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COMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 3 CARDEROCK, Md., We will be hosting members of the American Alpine Club who are holding their annual meeting in Washington.
- 10 ECHO CLIFFS, Va.
- 17 ROCKS STATE PARK, Md., Chuck Wettling will be the trip leader. Go out the Washington-Baltimore Expressway and go on US 1-- Harbor Tunnel and Erdman Avenue--to Bel Air, bear left on Maryland 24 and continue 8 miles to the park.
- 24 Christmas Eve, no trip scheduled, meet at Howard Johnson's at Western and Wisconsin Avenues at 8 am if you want to climb.
- 31 SPITZBERGEN, Md., across the Potomac from Echo Cliffs, Va.
- January 7 CARDEROCK, Md.

MOUNTAINEERING CHAIRMAN

Harold Kramer, Chairman of the Mountaineering Committee will be in Ecuador for the remainder of his term of office and he has asked former Chairman Bob Adams to assume the duties of Chairman during his absence. We will certainly miss Hal and wish him well in his travels and hope that he will have an opportunity to climb with the local climbers in Quito.

Chairman (Continued)

Hal performed one last act before his departure and has appointed Bob Adams, Chuck Wettling, and Arnold Wexler as the Nominating Committee to select a slate of proposed officers for the Mountaineering Committee in 1962. Anyone wishing to be considered for nomination as Chairman or Vice Chairman or wishing to recommend candidates should contact a member of the committee without delay. The annual meeting and election of officers will take place sometime in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

UP ROPE's mail has been gratifyingly heavy with subscription renewals this past month and along with the money we have had a few personal notes. We even have had a few notes from out-of-towners who just wrote to tell us how they are.

John Crowder of Hertfordshire, England tells us that he and his wife Betty have produced a climbing progeny by the name of David Ian who promises well with his balance technique on the furniture. John also said that reading references to Chuck Wettling's coffee brought back a taste to his mouth. We wish he had qualified that remark. John sends best wishes to all the climbers.

Alan Talbert reports that he has lost a Holubar piton hammer with a white nylon $\frac{1}{4}$ inch sling with a wide "fish-hanger" attached. It probably has the initials AJT on the head. He is quite anxious to retrieve it.

Al DeMott, currently at the American Consulate General in Trinidad, will move in December to the Consulate General in the Bahamas. He says the rotten shale rock in Trinidad is no good for climbing but that the Calypso is great. Some of the finest singers will be in Washington for a performance at Howard University in late January or early February and he highly recommends their show.

GLACIER PARK, B.C., 1961 A.D.

In the latter part of August, I flew to Calgary, Alberta and joined a Chicago Mountaineering Club group entrained for a trip to Glacier Park, British Columbia.

Our camp was set up on the grounds of the old Glacier House Hotel and a few stone foundations of the resort could still be seen.

The new Trans-Canada Highway follows the old railroad bed from the present station to the campsite and our baggage was trucked to the camp. Well, not all. I had shipped one duffle bag containing my tent, crampons, extra boots, and knife and fork.

Glacier Park (Continued) ahead by the Railway Express Agency, but it never arrived, and I started my vacation with misgivings. However, Jim Hagen loaned me a tent, I never needed crampons, and I had a tea spoon with me. Unfortunately, my "made to order" boots were to tight and i "sorely" needed those spares.

Undeterred by this beginnng, I spent the first three days hiking to minor peaks to get my laegs in condition.

The fourth day Ted Schad and I joined a small party which hiked up to the "Hermit Hut" and spent the night. By next morning clouds had moved in and we started to climb Mt. Sifton in a light rain. We made fair time until we started an unpleasant traverse of a long slope composed of scree and talus. By lunch time we were off the traverse but the clouds were covering the top of the mountain and the rocks were slippery, we turned back.

Ted and two others stayed another night at the hut in hopes that better weather would appear while the rest of us returned to camp. The next day was sunny and ted and his party made a good climb from the hut while I dried out at the main camp.

At 3:30 am the next morning, I joined a party led by Paul Stettner that climbed Uto Peak. Since camp was at 4100 feet and Uto is 9600 feet high, we had about 5000 feet to gain in addition to five horizontal miles to walk to reach the top. Uto is easy climbing on sound rock. We reached the top in the afternoon and returned to camp after dark. The round trip took 16 hours. However, because of the low elevation of the camp many of the climbs took longer than Uto. The two parties which climbed Mt. Sir Donald both had to bivouac.

The trip was marred when a rope of four slipped on the Illecillewaet Glacier. Three of the climbers received relatively minor injuries but the fourth was not so lucky. That girl, however, did recover enough by the end of the trip to travel by Pullman back to Chicago with the club.

For an easy finale to the trip, Bob McMahon led a climb up Lookout Mountain. This gave me the only opportunity for snow climbing during the entire outing and was a very enjoyable end to my vacation.

Chuck Wettling

THURMONT, Sunday, November 19

The Adams Family
Al Barbour
Ed Goodman
"Margie"

Betty Johnson
Al Klovdahl
Bob Mole

Hal and George Kramer

Mike Nicholson
Chuck Wettling
"Crystal"
Phyl Willis
Bill Youden and Friend
"John"

The weather was cold and cloudy, but it turned out to be a

THURMONT (Continued) very good day for climbing. The three standard climbs in the pit south of the Wolf's Head were polished off in the first hour, and the Wolf himself before lunch. In the afternoon attention was divided between a tantalizing overhang in the pit southeast of the lunch area and Chuck's Chimney for Charming Novices. Very few have climbed the overhang in the past, but on this occasion at least 8 of us struggled up across its inadequate and outsloping holds. Just as the light began to fail, Mike discovered a most interesting outside corner with a delicate layback step. This may well become a standard climb. (it is clear from the description that we need names for some of them!)

This was our farewell to Chairman Hal Kramer, who after nearly a year of outstanding and devoted service to the club is leaving for four months' temporary duty in Ecuador. Chuck

Dinner at the Cozy Inn was followed by a delightful soiree at Bob Mole's house, where we heard some intellectual-type music and a sparkling recitation of "The Cremation of Sam Magee."

R.J.A.

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