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NOTE ON THE SCHEDULE

There will be no regular schedule of Sunday trips during the winter Months because the weather is so uncertain. Climbers will meet as usual between 8 and 8:30 at the Howard Johnson's at Western and Wisconsin, and those present and awake at that early hour can decide Where to go according to the temperature, precipitation, discomfort index and other important factors.

As is customary, a note will be left behind the southeast drainpipe to tell latecomers where to join them. If you do not find a note behind the drainpipe that you expect, look behind any other one that is nearby (we are told that there are two, about 10 feet apart).

Remember--there may be ice skating:

JANUARY MEETING

^{Please} come to Karl and Barbara Edler's on Wednesday, January 23, at ^{pm.} Arnold Wexler will have something to tell us about the "Wind Rivers, 1962."

In addition, the annual business meeting will be held at that time. The nominating committee has proposed the following officers for the coming year:

Chairman: Ed Worrell Vice Chairman: Ed Goodman Nominations from the floor will also be entertained.

The Edlers live at 4112 Fairfax St., Landover Hills. Directions (we hope you have the faith to follow them): Go out the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to the Bladensborg Exit (Rte. 450). Turn right (toward Annapolis). So about 1 mile to the first traffic light; turn right on 71st Ave. Drive blocks, bearing left with 71st at the end of the 4th block. Turn right hill about 2/3 block. 4112 is white house on the right hand side. Call SP 3-1693 if you think you're lost.

A HISTORY OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE OF PATC

by the ad hoc History Committee

The use of subcommittees by the Mountaineering Committee in conducting its business and maintaining order goes back farther than the memory of any climber active today. Needless to say, the system has proven itself time and time again, and it is hoped that it will continue to function as effectively in the future as it has in the past.

The first committee on record was the Welcoming Committee, composed of B.J.(B.) and J.C. It flourished briefly but gloriously until discovered by the subsequently-formed Morals Committee in the act of welcoming itself.

The Morals Committee - early members included J.H. and K. and H.B. - came into prominence with its historic ruling on the consumption of Baklava (a well-known aphrodisiac) by J.C. Later, in the time of A.J.T., it was thrown into a considerable uproar when asked to rule on the proper attire under a poncho. The one rule which has survived since A.J.T.'s incumbency is "No booze before 10 AM. "Cauld othe coord but is not set out out 1:3 - 110 \- 2460W-40 101. ewal and de-. . . .

Morals Committee chairmanship is a position of some responsibility, and the retiring chairman has traditionally selected his successor. In recent years, as Folk Dancing has insidiously spread within the group, the Morals Connittee has been called upon more and more frequently. In the absence of the present chairman, J.S., C.R.W. has been appointed acting chairman and has been accepted until a more experienced person is found. ly other the their Seided act

The Cultural Committee had existed quietly since times unremembered until in the days of B.J.(B.), J.S., and A.J.T. it focussed its attention on the existentialist philosophers. It has remained inactive since the nomination of A.L. to membership.

During its heyday it sponsored many cultural events, some of the most outstanding of which included:

Trio for classic guitan, recorder, and trumpet. The Old American Folk Ensemble, with recorder consort and minuet exhibition

Performance of Tosca and re-enactment of bullfight from Carmen Other musical interludes featured trombone, mouth harp, and many varieties of caterwauling. 1 and the priodicity of caterwauling.

The first and only member of the Garbage Committee was and is C.R.W. His most noteworthy rulings are those on the throwing of edible matter into the woods, assuming that small animals will eat it, and on the throwing of garbage into the river, assuming that it will never be seen again. Neither is tolerated. CERTIFICATION OF RELEASED AVOID IT A

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F.B., though not available for consultation, remains the standard of excellence as Chairman of the Etiquette Committee of the start of the 2 stall arrow wind a system of the

Volume XVIII Number 1 UP ROPE January 1963 ETIQUETTE SURVEY recent poll revealed that a majority of climbers present considered the following rules a minimum standard for good manners. While they are seldom broken, due to the instinctive courtesy of the climbing fellowship, there have been a few isclated instances in the last few months in which they have been flagrantly ignored. 1. One foot must be flat on the floor at all times. COROLIARY: Not more than one knee may be on the table. 5. The use of knife and fork is permitted but not required. 3. Individual eating utensils may be wiped on the trousers, but not the serving spoon. 4. Knives may be used as social aids only in situations requiring defensive measures. 5. Booths in Tuchey's will not be entered over the back of an adjoining booth when that booth is occupied by genteel types. 6. If two people are under the table, others should wait their turn. Odd numbers of people under the table will be referred to the Morals Committee. 7. Conversations should be limited to 60 decibels, belches to 75, and other natural sounds to 90. These limits will be relaxed only when someone is playing the bagpipes. that by 8. Aerodynamics research at the table is prohibited unless a thesis is proposed which requires inmediate testing. 9. Individuals will submit quietly to the ruling of the Morals Committee on the use and distribution of aphrcdisiacs and the a sand ye 10. It is not good manners to steal all the French fries from any one person's plate. Tampering with or adulterating the beer of some temporarily absent 11. person is deplorable. Adding Water or worcestershire sauce is unforg_veablese the 75. Disputes over the disposition of bones and shrimp tails will be referred by the Etiquette Committee and the Garbage Committee. t is regrettable that the matter has had to be grought up. However, it Noes regrettable that the matter has had to be growthe basics of mealtime behavior all of us with the opportunity to review the basics of mealtime behavior. And most particularly, it opens the subject to discussion and, ^{avior.} And most particularly, to opens one subject the chairman F.B.

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EQUIPMENT NOTES

A recent shipment from Recreational Equipment Co-op included several of the new chrome vanadium ice screws. They are on sale at Club headquarters. Price is \$1.35 each.

Chouinard carabiners should be in stock at Club headquarters early in January, but the price is not fixed yet. It should be under list price.

Imported postcards with twelve of the famous SAMIVEL mountaineering cartoons can now be obtained for 5 cents each. Karl Edler has samples.

LA FUMA GUIDE PACKS: We have four of these for sale at #10.50 each. These packs are heavily constructed of canvas, with leather straps and bottoms, with a "D" ring, and with three <u>inside</u> pockets. They retail at #14.95.

BLACK'S SLEEPING BAGS: Two extra "Polar" bags with 30-inch zippers were bought on our last order from Black's. These will be sold on a first come, first serve basis for #46.00 each. Carrying bags for the above sleeping bags are available for #2.50 each. Contact Karl Edler, 733-1693.

GRCUP ORDER FROM BLACK'S: A second order will be placed with Thomas Black & Sons about February 15 for PATC members. Mountaineering Committee member⁹ who would like to be included should call Karl. Prices on group orders carry a 25% discount over catalogue listings.

Samples of materials sold by the yard from major US mountaineering supply houses are in the <u>Up Rope</u> file downstairs at the Clubhouse for all who are interested to consult.

NOVEMBER MEETING

In spite of the fact that many of us followed directions printed in <u>Up Rope</u>, so far as we know, all of the climbers who started out arrived at the <u>Mar</u>-shall's home on November 28.

The slides and narration by Lila Bishop were tremendous. It was an extremely enjoyable show and we are looking forward to seeing more of Lila's slides. Barry also showed a few slides dealing with the 1963 American Everest Expedition.

-- A. Klovdahl

A representative of Black's of England was present and many of us took advantage of the opportunity to learn about Black's equipment.

We also very much appreciated the hospitality of the Marshalls.

A DELIGHTFUL ANNOUNCEMENT: Peg Keister and Pete Peterson were married on Saturday, December 15, in the Florida Avenue Friends Meeting House.

We all join in wishing them the very happiest of futures.

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A DIVERSION

^{Ow} that readers are aware that <u>Up Rope</u> is attempting to replace Hoyle, a ^{Dashful} contributor has placed the following winter-afternoon diversion in ^{Our} mailbox. He introduces it as "a game calculated to appeal to the ^{Sambler} in everyone, as real carabiners serve as 'money'. In this respect it is peculiarly adapted for playing at the Adamses or the Clubhouse."

Monopoly - for climbers START Eiger Nordwand (24 carabiners) CLUBHOUS (18 carabiners) Matterhorn Devil's Tower Lizard Head Shiprock Retit Dru TIEIN FALL (collect 10 (go to hospital carabiners) Soler Route Beginner's Crack Simple J. Malarkey Ronnie's Leap SET UP PRACTICE CLIMB ETRIERS RISK (14 carabiners) (use 5 carabiners) Jan's Face Thais HOWARD JOHNSON'S PAVILLION Conn's East Face Spiderwalk ACCIDENT FUND TOILET RISK (10 corabiners) Coxcomb Overhang Herbie's Horror Old Ladies Route Jambox ACCIDENT -1 TUCHEY Lembeck's Crossave Waterline Charlie's FLASHLIGH Chairman's Chimney CLOUD The Post ph. HOSPITAL AID carabiners WATCHING Armbuster FUND Traverse Crack 0 JUST page 5 (continued on page 6)

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MONOPOLY (continued)

RULES:* All players start with 25 carabiners. After rights to climb have been secured (by making climb, at cost of specified number of carabiners), pitons may be placed in it. Difficulty of climb affects the cost of pitons. A firm bolt may be placed after three pitons have been driven. Climbers other than the "proprietor" must pay for trespassing, as well as for the use of any hardware.

SAMPLE RISKS:

You have reached the end of your rope. Do not move. You are benighted. Set up bivouac. Use 10 carabiners. Your belayer has fallen asleep. Go directly to hospital. You have dropped your piton hammer. Retrieve it; use 6 carabiners.

SAMPLES FROM ACCIDENT FUND:

Court echelle. Go to Spiderwalk, Do not tie in. Do not collect 10 carabiners.

Quick recovery. You may leave hospital.

You have just made an A climb. Collect 2 carabiners from each climber. Sunset. Go directly to Clubhouse. Do not pass Tuohey's. Do not drink beer.

There are many other rules, most of which have not been made up yet.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is obvious that there are many improvements possible. In particular, the rules need to be clarified and expanded. It strikes us as a most worthwhile task to which our readers may apply their attention.

END OF NONSENSE. FROM HERE ON WE ARE GOING TO BE SERIOUS.

TRIP REPORTS

November 18. STONEY MAN TRIP TO RODGER BELMONT

Joe Nolte Bob Berger Larry Buck Ed Goodman Bill Faulhaber We left at 9:00 am in a mild to heavy rain. About 10:30 we reached the scene and found the Adams' bus, along with Ron and Betty Bell. They told We decided us that Stoney Man was shrouded by fog, and it was still raining. to go to the Rodger Belmont Cave in Front Royal, Virginia. The Adamses and the Bells, deciding not to go, loaned us their caving equipment.

On arriving, we met Joe Nolte with Chuck Wettling and friend. Joe decided to join us for the trip. As we "suited up" it was still raining, which probably contributed to the amount of water in the cave. At the entrance we found the old door had been replaced by a wrought iron "web" with a realistic Black widow spider in the center. Using the key we obtained from the owners, we unlocked the spider and entered the cave.

We chimneyed and traversed the approximately 40-foot entrance drop to the main passage floor. Had we used ropes, we would have felt more comfortable.

One of the highlights of the cave was the humorous exploration of a small side passage, which proved to be such a test of courage that one member of the group (name omitted for obvious reasons) refused to negotiate it. Returning to the main passage, we rejoined Bill Faulhaber and continued to the rear of the cave.

Exiting, we were heartened to find the rain had stopped. The three and one-half hours spent in the cave were enjoyed by all.

-- L. Buck

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Fri., Sat., and Sun., December 28, 29, and 30

THE HERMITAGE -- Winter Camp for the following Abominable Snowmen: Ed Worrell Ed Goodman 4 Adamses and Penny Bill Faulhaber Larry Buck

Both Eds, Larry, and Bill arrived on Friday night. There wasn't any fire-Wood, and it was cold. On Saturday morning it snowed and snowed and the Adamses dropped in. On Saturday afternoon Bobby Adams successfully climbed the Hoverhang, and Bob Adams claims to have climbed something also. Nothing else happened. We went home early.

-- Bill Faulhaber * * * * *

In case anyone wonders why there is no report on the Christmas weekend trip to Wolfgap, there is a simple explanation: there was no trip. A moderately heavy snow on the Friday of departure, plus a fortunately-not-Serious auto accident (participants: the Bells) on the NJ Turnpike discouraged those who had been planning to go.



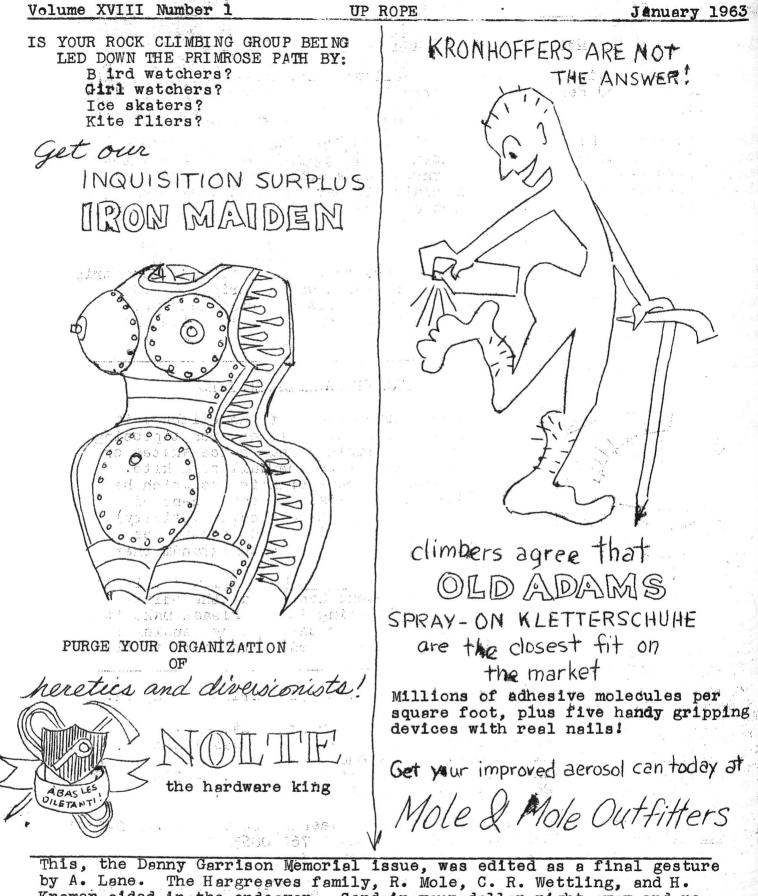
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One of the more seldom of the climbers is Bob Mole. He is often to be seen tiptoeing away from a climbing area on ice skates or being dragged off on the tail of a kite. Other means of transportation to which he occasionally resorts are boat (scene of of considerable oyster-watching activity) and VW, appropriately named "Bonnie Wee Thing" after Bob's old Scotch grandmother.

Long noted as an Up Rope contributor, it is in Bob's competent hands that the editor's blue pencil is being left. Please make it possible for him to carry on by sending in something for him to edit from time to time.

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Christl Scherer and Alice Lane. Their address, until further notice, will be Augsburg, Perchiemstr. 8 1/2, West Germany. Letters, air mail, cost 15_{α} , postcards 7ϕ . Please keep in touch.



by A. Lane. The Hargreaves family, R. Mole, C. R. Wettling, and H. Kramer aided in the endeavor. Send in your dollar right away and receive the Donald Hubbard Memorial Edition and eleven other exciting issues!

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