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COMING EVENTS

10 Feb. - Thurmont, Md.

17 Feb. - Bull Run, Va.

22 - 24 Feb. - Seneca Weekend. Chuck Wettling leader. Commissary by individual cars. There will also be a cave trip to Star Chapel. This is an easy cave for beginners. Call Chuck WA-7-4356 for further information.

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ELECTION MEETING

Chuck Wettling is our new Chairman, and is ably assisted by Earl Mossburg as Vice Chairman. Pictures by Alan Talbert, Ed and Blondie Worrell and Chuck Wettling on their various trips this past summer provided the entertainment. Our thanks to Joan Crosby and her mother for the wonderful hospitality shown a horde of climbers.

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CAUGHT!!

One of the most eligible bachelors married one of our most loved little girls in a real quiet wedding on January 6. Earl Reed and Edwinnie Willmann are the two and our very best wishes to them.

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There is rhyme if not reason to rock climbing by quoting a verse from "Humorous Poems for Children":

"When with my little daughter Blanche,
I climbed the Alps last summer, I saw a dreadful avalanche.
About to overcome her.
And as it swept her down the slope,
I vaguely wondered whether,
I should be wise to cut the rope,
That held us twain together.
I must confess I'm glad I did;
But still I miss the child -- poor kid."

NINETEEN HIGHEST

Everest	29,028*
K2	28,250
Kanchenjunga	28,146
Lhotse	27,890
Kanchenjunga II	27,803
Makalu	27,790
Dhaulagiri	26,795
Cho Oyu	26,750
Manaslu	26,658
Nanga Parbat	26,620
Annapurna	26,492
Gasherbrum	26,470
Broad Peak	26,414
Gasherbrum II	26,360
Gosainthan	26,291
Gasherbrum III	26,090
Annapurna II	26,041
Broad Peak II	26,017
Gasherbrum IV	26,000

*Data for Everest from HIMALAYAN JOURNAL XIX 1955-56, pp 174-176. This data is an abstract of Technical Paper No. 8, 1954, Survey of India. Probable error 0.8 feet. Odds 20 to 1 against the absolute error being more than 10 feet. Other heights from ABODE OF SNOW by Kenneth Mason.

THIRTEEN DEEPEST

France:	Puits Berger	Isere	2,954	(1)
	Saint-Martin	Basses-Pyrenees	2,389	(2)
	Trou de Glaz	Isere	2,160	(3)
	Gouffre du Caladaire	Basses-Alps	1,598	(10)
	Gouffre de la Henne Morte	Haute-Garonne	1,463	(12)
	Gouffre de la Luire	Isere	1,411	(13)
Italy:	Abisso della Preta	Venezia	2,091	(4)
	Abisso della Carchia	Tuscany	1,835	(5)
	Piaggia Bella	Piedmont	1,739	(6)
Austria:	Tonionschacht	Styria	1,730	(7)
Yugoslavia:	Abisso de Verco	Istria	1,700	(8)
	Abisso Bertarelli	Istria	1,477	(11)
Algeria:	L'Anua Boussouil	Djurdjura	1,690	(9)

Saint-Martin has a 1,135 foot vertical shaft, Berger only 130 feet. All data from MOUNTAINEERING II, No. 9, March 1956, page 29.

(Thanks to A. C. Lembeck)

INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

The Pittsburgh Grotto will have a 40 minute movie on climbing in Schoolhouse Cave. Bob Dunn and Allen McCrady are directors.

The Pittsburgh Grotto has at its Field House a complete first aid kit and collapsible stretcher and blankets. If there should be an accident on Seneca or in the nearby caving area, contact C. E. Smith at Seneca Caverns for the key to the house. The Grotto is to be commended for their farsightedness and generosity. Let's hope we never have to take them up on it, though.

Firestone manufactures an insole made of Saran. This plastic insole can be dried within minutes.

REGRET

We offer our sympathies to Jane Showacre on the death of her father.

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Erich Heineman is bringing a group of climbers from Columbia University to work on Oscar the weekend of March 9-10.

RETIREES TO PRIVATE LIFE

After two happy, hurried years as Editor of UP ROPE I'm retiring. Betty Johnson and Alan Talbert will be the new editors. I'd like to thank the people behind the Editor who were the ones that really got UP ROPE "out". They are Bill Welsh and Alan as business Managers who kept us on the narrow black path, Betty Johnson who has silently sweated through the mechanical mysteries of the mimeograph machine, and Shirley Jackson who has, not quite so silently, cut stencils from terrible scraps of paper to give UP ROPE its present format. Special thanks also to Shirley for her constant warfare to keep UP ROPE from getting stodgy by inserting comments here and there.

Roy Van Aiken from the Southern Division of the Sierra Club was here for a few days over the 1st of February. He showed a few of his climbing pictures of the Minarets in the Sierra-Nevadas to a fortunate few who were able to gather at the Lembecks on Friday evening. He says hello to all his friends here in Washington.

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