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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 8 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 Bladensburg Exit (Rte. 450). Turn right (toward Annapolis). Go about 1 mile to the first traffic light; turn right on 71st Ave. Drive 5 blocks, bearing left with 71st at the end of the 4th block. Turn right on Taylor and drive one short block. Turn left on Fairfax St., go up 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."

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 Committee 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.

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 guitar, 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.

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.

The first and only member of the Nursery Committee was H.H., who progressed from the under-sevens to Up Rope and now, tentatively, to parenthood.

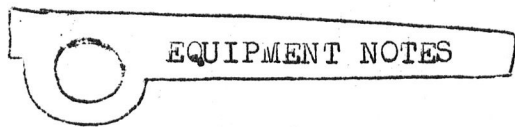
F.B., though not available for consultation, remains the standard of excellence as Chairman of the Etiquette Committee.

ETIQUETTE SURVEY

A 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 isolated 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.
COROLLARY: Not more than one knee may be on the table.
2. 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 Tuckey'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.
8. Aerodynamics research at the table is prohibited unless a thesis is proposed which requires immediate testing.
9. Individuals will submit quietly to the ruling of the Morals Committee on the use and distribution of aphrodisiacs.
10. It is not good manners to steal all the French fries from any one person's plate.
11. Tampering with or adulterating the beer of some temporarily absent person is deplorable. Adding water or Worcestershire sauce is unforgivable.
12. Disputes over the disposition of bones and shrimp tails will be refereed by the Etiquette Committee and the Garbage Committee.

It is regrettable that the matter has had to be brought up. However, it does present all of us with the opportunity to review the basics of mealtime behavior. And most particularly, it opens the subject to discussion and, we hope, to comment from our authority on etiquette, Chairman F.B.

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 inside 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.

GROUP ORDER FROM BLACK'S: A second order will be placed with Thomas Black & Sons about February 15 for PATC members. Mountaineering Committee members 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 Up Rope 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 Up Rope, so far as we know, all of the climbers who started out arrived at the Marshall'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 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. Klov Dahl

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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.

A DIVERSION

Now that readers are aware that Up Rope is attempting to replace Hoyle, a bashful contributor has placed the following winter-afternoon diversion in our mailbox. He introduces it as "a game calculated to appeal to the gambler 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

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