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### COMING EVENTS

- 16 - 17 June - Old Rag Mt., Va. Leader: Chuck Wettling. Park at the fire road gate above Syria. Bring water. Camp either at lean-to or on top. People planning to leave on Sunday should be ready to leave from the Howard Johnson at Wisconsin Ave. and Western Ave. by 8:30 AM.
- 24 June - Prospect Rock, Va.
- 26 June - MEETING. Subject: "Alaska 1955". Speaker: Johnnie Reed. Location: J. Reed's home, 6637 Barnaby St., NW. Usual time, 8 PM. Directions: Drive out Connecticut Ave. to Chevy Chase Circle. Turn right on Western Ave. Go 1 block beyond Pinehurst Circle to Arcadia St. Turn right on Arcadia and then turn right on Barnaby.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

- 1 July - Echo Cliffs, Va.  
8 July - Herzog Island, Md.  
15 July - Great Falls, Va. Leader: Erich Heinemann (OT-4-7678)  
22 July - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.  
29 July - Great Falls, Va. (Juliet's Balcony)  
5 Aug. - Carderock, Md. Leader: Bob Schnauss (TE-6-7970)  
12 Aug. - Echo Cliffs, Va. Leaders: Worrells (ARbutus 2631M)  
19 Aug. - Beach trip. Call Betty Johnson (OL-2-4717) for details  
26 Aug. - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.  
31 Aug. - 3 Sept. - (Labor Day) - Champe and Nelson Rocks, W. Va.

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### DEVILS TOWER NEWS NOTE

Plans for the gala 50th Anniversary Celebration at Devils Tower this summer are shaping up fast. During Mountaineer's Week, July 14-22, three or four climbing parties a day are scheduled to make the ascent of the Tower. Climbing organizations from all over the country and several foreign countries will be represented.

One event will feature the evacuation from the summit of two supposedly injured and helpless men, by Army climbers from Camp Carson, Colorado.

Credit for planning the climbing events belongs to Walt Bailey of Casper, Wyo. Walt is leader of the Wyoming Mountaineers, an enthusiastic group at Casper Junior College. The city of Casper has become very conscious of Devils Tower and mountain climbing, we hear, as a result of stunts such as a public rappel from a 9-story building.

When we inquired how four parties can climb the Tower in a single day without tangling ropes or dropping rocks on one another, the folks at Devils Tower blandly replied that there are now four routes in existence - and more may be pioneered during the big week. So the theory is that each party can use a different route. However the Soler Route has not been repeated since Tony Soler led it back in 1951. Wiessner's original route, while gaining in popularity, is still a rough one. And the McCarthy-Rupley direct-aid route on the west wall took those zealots two days when they put it up last summer. Probably, therefore, traffic will still be heaviest on the old standard Durrance Route. The Casper climbers, realizing this, gave us a graphic answer to our question a week or two ago when eleven of them, on four different ropes, successfully followed one another up the standard route.

It is not often that such a gathering of mountain climbers comes about. The Devils Tower campground should be a-jingle with pitons all week, and we're hoping for some interesting get-togethers. Anyone traveling in the area during that week might plan to stop by for some of the fun.

Raymond W. McIntyre, Superintendent of the National Monument, is as always very safety conscious and looks forward to the occasion with some anxiety. But he has confidence (rare in a non-climber) in the ability and common sense of climbers. He has set strict rules to weed out unqualified parties, and thinks the qualified climbers won't let him down. It's an opportunity for him to show the Park Service and the public that he hasn't been negligent in allowing nearly 200 people to make the ascent during his years at the Monument. We sincerely hope the climbers themselves will view the occasion as seriously. Perhaps they can show the public something too!

Jan and Herb Conn  
UP ROPE's Western Reporters

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#### UPS AND DOWNS

13 May 1956 - Bull Run Mt., Va.

Bob Adams	Helja Glees	Alice Marshall	Jane Showacre
Kate Adams	John Glees	Louise Marshall	Bob Spindler
Paul Cheatham	Anthony Glees	Tom Marshall	Larry Stevens
Chuck Davis	Steve de Hartog	Wade Marshall	Marvin Stevens
Liz Deneger	Erich Heinemann	Johnnie Reed	Jean Swift
Jackie Dupont	Robb Heinemann	Chuck Ross	Alan Talbert
Petty Field	Shirley Jackson	Joe Ryan	Emily Towe
Eva Glees	Betty Johnson	Bob Schnauss	Chuck Wettling
Paul Glees	Peg Keister	Chris Scoredos	Blondie Worrell
Cora Glees	Pat Libbey	Jane Scoredos	Ed Worrell

Things got off to a fine start with three people getting mildly lost (at least they took the wrong trail). Feature attraction of the day was the presence of Larry Stevens and Emily Towe of the Sunday Star. Much of the morning was taken up with getting Larry's camera to coincide with picturesque climbing, and vice versa. Erich, et al, rigged an aerial traverse with Erich providing the climax. Most of the standard climbs were given a good workout, although a party that went to the Little Quartz Slab satisfied themselves with a look at the brambles at the base. Most everyone adjourned to Giffords for ice cream at the close of the day.

B. Schnauss

19 - 20 May - Seneca Rocks, W. Va.

Cliff Alexander (P.S.C.)	Peg Keister	John Rowland	Alan Talbert
Gertrude Christie	Jimmie Moore	Moir Rowland	Kay Thompson (P.S.C.)
John Christian	Ray Moore	Joe Ryan	Chuck Wettling
Bob Dufty (P.S.C.)	Susie Moore	Bob Schnauss	Arnold Wexler
Erich Heinemann	Pete Peterson	Jane Showacre	Blondie Worrell
Robb Heinemann	Johnnie Reed	Jim Shipley	Ed Worrell
Shirley Jackson	Jean Rodman (PSC)	Charlene Smith	
Betty Johnson	Sayre Rodman(PSC)	Bob Spindler	

A beautiful weekend produced more climbers than pitons at Seneca Rocks. The climbers split up into parties ably led by John C., Erich, Ray, Jane, Chuck, Arnold, and Ed. Highlights of the two days activities were completion of 2/3 of the Thais climb by Jane and Joe (what a climb that one is!), the nonchalant ascent of South Peak by 8 year old Jimmie Moore, assisted by Ray and Pete, and a rappel from the Gryphon's Beak by John C., Bob Schnauss and Jim Shipley. The latter team and later with Cliff seconding Jim S. tried a possibly new route on the west face of South Peak between the Gunsight Route and Thais. The Worrells worked on the West Ridge of pinnacles near Route 30. Ed claims there is a very interesting formation in this group which he calls the Scotch Tower. He would be particularly interested in discussing this with anyone who has attempted it. The Pittsburgh Group sent their quota of climbers up the Gendarme and from there proceeded to the South Peak and to the No Dally Alley. Chuck and Arnold led their groups up the west face to the North Peak returning the same way and proceeded to the Gendarm which was led by Chuck and climbed by Alan on his 1st trip to Seneca. He says he was so busy he didn't even have time to stand up on top and photograph his belayers.

Sunday saw a lessening in the general level of ambition except for those intrepid souls John C. and Erich who tried to complete a new route up the inside corner between the Cockscomb and South Peak on the west side.

B. Spindler

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#### THE MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Scoredo's home on a cool evening. Within, however, there was no coolness as the meeting opened with a lively discussion on the merits of a first aid cache at Seneca and a limited first aid course to be given during Sundays at Carderock. Apparently everyone at the meeting was interested in the first aid course. Bob Schnauss and Erich Heinemann agreed to follow up on the details.

Bill Youden showed slides of his extensive sojourn in England, everything from Ben Nevis down to Swildon's Hole, a rather wet cave.

Our thanks to Helen and Chris again for their hospitality in providing refreshments and room for the climbers.

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#### TETONS ANY ONE?

Bob Luntley, 1605 Colonial Terrace, Arlington, Va. (JA-5-7505) is driving to the Tetons in his station wagon, leaving 1 July. He is interested in having riders. He will return in 3 weeks.

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Bill Kemper married Genevieve Faile on Saturday, 26 May at Cockeysville, Md. Our best wishes to Bill and Genevieve.

## SOMBODY GOOFED!

Either your Editor is slowly losing the use of his mentalities or Girl Guide got her wires crossed, everybody was all fouled up last Sunday. Some people showed up at the Hot Shoppe on Wisc. and East West Highway and others at the Howard Johnson on Wisc. Ave. and Western. Soooooo shall we dance around again? Next Sunday - 17 June 1956 - meet at the Howard Johnson on Wisconsin and Western Avenue (District Line) Chevy Chase.

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## Additions:

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Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 311 N. Piedmont St., Arlington, Va. - JA2-9540

Webber, Edward, 185 Atlantic Ave., Lynbrook, N. Y.

## Changes:

Welsh, Dr. William, Gabbs, Nevada

Winslow, Alan, Bells Mill Rd., R. D. 2, Rockville, Md.

Wettling, Charles, 4703 Ravenswood Road, Apt. 2, Riverdale, Md. WA-7-4356

Cardon, Dr. and Mrs. Phillippe, 2209 Parker Ave., Wheaton, Md. - LO 5-4325

Jackie Dupont finally got a telephone. The number, boys, is GR 3-5417

Ferb Allen and Ed Webber are really newcomers to UP ROPE as we have never seen them. We will be looking forward to meeting Ferb and Ed, and hope they will be able to come climbing with us some day.

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TIED IN

Leigh Ortenburger will marry Irene Beardsley on 23 June at 4:30 PM, in the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington. Irene has been climbing with the Stanford (University) Alpine Club. We extend our best wishes to the new couple and wish them no rusty pitons.

HONEYMOONING NEWS

Jane Showacre received a card from the honeymooners, Damon and Thea. They are in Switzerland and said "It drives us a little nuts to be unable to climb on the high peaks because its avalanche time of the year. One of our biggest sports in the afternoon is listening for the boom and following the falling snow stream with our eyes - every 5 minutes in the late afternoon".

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