is the second house from the corner on the left. Their address is: 6804 32nd St., N.W., WO 62843.  
3 Jun - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar".

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In perusing the article submitted by H. B. Goober on the Savannah-Nantucket ascent of Mt. Sir Crunchly Humus which was published in UP ROPE, May 6, we have noted several facts which cast a highly suspicious light on the entire operation.

1. It is apparent that the party did not reach the true summit of Mt. Fumus but a false summit. The true summit is well to the east, is 1000 feet higher, and is shaped like an inverted watermelon rather than a pinnacle. The pinnacle they describe appears to be the site of the camp used by the assault party of the Thoolle Mountaineering Club Expedition of 1935.

2. Since it appears that only one member of the expedition was literate, this fact may excuse their failure to examine mountaineering literature in preparation for such an undertaking. If this had been done, it would have been noted that Life, Time, Newsweek, Look, Peek, Squint, Gawk, Ogle, The Saturday Evening Post, Colliers, Sports Afield, True, House and Garden, Harper's Bazaar, Reader's Digest, and True Comics of June 1935, all carried exclusive color photographs of the view taken from the summit by our daultless leader C. Salamander O'Grady and the loyal Chirper, Angry Template.

3. The rank amateurism of the group is deplorable. We consider them fortunate that the only losses were a yo-yo and several half-digested minced clams. Bailey Bridges, helicopters, etc., were obsolete even back in 1935. For a party with such a dearth of equipment and such appalling techniques (see any account of the 1935 expedition for examples of superior methods) to attempt to climb Mt. Humus was suicidal.

Had they not committed their foolish error in climbing the wrong summit and had attempted the vastly more difficult route to the true summit, they would have been courting disaster. We used two bulldozers, a Le Tourneau earth mover, and the renowned Soler-Moore dynamite technique in establishing the logistical support necessary to put O'Grady and Angry on the summit.

We are loath to see the noble sport of mountaineering receive such ignominious publicity resulting from ineptitudes such as this, and we wish to thank you for allowing us to express our view point on this matter.

Spencer Gritthorn, President  
Thoole Mountaineers

Commrade Editor:

As an amateur mountaineer stationed at Taklakot I feel obligated, in the interest of truth and the preservation of mountaineering as a sport, to expose the writer of the fraudulent tale published in your peoples information paper, dated May 6.

At the time during which the man, H. B. Goober, and his agents were supposedly climbing Mt. Humus they were actually confined in our prison in Taklakot for having made an illegal invasion of the People's Republic. We captured them at Allisred Pass where we found in their possession immense quantities of heavy equipment which were obviously intended for non-peaceful actions. No self-respecting mountaineer would ever carry power-operated wheelbarrows such as they did, although I noticed Goober failed to mention that they were power operated. Various code books with such fantastic titles as "Winnie the Pooh" and "Potluck Pogo" were also discovered which proved their despicable intentions.

In accord with our belief in non-violent punishment we bent their pitons into an "S" shape and poured wine and gin and tonic over their sleeping bags and then released them to return to their homes where they are (ugh!) undoubtedly loved. I apologize for our laxiness which allowed Goober the time to write this report.

Commrade Ax Anpion,  
1st Jongpen, Taklakot, Tibet

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CHANGE OF PHONE

Heinemann, Erich and Robb: Change "OT-4-9647" to "OT-4-7678".

GRUNTS AND GROANS21 - 22 April, 1956 - Shawangunks, New York

Harry Francis  
Erich Heinemann  
Robb Heinemann

Betty Johnson  
Leigh Ortenberger  
Joe Ryan

Frank Sauber  
Jim Shipley  
Jane Showacre  
Chuck Wettling

The group was divided into two parts: the aristocrats who stayed at Schlueter's Inn and the scrounges who camped out. We managed, however, to get together climbing, and it was impossible to determine "which climbers stayed at Schlueter's". On Saturday Jane, Betty and Robb did the Northern Pillar and the Beginner's Delight; while Erich and Joe climbed the Horseman, the Three Pines (Joe leading), and the Andrew. Erich, Chuck, and Jim did Ken's Crack. Chuck and Jim also found time to run up the Horseman late Saturday afternoon. On Sunday Erich, Robb, Jim, and Betty climbed in two parties on the Betty. Chuck, Joe, and Jane did the Southern Pillar and were impressed with the overhang at the top. Chuck did a beautiful lead here. Jim climbed the Boston and a first ascent nearby, making quite an impression on the New York Group. Before we left, Erich, Robb, and Jim Maxwell from N. Y. hurried up the Beginner's Delight. All in all, it was a very pleasant week-end and we are very sorry that more people could not make it.

R.R.H.

29 April 1956, Sugar Loaf Mountain, Md.

Bob Adams  
Kate Adams  
Bobby Adams  
John Adams  
Molby Billington  
John Brehm  
Adalyn Glaser  
John Glaser

Erich Heinemann  
Robb Heinemann  
Betty Johnson  
Jerome Kaplan  
Andy Kauffman  
Betty Kauffman  
Peg Keister  
Leo Lemay

Alice Marshall  
Tom Marshall  
Mike Nicholson  
Earl Reed  
John Reed  
Ross Rowland, Jr.  
Jim Shipley  
Jane Showacre

Alan Talbert  
Manfred Wassermann  
Chuck Wettling  
Arnold Wexler  
Donna Willard  
Jim Willard  
Bobby Willard  
Eddie Willmann

The morning's activity centered around the Butterfingers; (which proved slippery as usual) and the adjacent climbs. Betty, (with John R's help) finally started and finished a climb, complete with piton, and was followed by Andy and Erich leading their respective teams with finesse over the same route.

After lunch the "Fancy Shoe Crowd" represented by Arnold, Erich, Jimmy, and Jane demonstrated their ability on a climb that looked as if lichens were the only toe holds. However, they were put to shame by Chuck who succeeded with sneakers. Yes, the same old ones which I am sure we'll be seeing for some time to come.

Thanks to the Reed Boys Refreshment and Rowing Service, nine members enjoyed a picnic supper on an island in the Potomac above Great Falls.

B.J.

29 April 1956 - Wolf's Rock, Md.

There were also some 60 odd people at Wolf's Rock according to a report from Chris.

6 May 1956 - Carderock, Md.

(Please note: If your name doesn't appear it's because we couldn't read it!)

John Adams	Arty Firkins	Millard Marienthal	Ted Schad
Robert Adams	Bob Gebhardt	Alice Marshall	Bob Schnauss
Carolyn Partlett	Adalyn Glaser	Louise Marshall	Jane Showacre
Libby Brown	Paul Glees	Tom Marshall	Paul W. Schuck
Mac Brown	Eva Glees	John Meenehan	Chris Scoredos
Laura Brown	Cora Glees	J.A. Mitchell	Bill Shekter
Joan Canzanelli	John Glees	Lisa Newell	Bob Spindler
Billie J. Carr	Anthony Glees	Lydia Ann Payne	R. E. Stephens
Bill Carr	Erich Heinemann	Felix Peckham	Alan Talbert
Clara Cassidy	Robb Heinemann	Pete Peterson	Kay Thompson
John Christian	Art Jentoft	Carl Pfeiffer	Allen Treadway
Gert Christie	Betty Johnson	Louis Post	Carolyn Treadway
Chuck Davis	Peg Keister	Mark Post	Maury Wasserman
Ginny Dick	Marguerite Klein	John Reed	Chuck Wettling
Walter Downs	Leo Le May	Earl Reed	Arnold Wexler
Suzanne Downs	Robert Lutz	Marion Roebuck	Donna Willard
Bob Dufty	George Magee	Robert Roebuck	Bobby Willard
Jacqueline Dupont	Mrs. N. Malakoff	Frank Roebuck	Jim Willard
Jay Edwards	Forest Malakoff	Philip Roebuck	Eddie Willmann
Don Feder	Michael Malakoff	Mrs. Marie Roebuck	Joe Wilson
Eric Feder	Steven Malakoff	Jean Rodman	Blondie Worrell
June Feder	N. Malakoff	Sayre Rodman	Ed Worrell
Kristie Feder	Jane Marienthal	Joe Ryan	

(Typist's note: E-Gad!  
what a mess of names)

Were you there? The day was perfect. Attendance numbered 102. Complete statistics on the day's activities are not available. The two most noteworthy events were Blondie's climb of Sterling's Crack and Jim Willard's ascent of the Horror! The thunder heard in the distance was the lowering of the boom on the Jam Box climbers. (Do not become discouraged: it will someday be only a B climb).

C.S.

INCIDENTAL INFO

Marilyn Nicoson of the Pittsburgh Social Climbers will be wed to Wilbert Fisher of Nashua, N.H. on the ninth of June at 10:30 AM in the Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church, corner of Castle Shannon Blvd. and Washington Road, Pittsburgh. All climbers are invited to attend. UP ROPE extends a good belay to Marilyn and Wil.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis announced on 26 April 1956 that he has forwarded to Congress for review a proposed five-year concession permit to authorize two of the Nation's foremost mountain climbers - Paul Petzoldt and Glenn Exum - to operate a mountaineering guide service and mountain climbing school in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming.

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