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Longtime mountaineer, onetime Up Rope editor and friend Chris Scoredos died suddenly earlier this month.

When I first started climbing at Carderock, Chris still did some bouldering and top roping. Noticing me fumbling with my anchor knots, he showed me how to do a double French bowline--"it's sexier than a regular bowline," he said.

One of the first Carderock hardmen, he put up Chris's Goat and the (notorious) Chris-Wex-Don Traverse, but most Carderock climbers will remember him for his energy and dry sense of humour.

The following is a reprint from March 1, 1948 Up Rope.

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### MOUNTAINEERING WAS SIMPLER THEN

By Chris Scoredos

My early boyhood was spent in Colorado in the shadow of the Sangre de Christos range and

it seemed natural to want to climb. Although our climbing equipment was simple, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were able to reach the summit of many of the mountains in the range. Our wardrobe consisted of a pair of blue denim pants, a blue denim jacket, wool socks and ordinary work shoes with miner's hobnails. Pitons, carabiners and swiss edging nails were unknown to us and the only piece of climbing equipment we used was the lariat of the cowboy.

Our camping equipment and way of living would please those hardy members who believe camping is not to be enjoyed but to be endured. Our tents were made from household sheets and waterproofed by being dipped into hot turpentine that contained paraffin. An ordinary bed-tick stuffed with alpine grass covered with a Hudson blanket made up our sleeping equipment. Our food was always precooked and eaten cold which eliminated the need for cooking utensils.

At 3 a.m. in the morning we