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### COMING EVENTS

October 6 - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with Oscar for all novices. The Pittsburgh Social Climbers will be down for the weekend, so call Jane Showacre, Union 4-0535 for further information.

October 11-13 - PATC Backpacking Trip, Old Rag Area. This is the second in the series of trips announced in the September issue of UP ROPE. It will be an exploration of the area bounded by the Weakley Hollow Fire Road, the Old Rag Fire Road, and the Nicholson Hollow Trail. Friday night the plans are to camp along Broken Back Creek at the base of Robertson Mountain and Saturday on top of Thorefare Mountain. Call Jeannette Fitzwilliams by Wednesday, Oct. 9, HO 2-5491.

October 13 - Crescent Rock, Va. This new climbing area may be reached by driving out US Route 211 to Falls Church (9 m.); Va. Highway 7 to Bluemont (43.5), (Snickers Gap). At the top of the divide a few yards east of sign marking the dividing line between Clarke and Loudoun counties go north on right into wide dirt Carpenter Road, (Va. Secondary Highway 601). At 1.72 m. on the left is The Devils Race Course-Crescent Rock Trail, marked by blue blazes. PATC Map #8. Leader: Jim Shipley, WA7-9666, Room 8.

October 20 - Open. To be decided later.

October 29 - Meeting, Tuesday 8:00 P.M.  
Cards will be sent out later announcing the place. Mark it on your calender.

October 26-27 - Old Rag, Va. Camping will be on top of the mountain for those who wish to get an early start climbing on Saturday and Sunday, or at the Old Rag Lean-to for those who wish to be more leisurely. However, the lean-to may be occupied - so be prepared to camp in the open. Commissary by individual cars. Call Chuck Wettling at JO 8-6765 between the hours of 6 and 9:30 P.M.

UPS AND DOWNSAugust 31-Sept. 2, 1957. Seneca Rocks, West Virginia.

Clara Daniel  
 Betty Johnson  
 Dick Kenyon

Bob Mole  
 Earl Mosburg  
 Bob Murray  
 Jane Showacre

Alan Talbert  
 The Worrels  
 Arnold Wexler

Early Saturday morn an enthusiastic Earl and passengers were leaving the meadow on Spruce Knob where everyone camped, when a small pebble, hidden in the grass, disrupted a few parts of Earl's new low sleek design for super highways. While Earl went in search of replacements, Jane and Bob Murray climbed the North Peak. Dick, Clara and Bob Mole upon arriving found everything strangely deserted so they climbed up to the Gunsight via an old pine and, various and sundry, unmarked routes.

Sunday found the rocks a popular retreat with Earl and Dick climbing the South Peak from the Gunsight, while Alan, Betty and Bob Murray started the Sky-line Traverse. Jane, Bob and Clara tried a combination of the Old Ladies' and Jane's routes. With the addition of Arnold and Betty Haiman, a few climbers-cavers and the Worrels, the rocks began to take on the aspect of a bee hive.

After a leisurely breakfast Monday, of 1 minute eggs, it was decided to go underground. Clara, Bob Murray and Bob Mole, after an unplanned tour of the Yokum country, went in Mystic Cave as far as a large puddle of unknown depth and smooth sides. Everyone else went with Arnold through the Sinks of Gandy. C.D.

Sept. 8, 1957. Carderock, Maryland.

Bob Adams & family  
 John Crowder  
 Bob Fooley  
 Bob French  
 Gregory Goncharov

Bill Hooker  
 Ed Kung  
 Bill & Doramay Keasbey  
 Bob Mole  
 Bob Murray

Kathleen Murray  
 Paul Oliver  
 Jane Showacre  
 Alan Talbert  
 Dick Usen

After breakfast at Howard Johnson's a rather large group consolidated into several cars and set off to the climbs at Carderock. No time was lost upon arrival but packs were thrown down and the assault on Spider Walk begun. However, the climb was not to surrender without a struggle and most of the morning had waned before a barefoot Alan Talbert made the top.

After adjournment for the usual lunch of roast pig and imported wine, the group, augmented by some new arrivals, fanned out to scale Roanie's Leap, the Beginners Crack and the Barnacle Face. Jane, Ed Kung and Bob Mole slipped off to tackle the Chris-Wex-Don Traverse, a task which occupied them for the remainder of the afternoon. Dick Usen rigged a Tyrolean Traverse between two trees at the foot of the Beginners Crack. This proved much easier (for most, anyway) to transit than it looked.

Later in the afternoon most of the group gravitated to Sterling's Crack where after a successful ascent by Bob Adams most of the others found that they had left that extra bit of "zoom" back in the vicinity of the Spider Walk. With this, the group "called it a day" for climbing and a modest representation went to a sandy spot on the Potomac for a refreshing swim before dinner at Bonat's. B.F.

September 16, 1957. Great Falls, Virginia.

Bob Adams & family  
Clara Daniel  
Myra Deckers  
Bob Feeley

Ed Finegold  
Bob French  
Doug Haigh

Betty Johnson  
Earl Mosburg  
Bob Murray  
Jane Showacre

As usual, a mixture of old stalwarts and new faces met at Howard Johnson's, piled into cars of various shapes and sizes and headed out to Great Falls, where a few minutes of energetic climbing were followed by several hours of less ambitious work, which in turn was followed by swimming in the Potomac (how about developing a water-belay for the swimmer who risks being washed out to sea by braving the rapids?), followed by beer and relaxation, followed by supper, which the author, unfortunately had to miss. Weather good, rocks dry, belays solid, (beer, wet?), food edible, and company congenial.

Bob French

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On Saturday night, August 31, almost 40 climbers from D.C. and Pittsburgh had a steak dinner, sponsored by the Raines family and their church in Riverton, West Virginia. Thanks go to Suzy and Ray Moore for arranging, and taking the reservations, for this affair. Everyone was enthusiastic and hoped that it will be an annual affair.

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If you wish to get your copy of UP ROPE, please let us know your change of address immediately. We have to pay for all mail returned to the Clubhouse and do not want to have to raise the price of this excellent publication.

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#### HELP!

Does any one have an extra rope he or she is willing to donate for belaying Oscar? If so, please let Chuck Wettling or Jane Showacre know as soon as possible.

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Herb Conn has a cartoon in the July issue of Summit magazine on the outside of the back cover, while both Jan and Herb have an article in the August copy of Summit. Called Ropes Along The Potomac, it is illustrated with three pictures. One is of Jan climbing Cowhoof Rock, Echo Cliffs, Virginia, while another shows a traverse at Herzog Island. Rumor has it that the unhappy appearing individual in the third picture is Don Hubbard, but he denies this on the grounds that he never wears long pants. I guess we'll have to accept that now, but WHO is it?

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Speaking of Don, both he and Arnold Wexler have recently given talks on mountaineering on local radio stations.

And speaking of radio programs, did you hear Lowell Thomas give Art Lembeck a mention on one of his news broadcasts? Art & Erich Heinemann have just returned from two months in Alaska and Greenland with the "High Adventure with Lowell Thomas" film crew.

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO UP ROPE LIST

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VISITORS

Jan Conn was in town around the first part of September. Sorry she couldn't climb with us.

Bob Schnauss made it to Howard Johnson's on Sunday, Sept. 24, but no climbing for him either.

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The latest word on the injuries received on Mt. Housen according to Don Hubbard, is that his were "less than implied" and Sterling's were "more than reported". It was discovered that Don's knee was not broken though badly damaged otherwise, and that Sterling had a crushed vertebrae.

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Alan Talbert has found it necessary to resign as Co-editor of UP ROPE. However, he will continue to help in an unofficial capacity. You are hereby demoted to Printers Devil, Alan.

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