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COMING EVENTS

- July 6 - 7 Seneca Rocks, West Virginia
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Sunday trips start from Howard Johnson's at Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W., at 8:30 a.m. (Come early if you want breakfast.) Bring lunch and canteen. Sneakers are suitable for climbing. Latecomers look for note behind drainpipe at Western Ave. side of building.

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NOTE: We regret that we have no article by Phil Stone this month. For those who have shown so much interest in the information he has given we are pleased to state that we can expect to see more of his articles in the near future.

P.A.T.C. HEADQUARTERS

It appears that we will soon have a new clubhouse but there is nothing definite at this time.

While we remain in the present location the postal zone number is different. Effective July 1st it is Washington 36, D.C.

LIGHTWEIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR HIKING, CAMPING, AND MOUNTAINEERING

The new Equipment Bulletin is ready. This comprehensive 70-page booklet has been compiled by members of the PATC Camping Equipment Committee for use by trail club members and others interested in hiking, climbing, and camping. It is a concise current listing of useful items from the catalogues and display shelves of many dealers. Each of the items listed has been tested or examined by the committee and only items which are considered satisfactory have been included.

Essential information on the listed items helps the prospective buyer make an informed choice. Description, weight, and price give the needed information for comparisons. The dealers listed welcome requests for catalogs.

For those who need help in choosing lightweight backpacking gear for hiking trips there is a section devoted to EQUIPMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL.

The first Equipment Bulletin was published in 1932, consisting of a few mimeographed pages. Over the years it has grown and is now the best seller among all the Trail Club publications. Price 50¢-- by mail add 10¢ postage.

Correction

The correct phone number of Chairman Ed Worrell is RI 4-5114, Baltimore. (NOT as reported in June UPROPE. If anyone insists on using an old--1961--PATC membership list they should correct it too.)

THE PAVILION AT SENECA

In the course of a one-day visit to Seneca Rock on Saturday June 22, I had an opportunity to talk with the younger Mr. Harper at the Mouth-of-Seneca Post Office. He told me that the eight people who own the park and pavilion would like to improve this community center, but do not feel like putting much money into it because the income from the property is quite small. He referred to the fact that some campers have abused the privilege of staying at the pavilion by cooking in the building, chopping up the benches for firewood, and using the electric lines for drying clothes. Trash disposal is a problem because the Pavilion Committee has been unable to find anyone that will empty the barrels at regular intervals.

Mr. Harper asked me what I would do to improve and maintain the pavilion if I were in his place. My suggestion was that the Committee post the rules they expect to be followed. One of these should require that campers dispose of their own trash by burning the paper and taking the rest with them. Another should forbid cooking in the pavilion, which is unsanitary and a fire hazard. My suggestion to the club is that we take our own steps to clean up the accumulated trash, much of which is our own and dates from the weekend of June 15-16. We can make a start on it, at least, on the July 6-7 trip.

I hope that other members will take time to talk with Mr. Harper and give some thought to his problems. Perhaps there is something we can do, as a club, to help the Pavilion Committee toward a realization of their objectives, and at the same time to maintain the good will which the PATC has long enjoyed.

Bob Adams

BEGINNERS ON SENECA ROCKS

The 3 Adamases and Penny
Joe Nolte
Ron and Betty Bell
Ed Worrell
Dave Warshawsky
Kate Sullivan
Jean McBee
Bill Faulhaber
Larry Griffin
Penny Stafford

Pete Tourin
Mark Steinberg
Kelly Kelliher
Bill Smith
Ed Goodman
Syvonne
Al Barbour
Karl Edler
Judy Hock
Rosemarie Erlenmaier
Barry Bielsker

We were surprised when we arrived at the campground at 2:30 a.m. to find the area occupied by a small army convoy. Early the next morning we were awakened by the roar of trucks lining up for departure. Most of us sleepily observed this from our sleeping bags, but Betty, under pretense of preparing breakfast, was parading back and forth before the G.I.'s. After breakfast the chairman assigned leaders for the beginners and everyone departed for their respective climbs. Ed W.'s party had a prolonged trip up the Old Man's route and down the Old Ladies' because they only had enough rope for 60 foot leads. Ron started up Skyline to the South Peak, but retreated when Betty failed to cross the "stepover." Larry, Bill, Penny and their friend did a modification of Skyline. Ed Goodman led Karl and Barry up the Old Man's. Bobby took the two Kates up Conn's West Face while Bob directed Kelly and Pete up Break-neck, etc.

Saturday night we ate at the new picnic area sitting down at the fancy tables and benches to consume the usual type camping fare while Dave broiled luscious steaks for his group. We were joined by Sayre Rodman and two other Pittsburgh climbers who consulted us about their, new project, to describe all the climbs at Seneca Rocks and rate them according to the new system proposed by Leigh Ortenburger. About nine o'clock Ed G. and Joe were about to set out on a rescue trip for the chairman and his group when they drove into camp. Judy and Rosemarie "dolled up" to go dancing, but no one had enough energy to accompany them. Instead we retired early like a respective group of W.C.T.U.'s.

Sunday Ed again divided everyone up into groups, but we had two less leaders: Ron and Joe had departed early for Thais. Nevertheless everyone climbed something except Kelly who remained in camp to study. Thus ended the first attempt to allow beginners to climb

at Seneca Rocks. In retrospect, we would like to suggest:

1. That we do not attempt to take such a large group of beginner beginners at any one time.
2. That leaders should know the climbing capabilities of those assigned to them.
3. That beginners should have climbed regularly with the group at least four to six months.
4. That no team shall consist of more than one non-belayers.

Kate Adams

UPS AND DOWNS

Sunday, June 23--Sugarloaf Mt.

Penny Stafford	3 Adamses	Ed Goodman
Larry Griffin	Joe Faint	George
Snyder family	Bill	

Since some of the group remained at Carderock, the rest of us were able to climb everything. Bill, Kate, and Ed did a small traverse to keep busy and we all had fun attempting to climb the friction pitch alongside Beginner's Crack. Some of us drove to Ed's house via the scenic route across White's Ferry, had a Chinese dinner and watched some interesting slides of Larry's.

Kate

Official Unofficial trip to Carderock--June 23

The Half-Day Climbers (i.e., those who had to leave town in a hurry or had other commitments in the afternoon) turned out in force at Ho-Jo's. At the subversive suggestion of an unnamed UpRope editor, they decided to go to the more proximate Carderock, rather than to Sugar Loaf. They departed for same promptly at 8:30, after duly leaving a note concerning their intentions.

Several beginners were out, so Bob Mole and Al Klov Dahl took advantage of the opportunity to conduct belaying practice. This limited the climbing somewhat. Don Hubbard, Dick Crompton, and Bill Faulhaber were in the area, practicing water crossing to Herzog Island.

By afternoon only a few stragglers were left on the rocks, and they made an early adjournment to Touhey's. /MT

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LOST: A diamond solitaire ring belonging to Kate Adams at Seneca June 15-16 weekend.

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