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ABOUT THE NEWS

We present two major feature articles this month, both of which have rather amazing subject matter: Sea caves nearly a *quarter-mile* long? Sharks in caves? And how about 20 *miles* of caves in a small corner of *Illinois*?

We are building such a backlog of excellent feature articles that we hope to continue printing two each month, budget permitting. Upcoming articles include: the American Caving Accidents special issue (March); Norseman's Wells Cave Complex, Ala.; Sistema Huautla, Mexico; the Chillagoe (Australia) Caves Expedition and a cave conservation special issue, plus several shorter items of interest from Donald Davis, Joe Saunders, Thom Engel and others. And there will be lots of 1983 Convention news, more cartoons, poems and perhaps another color Gallery or two. Tentatively scheduled for late summer is a caving ropes special issue.

So if you know any cavers who've allowed their NSS dues to lapse or who never have joined the Society, get after them. They won't want to miss the 1983 NEWS!

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COVER: Alan Heller's NSS Photo Salon medal-winning view of Scorpion Cave, plus Alan's shot of one of the horn sharks that inhabit California sea caves. Also, Bob Henderson's view of the Conrad Limbough's nudibranch (*Cadlina limboughorum*), a normally uncommon sea creature that is seen frequently in Santa Cruz Island sea caves.

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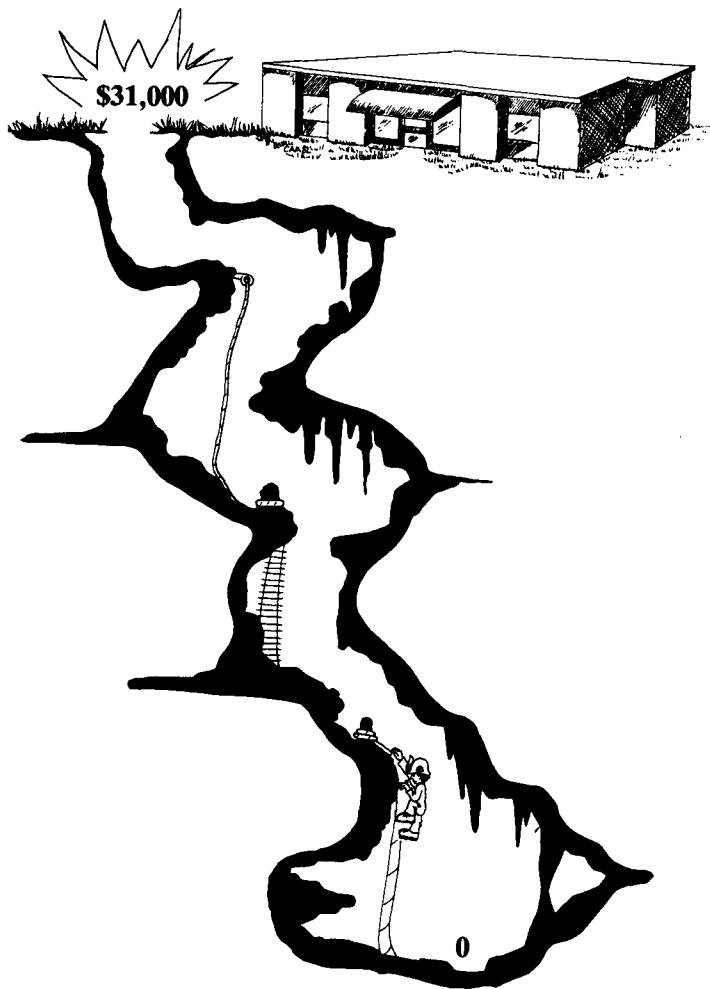
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CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED; PAYMENT DUE!

In mid-October the contractor completed his work on the addition to the NSS office in Huntsville. The finished building provides more than double the space than in the previous building — the library now has room for expansion, the secretaries have a large, well-lighted room to work in, the bookstore has a display area and lots of storage space, the press and other equipment are in their own room, and a vault has been provided to protect valuable Society records from fire or theft. Interior partitions and moving of furniture should be completed by the time you read this.

If you saw the office before the addition was built, we hope you will make a point of visiting it again and seeing what an improvement has been made. The office serves you, the member. It now is prepared for the growth of the Society over the next decade.

You can make your contribution to the future of the NSS by donating what you can to the Office Addition Fund. The sooner we can pay off the mortgage the less we will have to spend on interest on our loan. Your help is needed. Please send what you can to the NSS office, marked for the Office Addition Fund.

Janet McCormick