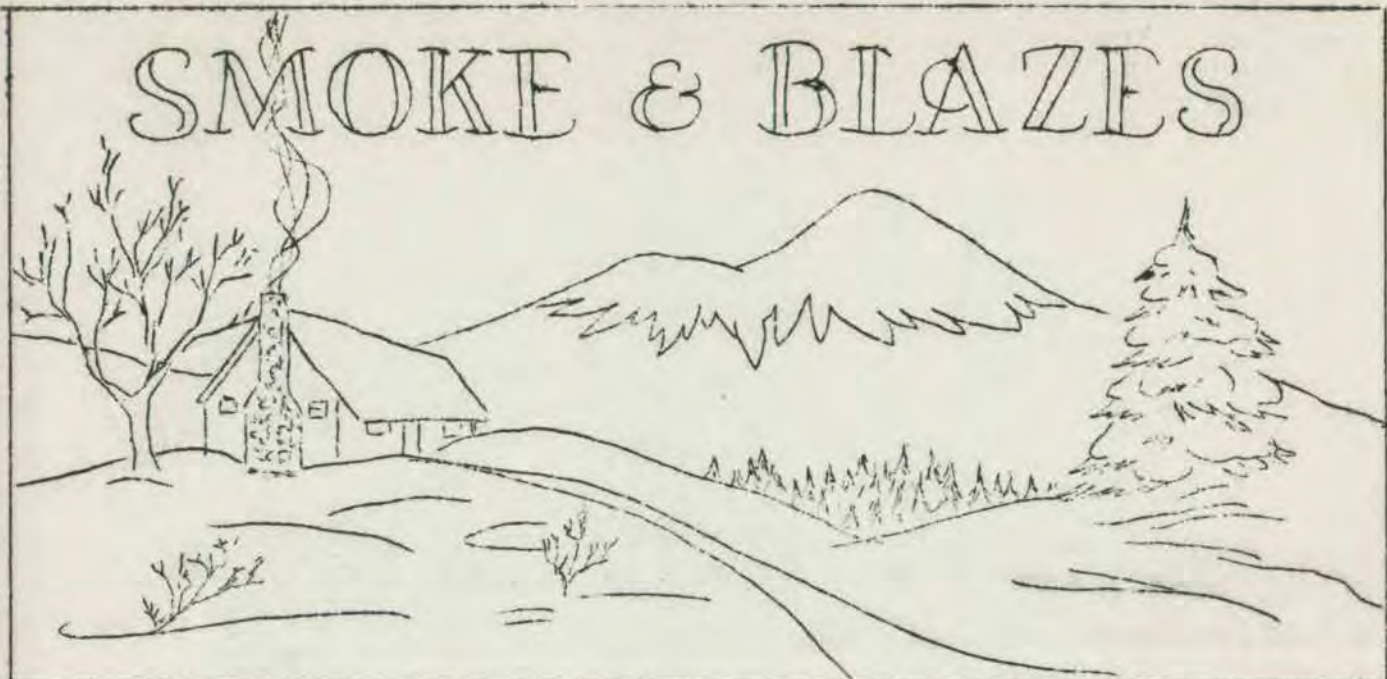


SMOKE & BLAZES



Vol. 17, No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan.-Feb. 1964

COMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE - Saturday, Feb. 29th at the Neighborhood Rooms, Marble Savings Bank Bldg. We need a lot of things-----not only clothing, but dishes, nicknacks, books, toys, etc. There will be someone at the rooms Friday the 28th after 9 o'clock so bring your things there, or if you can't bring them in call Craigie Perkins 773-7954 or Harold Valiquette 773-8422 and they will pick them up.

SUNNYSIDE - This is a favorite of us all, so let's be at Meldon School at 10:00 o'clock on March 8th, (it's a Sunday). We will probably hike in from Spring Lake Ranch so this will be a good time to bring the young'uns.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT - Sat. March 21st will see us on our way to Governor Clement. We'll leave Meldon at 9 a.m. If the roads are good we may be able to ride right in.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY - What do you know - it's Sugar-on-Snow time again. This year we'r holding it at _____ better be there at _____

o'clock if you expect us to leave you some. Place and time will be announced in the paper. It will be held Saturday, April 4th.

TUCKER LODGE doesn't live up to it's name; so, come on everybody it's an easy hike and the company is usually good. We'll leave Meldon at 10 a.m. Sunday, Apr. 19th.

NEW SCHEDULES

The new spring and summer hike schedules are inclosed. The outing committee hopes that these hikes will meet with your approval and if any extra copies are desired they are available from C. Perkins H. Valiquette or C. Scott.

SMOKE & BLAZES deadline

The deadline for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes will be Apr. 13. Please have all the items in to the editor before that date so that the issue may go out on time.

I was very pleased to see such a large attendance at our Annual Meeting. As I begin my second year, I wish to thank all the

committeemen who served with me this past year. This year we hope to make 1964 a bigger and most interesting year for the Green Mt. Club members.

As most of you know January 11th we had our Annual Spaghetti Supper. It was held at Tall Timbers and 26 people turned out for this supper. On Jan. 17th 50 people turned out for our Annual meeting. On Jan. 26th 52 turned out for Winter Sports Day held at Tall Timbers.

Let's keep it up! Nice going.

Harold D. Valiquette
President

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Friday, Jan. 17, 1964 at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Vermont Public Service rooms.

Among the out-of-town members and guests that came to the well attended meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Wilman Day, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks and Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick Cahee of Springfield, Vt., Terry Gulick and Miss Edith Ewald of Castleton State College, Ray Secor and Pres. Ben Rolston of Schenectady and Peter Sikakana of Southern Rhodesia visiting the U.S. to study the teaching methods of this country.

The Treasurer's report will be found in this issue.

Adult membership stayed the same at 67, but juniors increased from 35 to 47 making a total of 114 - twelve more than 1962.

Craig Perkins spoke on Outings. The season was very good with a number of new spots visited. As usual the Winter Weekend, Sugar-on-Snow, and covered dish Supper were well attended.

The 1963 Intersectional was hosted by this section. It was favored by very good weather. Attendance and hiking records were broken and our section was well represented.

George Reynolds spoke on behalf of Ann as editor of Smoke and Blazes. She asked to be relieved of her job but would be willing to be correspondent for the Long Trail News. The section voted to thank Ann for the very good work she has done and to express sorrow that she must resign.

Ben Rolston spoke for the Trails and Shelters. He said the section was in good shape with just one lumber job between lower and upper Cold River Road giving any trouble.

The present officers were re-elected to serve another year and W. Churchill Scott was chosen as Trustee to replace Ray Catozzi whose term will expire in May.

Fernan Bartlett gave an illustrated talk of his vagabond trip throughout Africa. He also had many interesting articles on display showing different styles of native handiwork.

Once again the ladies served very delicious refreshments of cakes, pies, cookies and coffee. The section thanks them for putting on a pleasant finish to a very successful meeting.

REPORT OF TRAINS & SHELTERS COMM.

At our Annual Meeting Ben Rolston gave a very complete report of the southern half of our section. The trail is in good shape with the exception of a lumber job between the lower and upper Cold River Road. The shelters are in good condition. Clarendon has all new windows, new stove pipe, and roof patched and coated.

The northern section was completely worked over this year, including that remote area between the near and far junctions on Pico, thanks to George Reynolds and Allen Camp. Pico is in good shape and Tucker had a coat of creosote and most important the floor was leveled and the foundation was strengthened greatly.

There are still many jobs to be done on the trail and to the shelters which will improve them very much for the many hikers whom we hope to have use our section this season.

We need a great deal of help and if anyone can spare some time please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vermont.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER W.C.Scott

After a number of trips to Clarendon to repair the windows and stove the Outing Committee decided to change the locale of our Annual Spaghetti Supper to Tall Timbers.

Once again our section is indebted to Craigue and Mary for the use of Tall Timbers. Each time we visit this spot it is more enjoyable. Also to "T" and Herold for preparing the tremendous amount of spaghetti.

The group began arriving in the afternoon and soon the water was boiling fast and furious. There was a bit of confusion due to the notice in the Rutland Herald about folks bringing their own sauce. So consequently there were many different types of sauce for different types of appetites, but in the end everyone was fed and happy.

The night was clear and cold with many stars, the road was all ice for fast sliding, and the stoves good and warm for sitting and talking.

There were 29 folks at Tall Timbers including Fernand Bartlett, an old timer, to enjoy a very pleasant evening.

WINTER SPORTS DAY - TALL TIMBER by Vera Perkins

On Sunday, January 26th, following a week of thawing weather, a number of winter enthusiasts gathered at Tall Timber to enjoy a Winter Sports Day.

When we arrived, soon after 10 a.m. we found the cottage warm and cozy thanks to Mary and Craigue. Among other early arrivals were three GMCers from Massachusetts who planned to climb Blue Ridge.

By noon quite a sizeable group had gathered, including several of

our Springfield friends and Ben Rolston from Schenectady.

Lunch time was a busy hour with each one assembling his or her own meal supplemented by the standard GMC coffee, tea or cocoa.

After lunch everyone was ready to see what could be found for outdoor activity. The thaw of the previous week had left a rather thin, breakable crust over ice, so that neither walking nor snowshoeing were top notch. In spite of this many short trips were taken. These same conditions made for excellent sliding and tobogganing which were greatly enjoyed by the Junior members (as well as some Senior ones!).

Perhaps another time with different snow conditions more varied and ambitious "Winter Sports" could be carried on, but we feel sure all attending agree that the day was a most successful and enjoyable one.

MT. HANLEY H. D. Valiquette

Sunday Feb. 9th was clear, crisp and sunny. Eight GNC hikers met at Meldon school and we traveled to West Rutland in two cars.

After parking our cars we started up the old logging road. Before hiking too far we were very glad we brought our snowshoes.

The ones in the lead started a fire about 1½ miles in and when the rest arrived the coffee pot was boiling briskly and soon everyone was enjoying his lunch.

The hike to the top was pretty steep in places. If you couldn't make it standing up you crawled up on your hands and knees (coming back you sat on your snowshoes and slid down). It was well worth the effort when you reached the top. The view was magnificent.

On our way back we found the fire still burning and the water in the coffee pot boiling so we enjoyed hot drinks again. After chatting a while we picked up our packs and started back to the cars. All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1963	\$ 724.94
Received from dues	152.50
Received from donations	216.00
Received from Winter Week-end	3.30
Interest on money in the bank	28.96
Sale of Guide Books	36.00
Sale of G.M.C. Sleeve Patches	3.70
Total -	\$1,165.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Annual Meeting	2.00
Trails & Shelters expense	63.66
Paid Outing Committee for supplies and schedules	29.17
Postage	5.00
Smoke & Blazes expense	40.50
Sugar-on-snow expense	23.18
Paid to Main Club for dues	35.20
Paid to Main Club for Guide Books	30.00
Paid to Fred Field Insurance on Shelters	23.25
Total	251.96

Cash on hand December 31, 1963 \$ 913.44

Respectfully submitted,

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer

Mr. Lincoln Isham has given the Killington Section another very generous gift during the Holiday Season for use in trail work and shelter maintenance. Each member of our section express our very great thanks for this gift and am sure that it will be used wisely.

1964 KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP LIST

Following is a list of paid members for 1964 to date. You can still pay your 1964 dues (\$2.00 for adults; 50 cents for juniors) to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland. The next issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be the last one to be mailed to the 1963 list.

Martha Adams	Edith Ewald	Candace Scott
Bennett Bell	Lincoln Isham	Robert Scott
Miriam Bell	Veda Knipes	W. C. Scott
Anna Berg	Pearle Nichols	Ray Secor
Marjorie Burditt	John Paddock	John Joseph
Christine Cahee	Mrs. John Paddock	Valiquette
Hedrick Cahee	Vera Perkins	Harold Valiquette
Mary Ellen Connors	Ann Reynolds	Thelma Valiquette
Joanne Connors	George Reynolds	M. Eleanor Walker
Sophie Connors	Robert Reynolds	Elizabeth Weeks
Jerry Connors	John Reynolds	Michael Wiley
Virginia Day	Ben Rolston	Carleton Wilson
Wilman Day	Patrick Riordan	
	Ellen Russell	

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Vol. 17, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Mar.-Apr. 1964

COMING EVENTS

by
Susan Tarbell

Up Mendon Mountain we'll go,
It's a bushwhacking trip you know,
We'll leave Meldon at 9:00,
And we'll have a good time,
So on May 2nd - let's go.

May 17th is a Sunday,
And East Mountain is our goal,
It truly should be a fun day,
Be at Meldon at 10:00 if you go.

On May 31st is a trip we all like,
The spring flowers should make
an interesting hike,
We'll leave Meldon at 10:00,
Go to Pico and then,
We will eat and come home when
we like.

Bird Mountain is a favorite of mine,
The view is simply divine,
June 13 is the date,
Please don't be late,
Cause we're leaving the school
at 9:00.

The Killington Section has been requested to furnish the coffee and donuts for the "Get Acquainted Hour" at the Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club to be held at the Long Trail Lodge, Saturday, May 30th.

We will need a few folks to volunteer to help with this project which will probably last from 9:00 to 10:15 AM. Anyone willing to do this, please contact President Harold Valiquette or Churchill Scott.

TRAILS and SHELTERS REPORT

Once again as the snow slowly recedes up the mountains we must think of putting our section of the Long Trail and its shelters in first class shape for the coming hiking season.

This year it is more imperative than ever, for in addition to the Annual Meeting in May, the A.T.C. gathering in June at Stratton Mt. and the recent article in FORD TIMES by Fran. Green about hiking the Long Trail has brought many inquiries to the main club for information about the Long Trail.

We have over 30 miles of main and side trails to maintain plus 6 shelters. It is hardly fair to expect Ben Rolston, who lives

100 miles away, to almost single-handedly take care of our section.

There are over 100 members in our group and it certainly seems that more than 3 or 4 could be able to attend the very infrequent work parties we schedule.

This year we hope to cover the entire section to continue the good work started last year. Each camp will have to have a great deal of odds and ends done to it. Clarendon Gorge bridge must be checked and given a good coat of creosote.

Work parties will be scheduled for each Saturday that a regular hike is not planned.

Anyone able to help please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701. Tel 5-5720.

THE LONG TRAIL NEWS

It has been brought to our attention that some members are not on the mailing list for The Long Trail News.

If anyone is not receiving a copy please notify W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer.

BUFFUM LODGE

by

Vera Perkins

There are some of us who always maintain that a good winter outing just can't be beat. Saturday, February 22nd seemed made to order for such an outing, Clear, snappy weather, good snowshoeing, and cozy Buffum Lodge for our destination. All that was lacking was the crowd! However, we started off gaily with one car load - and we do mean load! Eleanor Walker, Churchill, Janet Martin, Carol, Nancy, Betsy and Tommy Martin, all squeezed into Vera's car and we were on our way.

After parking at the Trail crossing on the Gulf Road, we donned snowshoes and enjoyed a leisurely hike up snow covered hills to Buffum. There we found a good supply of wood, and the fire was soon crackling merrily and the stove sending out a welcome warmth.

The "mitten line" above the stove was appreciated and used to capacity. So too, the "sitting space" on the bench around the stove.

We were soon joined by Michael Wiley and his sister and brother who were visiting him in Chittenden, and by George Reynolds and son John.

After lunch the junior members enjoyed building snow tunnels and forts, providing a fresh supply of damp mittens for "the line". The rest did a little picking up, loafed around the fire, turned the mittens as needed, and exchanged the customary wise-cracks.

About 2:30, having decided there would be no more arrivals and the mitten supply being completely exhausted, we started the return trip. This was made the easy way by some of the youngest using a snowshoe as a toboggan.

About half way down we exchanged greetings with Marjorie Burditt and Doris Newton who were making the trip as an afternoon jaunt.

Arriving at the car, we peeled the wet clothing from the juniors, wrapped them in sweaters and car robes and proceeded happily on our way to Rutland.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$102.48

Killington Section's 16th Rummage Sale was held on Saturday Feb. 29th. The usual crowd was assembled in the lobby of the Marble Bank awaiting the opening of the gate and business was brisk for the first 2 hours. After that a steady trickle of customers throughout most of the day gradually pushed the sales up over our goal of "at least \$100".

A willing and able committee was on hand Friday, collecting, setting up tables, sorting, marking and arranging. The same workers, augmented by several additional volunteers, helped out on Saturday. This extra help was especially welcome in the early part of the day as the first hour of a Rummage Sale is always a "rush hour". The stand-bys who

were on hand for the clean-up deserve a special vote of thanks. This is a discouraging part of the project if help is scarce.

We are continually amazed at the amount of rummage our small group of GMCers can round up year after year. Without these faithful contributors there could of course be no sale.

The fact that this sale was held at a different time of year appeared to make no appreciable difference in the results. However, most of the workers felt that our usual fall date has some advantages. So we will probably have our next sale next fall. We realize this brings two rather close together so start now to collect all those things you overlooked or couldn't decide to part with this time.

With plenty of help, working on these sales is really fun. We look forward to seeing our regular customers each year and to what your attics and cupboards will produce for us to sell. It's nice too, to have money in our treasury for needed projects as they arise. So start now, get set for our 17th Rummage Sale.

SUNNYSIDE TRIP by Ann Reynolds

From the first arrival (Susan Tarbell, who had hiked in from Wallingford and gotten the fire going) to the last (Churchill Scott, who arrived just in time to have a cup of coffee and turn around to start back), all 32 people who took part in the Sunnyside outing on March 8th enjoyed an early glimpse of spring.

Pussywillows were in bud, and the road was not so much snow as MUD. Most of the intrepid drivers went all the way to the clearing beyond Spring Lake Ranch, but Craigie Perkins extended his hike by parking at the bottom of the road.

Youngsters of all ages were in the group, as well as a dog or two, and the shelter was really humming with activity. (Item: Fernand Bartlett was catching a nap

while one of the smallest GMC'ers was trying to rouse him.

A highlight of the trip was the unveiling of the handsome Killington Section banner which President Harold Valiquette presented to the Club.

Ben Rolston, President of the main Club, dropped in long enough to make a few announcements and tell of his week-end adventures. Several people from Spring Lake Ranch joined us for the morning, and when they expressed an interest in hiking to Clarendon Gorge, Geo. Reynolds was a willing companion.

There were a number of new faces in the group, and we hope they will be with us often.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT by Doris Newton

Perhaps the March 21st outing should have been called "open house" at Gov. Clement. People arrived and departed at different times and by different routes. We even hear that two members did not arrive at all - Churchill Scott and George Reynolds went up the Long Trail from the Lower to Upper Roads, studied the tracks at the bridge - decided that everyone had left and so came out themselves.

By whatever route or at whatever time one arrived (or didn't arrive) it was a perfect day to be out-of-doors. There was still a good deal of snow in the woods, but the track was so well packed that snowshoes were not necessary.

As Marjorie Burditt and I came up the road, we were joined by a large and amiable dog. It seems that the GMCers bound for Governor Clement are usually joined by him. Maybe he should be made official Governor Clement mascot?

It was pleasant to hear voices as we approached the shelter, to smell woodsmoke, and to see the famous big black coffee pot on the fireplace. I'm sure we all went home with the feeling, well known to GMC members, of a pleasant day, well spent in the open.

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SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

by W. Churchill Scott

The Annual Sugar-On-Snow party of the Killington Section was held on Saturday, April 4th at the Universalist Church.

Even the weatherman helped to provide new snow which Pete Hadeke, Patrick Riordan and Harold V. gathered near the Long Trail Lodge Saturday morning. In the afternoon Mary Ellen Connors helped the boys fill the 80 cartons.

Along the middle of the afternoon the workers began to boil the syrup and the sweet aroma filled the entire hall. Carol, Betsy and Nancy Martin helped set the tables.

At 6:00 PM the guests began to arrive and soon we had the largest group in the history of our sugar-on-snow parties. About 80 persons including 7 Trustees of the main Club enjoyed the sugar, donuts and coffee, as well as Jack Martin's music and the usual talk fest about past experiences on the trail and planning things to do in the future.

Following is a list of additional members paid to April 17th. You can still pay your dues (\$2.00 for adults, 50¢ for juniors) to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. This issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be the last one mailed to the 1963 list.

Helen Bailey
Harriet Bryant
Allen Camp
John H. Carnahan
Mary F. Carnahan
Paul A. Carnahan
Sarah K. Carnahan
Ruth Fostman
Helen Frink
Ella Fritsch
Hans Fritsch
Frances Greene
Charles B. Gulick
Peter Hadeke
Mary Isbell
George Kirk
Elsie Maier
Florence P. Mitchell
William N. Mitchell
Joel Mumford
Jack Martin
Janet Martin

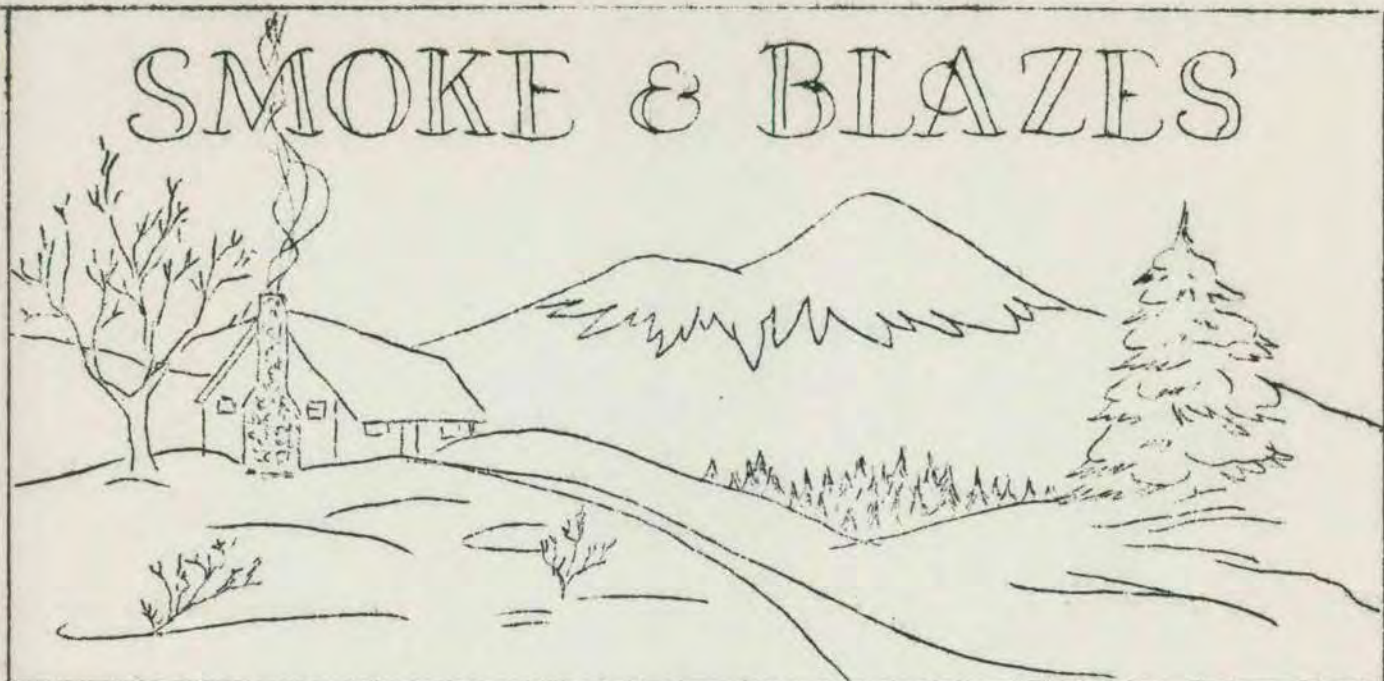
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tommy Martin
Doris Newton
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Anne Perkins
Craig Perkins
David Perkins
Mary Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Tim Perkins
Leslie Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
George J. Stannard, Jr.
Denny Payne
Timmy Payne
Florence VanWyck

Been thinking of new equipment? Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 1916 Sunderland Place, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. has a 70 page catalogue entitled "Lightweight Equipment for Hiking, Camping & Mountaineering". A concise current listing of 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 help the prospective buyer make an informed choice. Description, weight and price give the needed information for comparisons. The dealers listed welcome requests for catalogues. Send for 70 page catalogue for 50¢ plus 10¢ for handling charge.

SMOKE & BLAZES deadline - Let's get all items to the Editor by middle of June so we can get that issue out on time.

SMOKE & BLAZES



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COMING EVENTS by Susan Tarbell

Baker Peak
Nice treat
June 28
Sunday's the date
Meldon at 10
See you then.

Let's have enough at Sucker Brook
So we can trade cars at the trail
Some come in from Mt. Horrid cliff
And some from the Lake Pleiad trail
So July 11 from Meldon school at
9:00 we'll go
Shake your bones, leave your troubles at home
It's only 9 miles - Tally---Ho!

We're going to Tinmouth
Where?
We're going to Tinmouth
Why?
We're going to Tinmouth
To see what's to see
And when we get there
We'll decide.
Meldon - July 26 (Sunday) 10:00

Mystery Hike (Saturday)
We know what day we're going-Aug 8
We know what time we're leaving-9:00
We know who's taking us-Terry Gulick
We know where to start - Meldon
So what's the mystery?
Where we are going!!!
Come dressed for anything
From caving to climbing.

Aeolus - Aug. 23 - Sunday
This one we got lost on
The last time we went up
We got out of the woods all right
But without any sup
No kidding tho this hike is fun
And there is a cave to see
So leave with us from Meldon
You all come now, it's Sunday.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our section has again received a very generous gift from Mr. Lincoln Isham for use to help maintain our trails and shelters. Mr. Isham's

generosity for a number of years has enabled the Killington Section to keep its trails and shelters in very excellent condition and we are all very grateful for this help.

TUCKER LODGE

Peter Hadeka

The party of eight hikers left Meldon School at 10 A.M. Sunday. Soon after arriving at our hiking point we were joined by a group of Castleton State College boys.

After the stove pipe was repaired by Harold V. and Craigie P. and ample firewood was gathered by the boys, we proceeded with the fire and the hot water. As the first of the small group sat down to eat their lunches we were joined by more and more members until the day's total reached 26 hikers.

Side trips of the day included Deer Leap and other little mountain summits nearby. It was a most enjoyable day in which many merely sat in the sun and soaked up the fine spring weather.

MENDON MOUNTAIN

Patrick Riordan

On Sat. May 2nd Craigie, Churchill and I took off for Mendon at about 9:15 AM in Craigie's car.

We took the road to Governor Clement Shelter. Before we got there we left the car in a small clearing off to the side of the road. When we reached the shelter we signed the new register. Then we started up the trail to Cooper Lodge. About halfway up we stopped to eat. We then cut off the trail and went up the mountain. It was pretty hard going with no trail to follow.

We finally reached a shoulder of Mendon. For a while the three of us did a little looking around. At times we weren't too sure of ourselves but thanks to Craigie and Churchill's skillful guiding we got back safe and sound.

On our way back we cut down the side of the mountain to save time - the going was rugged. Another day well spent.

WHERE HAS EAST MOUNTAIN GONE?

Fernand Bartlett

For a variety of reasons and lack of numbers the East Mt. May 17 hike missed the area by a wide mark. It was go south boys, so south for an eventful and sunny jog near Clement to Clarendon Gorge.

Enthusiastic Mark Pfenning led the group a merry chase and run on, off across the trail. Daniel Boone would have found him an apt and enthusiastic companion. With Terry Gulick keeping all happy with endless discovery of 7 varieties of violets, crinkle root, painted and red trillium, dog-tooth violet, cowslip, oceans of wild strawberries (sorry only in flower) wild columbine, pink lady-slippers, etc.

Heard and/or seen among the birds scarlet tanager, red breasted grosbeak, robins, red-yellow throats, song thrush, white throated sparrow, oven bird, catbird and some others.

The luscious scenery, rushing streams, swaying evergreen forest did on rare occasion distract from the nature lore hunt. Pat Riordan who nobly protected the rear was detailed to keep his sharp lookout for Okra. This strange and mysterious beast was continually brought to the hikers attention by numerous notes left by previous UVM geology field trippers. We still are trying to learn whether Pat was able to corner the Okra market thru his halo of mosquitoes. Our impression at times being that if he continued to swing his arms any faster at his mosquito monopoly, he would be the next man in space.

Chance meeting on the trail were 11 students from Putney School and 2 staff who trekked from Old Job to north of Clarendon. At Clarendon Lodge about 26 from Springfield rushed Beacon Hill and we suspect 80 years young Mr. Aldrich was first on all counts. A young miss hailing from Argentina only regret on her trip "do we have to leave such a beautiful place".

We are still in need of help to discover the meaning of a comment of Mark's as we entered the cow pasture on the far side of Beacon Hill. "Watch out for all the country fudge"???

ANNUAL MEETING
Churchill Scott

The Annual Meeting of G.M.C was held at the Long Trail Lodge on Saturday May 30th.

Killington Section had charge of the get together coffee hour before the meeting and Vera, Thelma, Harold and Churchill poured and served.

Very cool, clear and windy weather helped to keep the black flies away and boost the attendance to about 125 (a record we believe). Killington Section was very well represented with about 32 members present.

Bob Humes was elected President by the Board of Trustees to replace Ben Rolston. Ben has certainly done a wonderful job for the past two years and we feel the Club owes him a great deal of thanks.

THE SEARCH ON PICO
M. G. Wiley

On Sunday May 31 at 10:30 A.M. Ferd. Bertlett, Peter Hadeka and I left Meldon School with every expectation of finding at least a dozen more Killington Section people on Pico. The weather was fine and we were sure to have a fine trip. On reaching the parking lot at Long Trail Lodge we found only one familiar car and that belonged to a friend of Ferd's who we did not locate either. Where had everyone gone? Were we on the right mountain? Where were Craigie and Churchill? Oh! they are at the shelter already of course---so we began to climb the 3,900 ft. peak.

Our first encounter with another mammal was a small chipmunk and we tiptoed past so as not to disturb him. Further up the trail we met a man and his wife and oddly the man was lying in the grass. As we approached we found that he was taking a picture of a maroon or red trillium--supposed to be rare in this area? The trillium became the topic of conversation over the rest of the trip. We agreed that photos were the best method of collecting wild flowers, however there was much speculation as to how rare this maroon trillium really was. As we climbed they became more and more

- 3- frequent with sometimes as many as 20 in a single area.

By now we were sure that our Killington section was on top having lunch and enjoying the view. Water temperature at the spring was 37°. We again began to climb and got our first taste of bushwacking as we lost or never started on the trail. It was slow going zig-zagging over blow downs and crawling thru low spruce. Suddenly without any warning from a large clump of low spruce on our right we came on the trail. We proceeded most rapidly up the remaining few hundred feet to the summit but still no sign of anyone - not even the look-out tower. This was the first time any of us had seen Pico without the tower and it was not a pleasant sight. The peak was littered with rubbish and its face was torn with scars left by heavy machinery. The ranger's cabin was in a similar shambles and we sat down to contemplate the fate of this mighty peak. With our spirits dampened it took a little time to decide that it was time to head down but we now had a problem. Which route should we take? Finally we decided upon the road which crossed the newly cut lift line.

As we descended our spirits livened and we soon entered Pico's famous Sunset Schuss trail which Ferd had skied in the days past. We found the walking much easier with wild flowers and grass at our feet instead of the rocks and gravel of the road. The water temperature here was 39° and Ferd and Peter quipped that we might soon be overcome by heat exhaustion. When we reached the tower at the head of the main ski area it seemed to challenge us, after all we had climbed the mighty Pico, and although the stairs were broken and the railing was shaky we climbed on. On top the view was beautiful but our unsteady vantage point seemed to be trying to tell us something as it creaked under our weight. When Ferd suggested that the platform would be a fine place for a square dance Peter and I decided the altitude was too much for him and convinced him that we better head down.

Upon reaching the parking lot we

Upon reaching the parking lot we⁻⁴ still saw no familiar Killington Sec. cars and decided to give up the search. We returned tired but happy GMCers after a fine trip and only regretted that more could not have enjoyed the fun.

BIRD MOUNTAIN SOLO

M. G. Wiley

It was rainy but looked like a fine day for a Green Mt. Club hike. After waiting for a half hour I decided the crew must have already left so off to Bird Mt. I ventured expecting to find hikers. I had been to Bird before and in my estimation it is one of the most beautiful mountains and views in the Rutland area. It is a fine example of the Taconic mountains and although not as high as some of the Green Mts. certainly as good a climb.

I did not go south far enough when starting and as a result had to climb and descend two other smaller peaks before getting to the summit of Bird. It was misty and a bit rainy at times but just as lovely as ever. Looking across to Pico and Killington one could see these two summits seemingly floating on an ocean of clouds.

I returned via the trail doing some clearing as I went and would like to suggest that the Club - with the permission of land owners - again take the responsibility of keeping this trail open. It was a fine trip in spite of the rain and I still think that Bird Mt. is one of the finest in the area. How about coming along next time and judging for yourself.

FAREWELL TO KIP

Kip - the big black pack dog of Caroline Parmenter's has passed away. A recent note from Frances Green, Caroline's long time friend, told us this news.

Kip made friends with the Killington section about 1950-51 at Stratton Mt. where his mistress was fire warden. When they transferred to Pico he made many new admirers with his ability to travel down to the spring and return with full water jugs on his back. All he asked was that some-

one be there to fill them. In recent years his activities were curtailed by old age and arthritis but many of us will always remember him striding up and down the slopes of Pico.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

W. Churchill Scott

Terry Gulick and Churchill Scott have been out on work parties a number of times clearing the trail up Pico. On Sunday June 21st at the urging of Wm. Mitchell of Worcester, Mass. we are having a work party to do as much trail clearing as possible on Pico and on toward Killington. Also any work on Pico Camp that is necessary. There will be more work parties this summer so how about some of the members who did not go on the last work party getting out and doing their bit.

The Trails and Shelters Comm. have decided to furnish the meals for the members of work parties as was the custom years ago during the 1950's. If anyone has any suggestions to offer we'd be very glad to hear them.

MYSTERY HIKE AUG. 8th

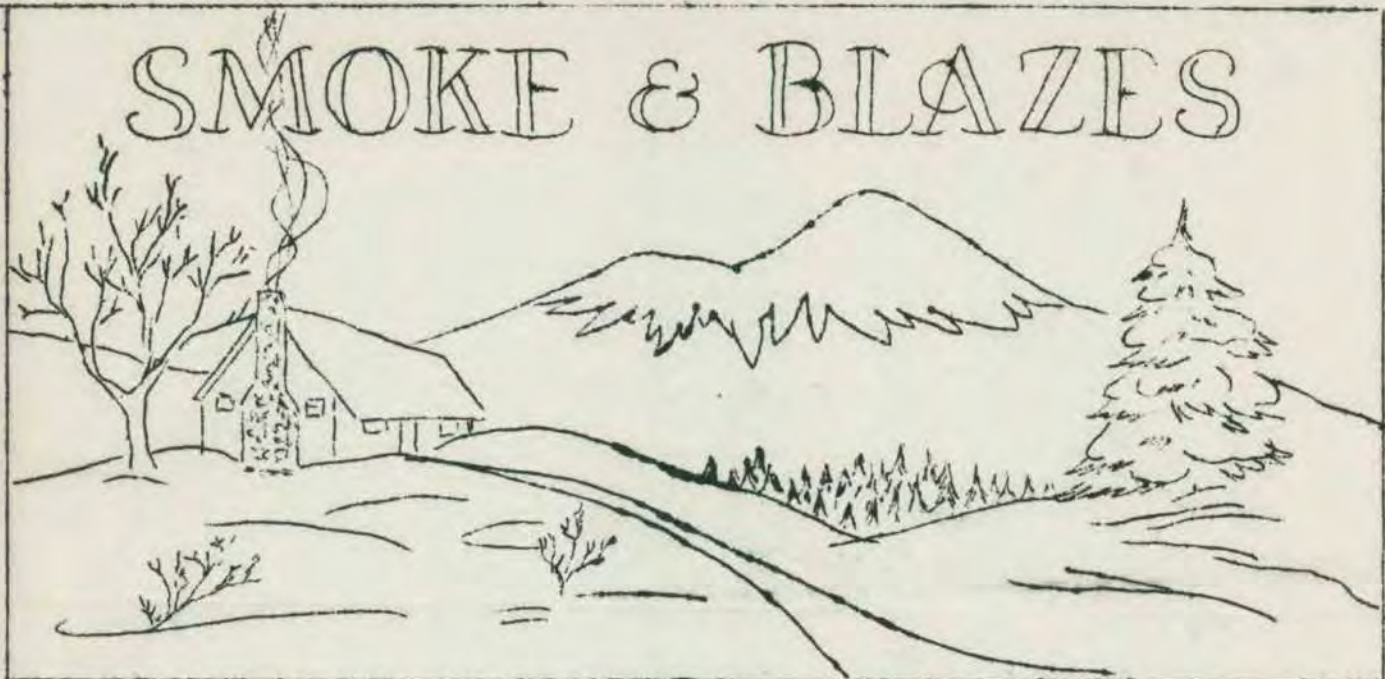
Destination - A part of Vermont

For a treat of a Vermont phenomenon unknown to many, the much talked about Mystery Hike scheduled for Sat. Aug. 8th will provide a spectacle that only camera can record! To be led by Terry Gulick of Castleton, the hike will start from Meldon at 10 A.M. using motor vehicles for the initial phase. Walking will be the final method of reaching the mystery destination. Total one way distance by foot is estimated at 3 (or so) miles. Recommended to bring: waterproof footwear (boots or bare feet), camera, lunch and a cup, and a jeep if you or your friends have one.

Make the summer complete by including the Mystery Hike in your plans -- Remember the date Saturday August 8th''''

The Intersectional's coming at last
The information's enclosed, come have
a blast.

SMOKE & BLAZES



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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - July-Aug. 1964

COMING EVENTS by Susan Tarbell

Sunday Sept. 20

A compass, a road map
A spy glass and lunch,
Are what you will need
If you follow my hunch.

For we're going up Stratton
(There's a view at the top)
And we'll have to leave early
9:00 by my watch.

So meet me at Meldon
In warm hiking togs
And we head up Mt. Stratton
And hope there's no fog.

P.S. For the less energetic
a ski lift (\$2.00) will bring you
to within a flat 3/4 mile of the
fire tower where we will eat lunch.
The view is tremendous.

Sunday Oct. 4th -

A mystery hike again I see
I wonder where this one will be,
It might be high if the color's good
Or it might be low, a walk in the wood

So if you have a mystery hike yen
Meet Terry at Meldon, he's leaving
at 10:00

Saturday, Oct. 17th

East Mountain again for this
foliage season
I wonder if the view is the reason
If you would go, be at Meldon
at 9:00
and come on everyone, you'll have
a good time.

Saturday, Oct. 24th

Many people like food. They like to
look at it, eat it, make it, or
smell it.

If you belong to one of these
categories I would strongly suggest
that you be at Beechwood for a
covered dish supper on Oct. 24th
at 6:00. And, please, don't tell
anybody or we will be crowded.
Call 773-2941 by Friday, Oct. 23rd
for reservations. Plan to bring
along one of your favorite dishes
for everyone to taste.

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Weaklings don't come
This is work for men
We're having a work party
Leave Meldon at 10:00
We'll go where we're needed
That should be fun 'cause
We're needed most everywhere
Come on gang, let's run.

(Ladies see next page.)

Now ladies don't cry
You're needed there, too
Who else do you think's
Going to lug in the stew.
By stew, I mean food
A conglomeration.
Let's make something special,
Have a celebration.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, Meldon at 10:00
Here's the nearest hike
To the snowy season
It may be your last chance
to hike without freezin'.

So come up to Pico, the
Gang will be there
Get clean air in your lungs
And pine in your hair.

Saturday, Nov. 14th -RUMMAGE SALE
at the Neighborhood Rooms, Marble
Savings Bank Building. Anything
that anyone can spare in the line
of clothing, dishes, nicknacks,
books, toys, etc. will be apprec-
iated. There will be someone at
the rooms Friday, Nov. 13th, after
9 o'clock. If you can't bring
your articles in, call Craigue
Perkins 773-7954 or Harold Valiquette
773-8422 and they will pick them up.

BAKER PEAK
Harriot Bryant - Dorset

Hiked into the Peak on the new
section of trail from USF.S. #10,
admiring the new shelter and
suspension bridge over Big Branch.
A beautiful sunny day and fine
hiking. The new section is great!
My Welsh Corgi friend and I enjoy-
ed every inch and were welcomed
by Mike Wiley and two friends on
the Peak. They came as scheduled
from the McGinn Brook Trail (right
straight up they said). Mike had
a fire going in no time for coffee
and treated us to cookies while
we waited for the others and
enjoyed the fine panorama below
us and in all directions. The
rest of the party did not arrive
and Laurie Berglie and Susan
Wiley decided they would like to

walk back with me. Enjoyed their
company and Mike was waiting for
them when we emerged from the
woods on #10.
P.S. The rest of the party had
left a note that they had gone home.

SUCKER BROOK
Florence Herrick

On July 11th an enthusiastic twelve
people from Springfield joined the
Killington Section of G.M.C. on
the 9.8 mile hike from Brandon Gap
to Middlebury Gap. Although it
was a very warm day, a cool breeze
was felt along the mountain ridges.

After climbing Mt. Horrid, Cape
Lookout, White Rocks and Romance Mt.
we arrived at Sucker Brook Shelter
newly constructed by the U.S.
Forestry Department. We stayed
here to eat lunch and catch our
breaths before climbing Mt. Worth
and the long trek home. It is
worth mentioning that the woods
were very lush with vegetation.
Wood sorrell was evident as were
several species of fern.

A variety of ages was represent-
ed in the group with hikers rang-
ing from 10 to 80 summers. A
variety of hiking speeds was also
represented, as Churchill Scott
can confirm! The octogenarian not
only held his own but put those
half his age to shame by bush-
wacking to the top of Romance Mt.
This was a long, arduous trip but
a day well spent in the peace and
serenity of the woodland trail.

MYSTERY HIKE
A mystery of interest

With warm, threatening weather
on tap, and an hour's hopeful wait
at Meldon, the small but enthusias-
tic hikers left for destinations
unknown to anyone but the leader,
Terry Gulick. (One report was
heard that the mystery was so
mysterious, some parties became
apprehensive about it, and so, did
not turn out.)

All kidding aside, the group,
consisting of the leader, Les

Pfenning, and a group of youngsters from Castleton, headed south towards the junction and after much guessing found the NW heading south on U.S. 7.

Winding along through Wallingford South Wallingford, the course remained unchanged down into Denby and Mt. Tabor, on that new stretch of 60 MPH highway.

Suddenly, after slowing down and the course changed---No, not to Baker's Peak, or the Green Mts., but a right hand turn into the Taconics! Up a paved road, under the Vermont Marble Railway, and the old country road (as we were told to call it) until we came to a stop.

A while later, after some walking, a landmark---an arrow and a path, and a cave!!! Exploring the entrance, it was concluded that a return trip was in order. Returning to the road, the hike continued until a bridge (in good condition) was approached. Then, a left hand turn into a brook (dry), and suddenly a gorge opened up ahead. Under rocks and through wide crevasses the group trudged on 'til a natural foot bridge was discovered overhead, then, more gorge, and a picnic spot! right in the middle of the brook bed.

Lots of fun. As a matter of fact the gang wants to go again. Join them this fall. See the schedule.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS W. Churchill Scott

As the summer hiking season draws to a close the Trails and Shelters Committee wants to thank all the members that have worked so much to make our section of the Long Trail so well kept.

There are numerous entries in the registers at the various shelters expressing amazement and appreciation for the very well cleared and marked trails and the snug clean shelters.

Nevertheless there are many small details that must be done at our various shelters to get them ready to go through another Vermont winter.

If anyone is willing and able to help please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. Phone 5-5720.

According to a number of reports the suspension bridge over Mill River is in very great need of extensive repairs. President Harold Valiquette is going to inspect it and if there is any work that he feels the members can do, we will have a work party leaving Meldon School on Saturday Sept. 26th at 1:30 PM. Anyone willing and able to go can contact W. Churchill Scott. Phone 5-5720 for more details.

INTERSECTIONAL 1964 LAKE EDEN Janet Martin

The Martins, all 7, accompanied by Vera Perkins spent three days at the Intersectional at Lake Eden. Sunday, Aug. 30th, was a beautiful day when we left Rutland about 10 AM. After lunching at a way-side park we arrived at Lake Eden about 2:30, chose a camp site which would get the morning sun, and proceeded to set up our two umbrella tents.

Ours went up in a breeze but Craigue's, which we had borrowed, proved to be a bit more of a problem. However, we finally got it up with only a slight list! and got our corn cooking for supper.

In the evening there was the usual gathering in the main lodge with singing which Jack accompanied on the accordin, followed by a park service movie about Yosemite Park.

Monday we awakened to threatening skies and the heavens opened up in the middle of breakfast. It became necessary from time to time to dump the water from the large tent fly we had rigged up in front of the tents. We had planned to try Owl's Head in Canada but the periodic showers discouraged us and we settled for a swim and

tramping around camp.

Monday night's entertainment was much the same with a movie on Trans Canada. The hikers reported several showers and we were glad we had stayed in camp.

Tuesday morning we spent breaking camp and drying out the canvas. Following lunch we headed for home.

Following is a list of additional members to date -

H. Minerva Hinchey
Paul Magoon
Frances H. Roberts
Katherine E. Roberts
Richard N. Roberts
Raymond A. Catozzi
Mrs. Jean S. Davies
Father Raymond A. Giroux
Kenneth A. Laplant
Kenneth R. Laplant
James Watson Jutte
Joseph Pyne O'Ryan
Susan Tarbell

Harold Valiquette received the following letter from Bob Humes, President of the Main Club. Let's make a special effort to attend the dedication.

"I would like to inform you about a new shelter dedication on the Long Trail so you can pass the information along to your section.

The new Sunrise Shelter, replacing old Sunrise Camp, has now been completed by Roy Buchanan, and the trail crew. As you probably know this is located one mile south of Brandon Gap, (Route 73) on the Long Trail. We plan to have a dedication at the shelter on October 11, 1964, Sunday 11:30 AM.

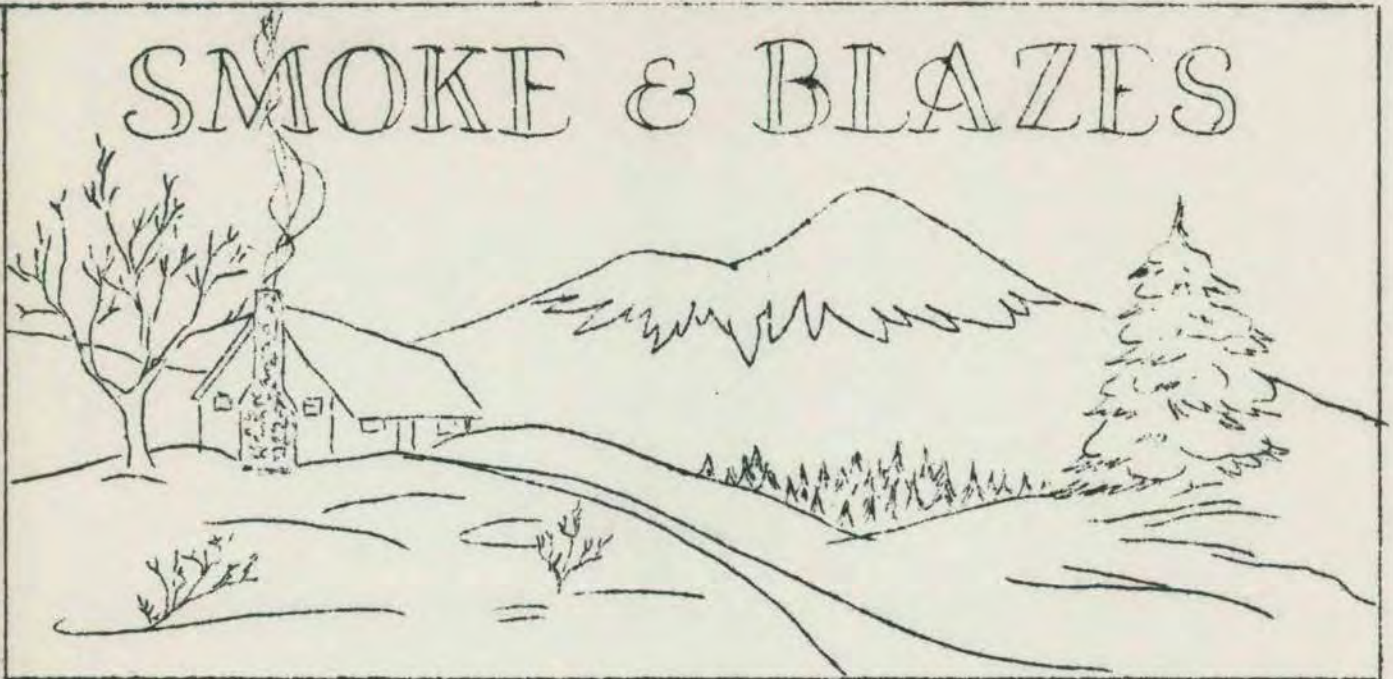
Mr. Mortimer Proctor, an old friend of the Club has donated the cost of labor and materials and made it a gift to the Green Mountain Club. Any who might be up in that section on a foliage trip are invited to attend the exercises. Please spread the information in your section.

Happy Hiking
(signed) Bob Humes, President G.M.C.

NEW SCHEDULES

The new fall and winter hike schedules are enclosed. The Outing Committee hopes that these hikes will meet with your approval and if any extra copies are desired they are available from C. Perkins, H. Valiquette or C. Scott.

SMOKE & BLAZES



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COMING EVENTS by Susan Tarbell

Good gracious, it's Gov. Clement
time, and
On Sunday again this year, so grab
your lunch and
Volley forth before the snow you
must fear.

Come and meet us at Meldon School
and
Let us be your guide. We'll show
you a camp
Erected with stone in 1929.

Many's the pleasure that is
in store
E're the camp is left
behind
Now if you'd be there on
November 29
Ten o'clock would be on time.

Come one, come all and
Let us begin to erase
All our Thanksgiving dining,
Really, you should come to
Clarendon

E're the Christmas season starts
winding, at
Nine o'clock we will be on our
way
Don't try to reach there
after
On December 12 we'll meet at our
school, and let
No one forget to bring laughter.

Moon light is best for many things
and
One of them is hiking

Or if you prefer a-

Nother term maybe showshoeing's
to your
Liking.

If so, and you want to join the
Gang, we'll gather on 12/19

Here's to Tucker Lodge and our
Moonlight hike
Time for take off 7:13.

Sunnyside is not too far, only
Up one rise, so come and bring
your
Neighbors or your
Nephew or
Your bride.
Sunday is the day to come
It's january three so
Dig out your knapsack and long
woolen wear
Else you all are liable to freeze.

Green Mountain clubers, the time
has come,
If I read this schedule right,
when
Robust hikers gather inside to give
fire and
Light, we'll play a few games and

Sing a few songs and some will go
out in the
Cold, all will do whatever they
wish
Or maybe whatever they're
told. The
Usual procedure (meet at Meldon at
nine) will again work
Today, but if you are late, don't
worry much

Cause you can come anyway.

At the Rotary Cabin you'll find
us all
Munching on food hot and cold,
so
Pack up your games and your sand-
wiches, come along now, do as
you are told.

Buffum is the place we'll be
Up the hill and over the tree
Fun and laughter, snow galore
Few G&Cers dare ask for more
Unless I'm wrong and I

-2- Must be right

Life starts at Buffum

On Sunday night NO

Daylight it is (Leave from Meldon
at ten)

Guys and gals this trip is the

End of January the 31st.

To tell the honest to goodness
truth

All's not as it should be, I may be

Lying when I say to meet on Feb
one three and

Lying again about Craigie Perkins'
camp and also about

The time, but elsewhere

In this nice news sheet the details

Might be there to find

But whatever does happen I know one
thing

Every one will have a ball
so spaghetti fans heed this
call.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN
W. Churchill Scott

On Sunday Sept. 20th a hike was
held to Stratton Mt. and pond. It
will long be remembered by each and
every hiker for various reasons.
Some for riding backwards, other for
not knowing whether we were flying
or riding and for one it was his
first hike with such a controversial
group. Our route via the Manchest-
ers, Bromley, Jamaicas and Wards-
bors covered a lot of road with
our wheels touching most of the
time.

After a threat of rain the weather
cleared, sun shone and visibility
improved as we ascended the mountain.
A pleasant feature along the trail
was the rustic benches placed at
the various lockouts along with
signs pointing out the prominent
landmarks. Terry Gulick caught up

with us along the way. Mrs. Harriot Bryant of Dorset, (who was fire lookout on Stratton Mt. after Caroline Parmenter and her dog) joined us for lunch. After enjoying the excellent view in every direction, visiting with a group that came up the lift and hiked over from the north peak, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Cahoe of Springfield returned to the cars and the rest of the group continued on to the pond.

Passing a number of beaver dams we arrived at Willis Ross Lodge where the fast hikers had a fire going and hot water for a good coffee break. The lodge was in good shape and the pond looked good too.

We had to make tracks soon for the cars and everyone hurried to get out of the woods before dark. On the way we met Mr. Coleman, a trustee of the G.M.C. from the Brattleboro section, and his wife going in to Bourne Pond for the night.

Upon arriving at the road we continued along to the Webster marker erected to commemorate Mr. Webster's speech to a Whig Convention in July 1840. As we stood there it was hard to picture a gathering of 15,000 people where now is heard only the rustle of the wind in the leaves and the occasional passing of a wild animal.

At last we fastened our safety belts, held our breaths and took off. Terry almost had some fresh venison when an old deer did not bother to look before he crossed the road. Again Stratton mountain favored us with very wonderful weather and each trip there is more enjoyable than the last and more members should try to come along.

OCTOBER MYSTERY HIKE
An Adventuresome Success
by Terry Gulick

With colorful scenery and ideal weather conditions, Killington Section members followed Mystery Hike Leader Terry Gulick to destinations unknown Sunday Oct. 4.

The trip originally scheduled during the summer, was attended by 22 GMCers and guests who kept prodding their hike guide as to what was so mysterious about it all. They soon found the answer.

After meeting the Springfield delegation at the Vermont Marble Co. quarry tracks on U.S. 7, the entourage motored over nearly vertical inclines to a point on the so-called "County Road" on Dorset mountain. The hike then began! First stop: the water fountain nicely located beside the road which, after ascending the mountain a short way, eased south for a distance before rising up further on the big rock conglomeration, one of several composing the Taconic Range on the western side of Vermont.

Many, many steps later, after taking inventory of the butternut trees and this year's production, tension built as the gang learned that part of the mystery was to unfold. A sudden right turn off the trail and a short walk brought the hikers to a large rock formation with a deep cavity leading into an underground cave. Much exploration ensued.

Lunch became the order of events next. Craigie Perkins and John Paddock took charge of fire building operations, and with freshly heated drip water from the rocks, a sort of drip instant coffee was consumed by those assembled! After some more cave exploring, the group terminated the mysterious walk by descending a gorge which at times is part of a brook. This body of water apparently was vacationing at the time. Suddenly, to the surprise of the outdoorsmen, a natural foot bridge appeared before the group. Not all parties cared to try it out, but others photographed it, walked across it, ran, or just simply napped on it awhile.

Rock specialists found the trip a field day. Others enjoyed the two unusual sights and the rest enjoyed the colorful foliage along the hike route.

THE EAST MOUNTAIN HIKE By Doris Newton

It must be the fates don't want us on East Mountain. On the very day of the hike the woods were closed south of Route 4. A bit of discussion at Melton resulted in a decision for Tucker Lodge, and a little car spotting made it possible to vary our routes.

Some went in by the regular route, and some by the Long Trail. While the coffee brewed, the men rebuilt the steps and repaired a window. Folks of all ages kept arriving until there were 26 present; about 16 junior members among them.

After lunch departures began in the same way. Some went back by the regular route and two groups came out by the trail to the "Old Turnpike Road" where a car waiting at Craigie Perkins' camp returned drivers to cars on the Mountain Road. East Mountain still awaits exploration, but even so, the day was a most pleasant one.

COVERED DISH SUPPER By Eleanor Walker

The Annual Covered Dish supper at Beechwood on Oct. 24th was attended by the usual fine crowd of about 40 members and guests.

Vera Perkins went to Beechwood at 10:30 and built three fires so by the time the first guests arrived the house was toasty.

The adults liked the fires so sat around and talked while the children played out doors until called to supper at 6:30. The young people were starved and could hardly wait their turn in line to fill their plates. The food was delicious and plenty of it so that no one went away hungry.

After supper, Mr. Alex Nagy entertained the group by showing pictures of the Mystery Hike to Dorset Mountain and the hike up Killington showing the snow on the trees and bushes after the early snow storm.

Thanks to Vera Perkins another Covered Dish Supper and evening was enjoyed at Beechwood!

PICO by W. Churchill Scott

Six of us hiked up Pico Nov. 15th. After dinner Alex Nagy, Marc Pfenning and Betty Gilman hiked up to the top. The view was excellent. The rest of us ascended the cabin as far as we could reach. Replaced a pane of glass and cleaned up the cabin. After we got through working around the cabin Terry Gulick, Marc Pfenning and I went out as far as the Big Swamp to see how you could get the trail past there without being so wet, but here wasn't much that could be done. Craigie Perkins stayed around the cabin and worked, Terry Gulick jumped a good size deer. It was getting dark so we had to hurry down.

RUMMAGE SALE

Our 17th Rummage Sale was held Saturday Nov. 14th at the Neighborhood rooms in the Marble Savings Bank Building. We netted about \$60.00. This is the first time we have gone below the \$100 mark. We had about the usual amount of clothing but we had very few items for the "Cutlery and Miscellaneous" tables.

There have been a number of rummage sales this fall and probably we were a little late with ours. Next fall we hope to have it earlier - so start saving now. Thanks to everyone who contributed and worked.

We will soon be making up new schedules. If you have a special hike you would like included please let us know.

Since the last issue of "Smoke & Blazes" the Trails and Shelters Committee has been bushwhacking. A work party at the Mill River Bridge straightened the towers, tightened the horizontal cables, leveled the catwalk and added extra cable to secure the towers in position. The next day Harold Valiquette gave it a coat of creosote. Now all that remains is another coat of creosote and some grading around the approaches.

On Nov. 1st our work party spent the morning at Buffum. Mr. & Mrs. Weeks and Mr. Ceehe of Springfield met us there and everyone pitched in and repaired the steps, cleaned up the yard, swept the cabin, moved the stove to secure the pipe, creosoted the cabin to window level and replaced glass. The water was soon boiling away so we ceased our labors to eat and visit a while.

The Springfield folks left and the rest journeyed to Sunnyside where the camp was found to be in perfect shape.

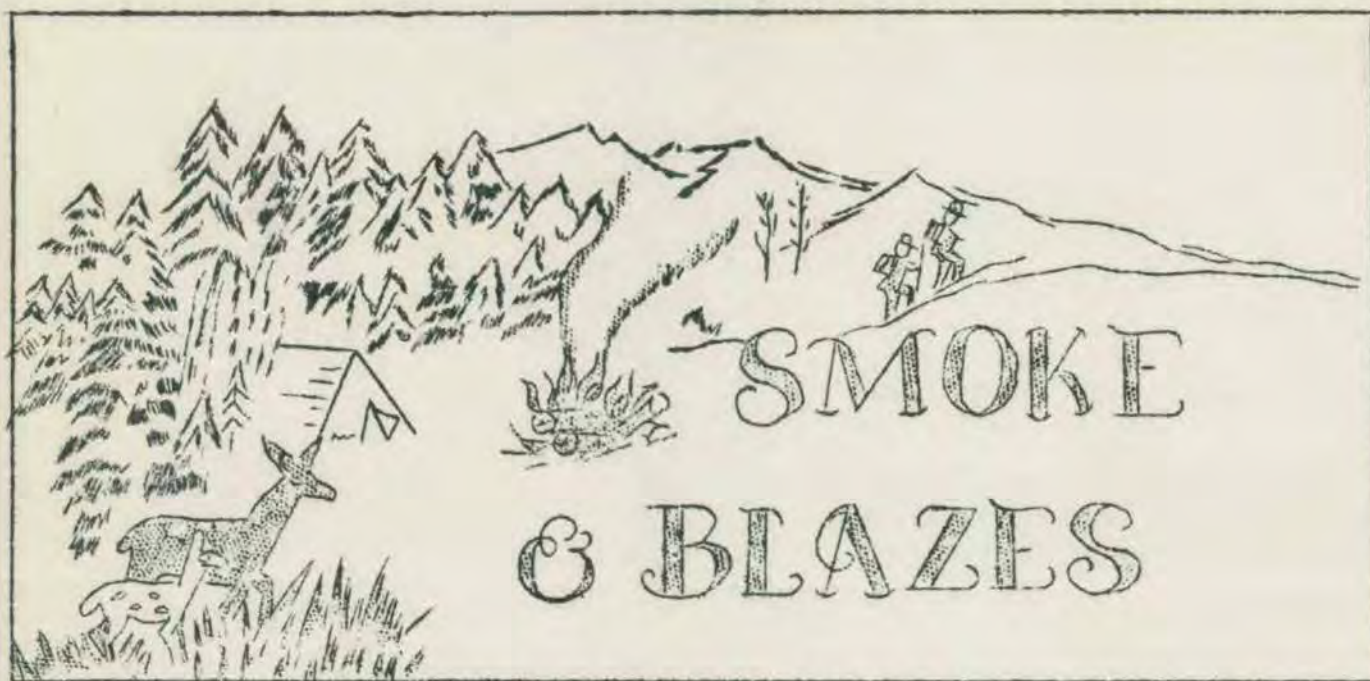
Clarendon Camp was also visited and found to be in good shape. Clarendon and Sunny-side will soon need new stoves. Otherwise the shelters are in very good condition.

The Bronze Plaque in memory of James P. Taylor, the Father of the Long Trail, has been placed on a large boulder at the Long Trail Lodge.

The Annual Meeting is going to be held Friday January 22nd at the Central Vermont Public Service rooms. Please keep this in mind. There will be a notice in the Herald.

List of members for 1965 to date.

Mary Elizageth Allard
Johnny Allard
Judy Allard
Rev. Raymond A. Giroux
Alex Nagy
Linda K. Rozowicz



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COMING HIKES

CLARENDON LODGE - Sunday Feb. 28th
10 AM. Meet at Meldon School.
Another hike to Ben Rolston's
favorite. See the new stove in
action. Help repair camp. If good
snowshoeing visit old cellar hole,
mill site, dam and cemetery of
early 19th Century settlers.

TUCKER LODGE - Saturday, March 13th,
10 AM. Meet at Meldon School. Snow
shoes will probably be needed for
this trip. Come early - stay late -
enjoy pleasant company and surround-
ings. Be prepared to talk over
plans for spring work parties.

BUFFUM LODGE - Sunday, March 28th,
10 AM. Meet at Meldon School.
A new idea will be tried this trip.
Depending on snow conditions, a
hike will be attempted to Sunnyside.
If some wish they can go to top of
Button Hill and east along promi-
nent ridge with good views along
the way.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY - Saturday
April 10, 6 PM at Mendon Grange
Hall. Here is another big affair
of our section. We will need help
to make this another successful
party. We have planned this to
coincide with the Trustees' meeting
so plan to attend and meet some
folks from other sections. A
nominal charge will be made to meet
the expenses.

EAST MOUNTAIN - Saturday, April 24th
9AM. Meet at Meldon. Here is our
old nemesis again. Please note the
9-00 AM starting time for this will
be an exploratory hike, covering
new ground to most of us. Bring a
good lunch and walking shoes.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

The weather was cold and threat-
ening as a small group of us left
Meldon for Governor Clement. Alex,
Marc, Don and Churchill finally got
a ride to the Four Corners where
we parked the car. A short hike

up the road brought us to the oldest shelter in our section and the only open front structure between Sucker Brook and Greenwall.

After a good meal and hot drinks from the old coffee pot the pros and cons of trying to improve this shelter were discussed. All suggestions will be appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A thank you is due to Ray Secor for his gift to help purchase a new stove for Clarendon Lodge.

CLARENDON LODGE

The early snow fall made walking rather hard but Harold and Churchill followed tracks into Clarendon hoping to find others there with some hot water for that delicious cup of instant coffee, but all there was, was a note in the register from Ben Rolston saying he was checking Sunnyside and Buffum and returning to spend the night.

The cabin was creosoted and the fire started for Ben. It was soon time to leave and a bit down the trail Ben was met and the latest news of the GMC discussed. Ben turned over Ray Secor's gift to be used to help purchase a chunk stove for Clarendon. For that we want to again thank Ray very much.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

by

Vera Perkins

This year the annual Tucker Lodge Moonlight Hike coincided exactly with the full moon, and on Saturday December 19th the moon, though a bit hazy, was right on the job. Soon after 7 PM a good sized group had assembled at the meeting place. After distributing the hikers among the available cars we were on our way up Route 4 to

our starting point.

Leaving the cars where the "short-cut" to Tucker takes off from the highway we were soon enjoying the quiet beauty of the woods. While there was not enough snow for snow-shoeing, there was enough to give the woods their winter charm. Walking was a bit tricky as any step might be the one on which the crust broke through suddenly letting the foot down a few inches, but this only added a slight element of excitement to the trip.

In what seemed like a very short time welcoming lights were streaming towards us across the snow from Tucker where a candle was glowing brightly in each window. Within the Lodge all was cozy and warm with coffee water already steaming. Two of our ambitious members (guess who), had come in and worked up wood in the afternoon and four more had come in later for supper and so had "kept the home fires burning" for our arrival.

There was the usual feast of doughnuts warmed in the oven, accompanied by coffee and more coffee. The junior members indulged in tobogganning and snow fights outside while the rest of us enjoyed the warmth and sociability within. We were glad to have Diane and George Conlon with us again, accompanied by "Muggs" the successor to our old friend "Punchie".

As the moon rose higher and the hour grew later we reluctantly, as always, decided it was time to pack up for the homeward journey. Hiking out we found the moon brighter and the woods even more beautiful. The temperature was perfect, cold enough to give the air a snap, but in pleasant contrast to the below zero temperatures we have often had on this outing. For a grand finale, just before we reached Route 4 we had a breath taking view of Pico in the moonlight, which alone would have been well worth the trip.

SUNNYSIDE HIKE
by
Judy Allard

On the clear, cold Sunday of January 3rd, a brave (??) group of eight hikers started from the main highway and set off up the road to the Spring Lake Ranch on their way to Sunnyside Shelter. The packs, snowshoes and the sleds brought along for the return trip, went on ahead with the ninth hiker in his trusty truck. It was expected that the packs 'n' stuff would be left "by the pig pen". When we arrived at the designated spot, neither the truck nor its contents could be seen. After deducting that the "trusty truck" must be ahead of us, we proceeded on to the shelter.

When we arrived at Sunnyside the green truck was out in front, the fire started, the shelter was warm and the water in the coffee pot was well on its way to boiling. Plenty of wood was found near the shelter, dragged back, and cut up. We then had our lunch, and, after the sandwiches and coffee were consumed, we discussed the need of a new floor in the shelter. It was decided that the wood should be brought in and the floor replaced sometime in the near future while the truck could get all the way up to the shelter.

The return trip was as pleasant as the morning outing and much faster for some of the hikers as they rode a sled down the steep hill between the Spring Lake Ranch and the main road.

When we had all gotten down and loaded the car, we took off for home, having had a very pleasant day.

ROTARY CABIN

Where were the rest of you on that nice cool day, January 16th, when we took a jaunt to the Girl Scout Camp? Home by your cozy fire no doubt. Maybe you were the smart ones at that. However,

we all got a bit of good bracing air and we all survived. We must admit that some of us probably wouldn't have been there except that we expected to be able to ride all the way. A light covering of snow over icy roads changed our minds for us on that little idea.

Even a good fire and Harold's 'plastic partition' to conserve its heat failed to make Rotary Cabin exactly a cozy spot. Lunch with its accompanying hot coffee was especially welcome.

The low temperature, (close to zero) plus an icy wind dispelled any inclination for further hiking around the area for most of us. We were soon ready to return to warmer quarters.

Once again the Valiquette truck, which had made the hills, served us well. As many as possible piled into the back and enjoyed a ride to the cars, while the more rugged did it the hard, cold way.

BUFFUM

Buffum seems to be a lucky draw for a winter hike. We so often have a perfect day for this one and January 31st was no exception. Snowshoes were not a must but several took advantage of the opportunity, rare this winter, to use them and found the snowshoeing excellent.

The first arrivals had to spend some time in collecting and re-assembling various parts of the stove before a fire could be made. We often wish it were possible to give some of the users of our shelters a course in The Care and Feeding of Wood-burning Stoves. We realize that such stoves are a new experience to many of them but we haven't yet figured out why they think it will help solve their problems to take them apart and put them together differently. However there was a fine supply of wood and the cabin was soon very comfortable.

There was some talk early in the

day of going on to Button Hill but after lunch everyone seemed content to enjoy the comfort of the cabin and make short explorations in the area, or take a few pictures. We really appreciate our several closed cabins. They add much to the pleasure of winter hiking.

The trip back to the cars seemed all too short ending a most successful and well attended winter outing.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The annual spaghetti supper of our section was held at Tall Timber on February 13th. The weatherman favored us with a beautiful sunlit day and a cool clear night with almost a full moon. Perhaps he knew Mr. & Mrs. George Kirk were coming to visit us and it was so very good to see them again.

Some of the group came early to move benches, cut and gather firewood, and to get the building ready for the crowd. Others enjoyed hiking along the Elbow Road as far as the Beaver Dam.

At 6 PM, thanks to the old faithful group that seems to be there when the work needs to be done, we all sat down to a hearty and delicious meal of spaghetti. The folks kept arriving until at last the register held 48 names which seems to indicate the popularity of this affair.

We were very happy to at last meet Miss Elsie Maier and her group of friends from New York who have visited Tall Timber many times. Even though at one time it looked like we'd have to send a search party for some of the group who were out walking way after dark without lights. Also we were glad to see a number of new members who made this their first outing and we hope they will continue.

Our thanks go again to Craigie and Mary Perkins and the many others who helped to make this supper a good one to remember.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the C.V. P.S. meeting rooms at 7:30 PM Friday January 22nd. 1965.

In spite of the small attendance there was a great deal of interest and many interesting items were discussed. Ben Rolston turned over two trail side registers to the section along with a record that Mrs. Jakeway kept of hikers passing her home near the suspension bridge and railroad crossing at East Clarendon.

Mr. & Mrs. Fujiwara and two of their friends of the Japan Publications Trading Company were invited guests and we hope to see them at some more of our activities during the year.

The following officers were elected and during the coming year will try to serve to the best of their ability -

President George Reynolds
Vice President - Alex Nagy
Sec'y-Treas. - W. Churchill Scott

Again the meeting was climaxed by a social hour with the most delicious cakes, pies, cookies and hot drinks served by the ladies of the section. Our thanks once more to them for such a pleasant evening.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A board meeting was held at the home of President George Reynolds recently. Plans were discussed for the coming season and the following Chairmen appointed -

Outing - Alex Nagy
Trails & Shelters - Harold Valiquette
Long Trail News Reporter - Ben Rolston
Smoke & Blazes - Vera Perkins,
Doris Newton, Terry Gulick
Eleanor Walker, Betty Gilman.

The February issue of the Long Trail News should be mailed soon. If there are any members of the Killington Section who do not receive a copy within a reasonable time please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vermont 05701.

TRAILS & SHELTERS REPORT

Once again the southern portion of our section is in tip-top shape due to the very great amount of time and effort that Ben Rolston spends each year.

Many trail clearing trips were held in the northern part also. For the first time in many years the trail between Pico Junction and Pico Camp has been cleared very thoroughly. The swamp problem near Killington has been surveyed and at last it has been decided to bridge, ditch and trim the present route.

Pico shelter received two coats of creosote, windows and stove repaired, knot holes patched.

Clarendon a new stove and creosote.

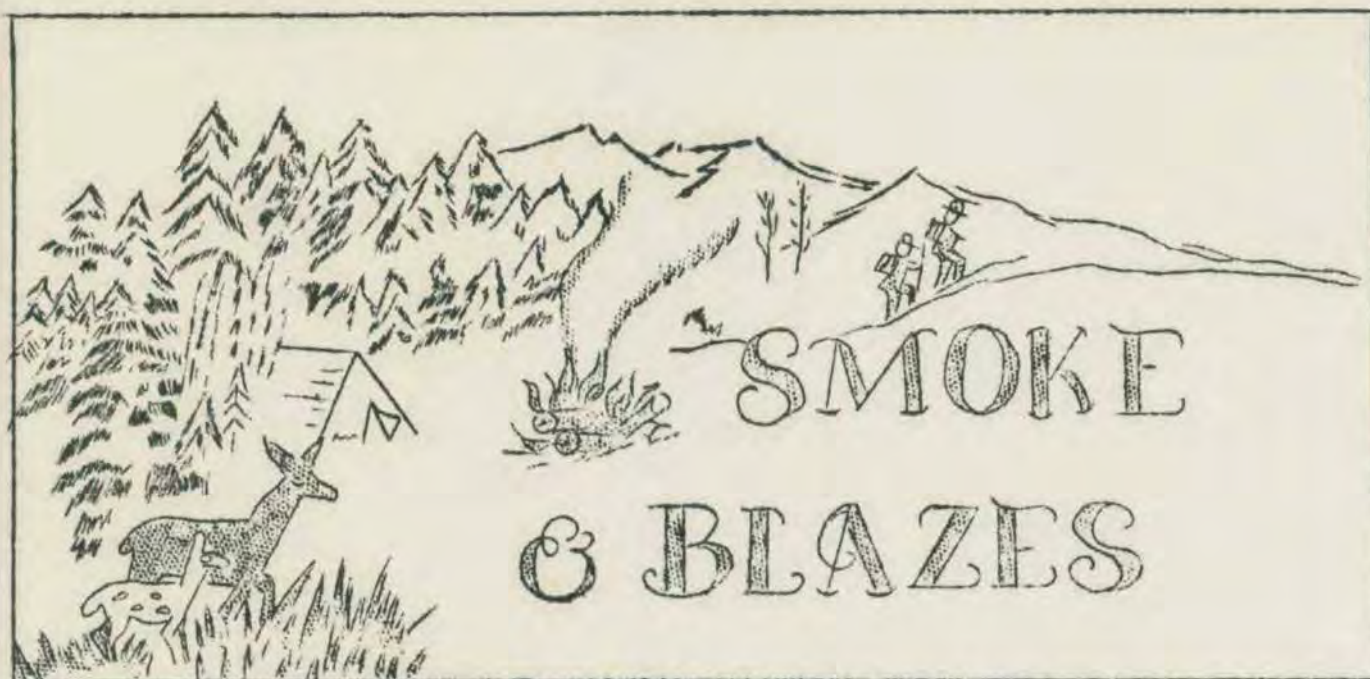
Sunnyside creosote, walls painted, roof fixed and a double floor laid.

Thanks to Harold Valiquette's equipment and knowledge the suspension bridge was repaired at Clarendon. The uprights were straightened and secured and the wood was given two coats of creosote.

Following is a list of new members paid to February 20th. You can still pay your dues to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. \$2.00 for adults, 50¢ for juniors. This issue of Smoke & Blazes will be the last sent to the 1964 members.

Martha M. Adams
Anna E. Berg
Lucy Bishop

Marjorie Burditt
Dan Calvin
Bob Dolt
Ruth Postman
Ella Fritsch
Habs Fritsch
Betty Gilman
Charles B. Gulick, 3rd
Peter Hadeka
Pat Hill
Mary Isbel
Lincoln Isham
Lillian Jakeway
Florence P. Mitchell
Val Nagy Wm. Mitchell
Lillian Oxenbirst
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Robert Reynolds
Ellen Russell
Ray Seacor
Margaret Terounzo
Harold Valiquette
John Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Eleanor Walker
Edward F. Weber
Murial Weber
Diane Wilder
Donald Wilder
Richard Wilder
Michael Wiley
Carleton Wilson



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COMING HIKES

Date - Saturday May 8, 1965
 Destination - Tinmouth Mountain
 Departure - Meldon School site 10 A.M. This is an exploration trip to a mountain that we have not climbed for a long time. Come along and see what a view from the Taconic Range looks like.

Date - Saturday May 22, 1965
 Destination - Sherburne Pass to Mt. Carmel
 Departure - Meldon School site 9 A.M. First of a series of hikes to allow Killington Section members to work for their End-to-End award. Choice of distances: to Noyes Pond and out via South Pond Trail 7.8 miles; to North Pond and out via abandoned Pittsfield-Chittenden road 9.8 miles; to Mt. Carmel and out via New Boston trail 10.1 miles.

Date - Sunday May 30, 1965
 Destination - New shelter on Baker Peak relocation.
 Departure - Meldon School site 9 A.M. In place of our annual hike to Pico and Killington after the GMC meeting, Ben Rolston has suggested a trip to the dedication of

the new shelter on the Baker Peak relocation. Transportation will be provided at both ends so hikers can leave USFS #10 road above Danby or via Lake Trail over Baker Peak.

Date - Saturday June 12, 1965
 Destination - Branbury Beach
 Departure - Meldon School site at 10 A.M.. Here is an outing for those who may enjoy taking it easy. Bring along a chair and swim suit and relax. For the hikers there will be trips to Mt. Mooselamoo, Silver Lake and the historical Ethan Allen caves.

Date - Saturday June 19, 1965
 Destination - Route 140 to Little Rock Pond
 Departure - Meldon School site at 9 A.M. Another End-to-End series hike. This time only 9.2 miles via USFS #10 road or 8.7 miles via Homer Stone Brook Trail. Come along and enjoy one of the beauty spots of the trail.

Date - Saturday June 26, 1965
 Destination - Grout Job to Prospect Rock
 Departure - Meldon School site at 9 A.M. Eat a good breakfast and

put on your walking shoes for this will be the longest hike of the year 12.7 miles with no approach trails. The hiking is easy and very pretty so plan to take advantage of the long days to hike with us.

CLARENDON LODGE

February 28 was a beautiful spring-like day when we left Meldon School by car to go to Rt. 103 where the cars were left and we started on our journey.

There was a group from Schenectady, N.Y. at the shelter when we arrived. They had come in for the weekend. We, therefore, started a fire outside to heat water for coffee and after the other group left we went inside for lunch. After lunch some left and hiked up to where some early settlers are buried, then on to the old Lotery Road, and then on the Long Trail to Beacon Hill and back to the shelter.

The new stove sure works well. The windows had to be opened while lunch was being eaten. One car had motor trouble but Craigue Perkins came to their rescue.

TUCKER LODGE Alex J. Nagy

On March 13th about thirteen hikers participated in a hike to Tucker Lodge. They met at 10 A.M. at the old Meldon School area as usual. It was a partly cloudy and rather cold but typical March day. The crusty surface in the woods made easy walking as it was hard enough so there was very little or no breaking through. Lunch and coffee were enjoyed at noon at the lodge. On the way home we met Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott just going into the woods. We wonder how Churchill made it without his usual coffee break. At least he wasn't the last one to have his coffee this time. The group returned at 3:30 PM.

BUFFUM LODGE TO SUNNYSIDE Eleanor Walker

Sunday morning March 28th the

crowd had gathered at Meldon School for the trip to Buffum Lodge then over the hill to Sunnyside Camp. After parking the cars on the Gulf Road in Wallingford the members at various paces hiked to Buffum. The weatherman gave us a beautiful day to be out in the open. There was some snow but walking was easy.

On arriving at the Lodge, the wood was cut, a good fire was started and the water in the coffee pot set to boil for that cup of coffee or hot chocolate each one looks forward to having. When the water had started to boil the cooking for lunch began. We never did find out when Churchill Scott's lunch was ready for he helped the other cooks prepare theirs.

After Vera Perkins with the Martin girls - Carol, Nancy and Betsy - arrived the number eating totaled twenty-one.

Several of the hikers proceeded on the trail to Sunnyside while others hiked to the top of Button Hill and back to Buffum. Harold, Thelma and Johnny Valiquette visited Sunnyside, then drove to the Gulf Road to say "hello" to the crowd there.

When everyone was back in the cars and we were heading home, it was agreed we had had a very pleasant day.

WINTER WEEKEND AT CLARENDON LODGE BY Elizabeth Weeks, Springfield, Vt.

Taking advantage of a lovely, mild winter weekend, nine adventurers from Springfield shouldered their packs at Clarendon crossing and headed for Clarendon Lodge.

All winter we had talked about the much missed annual winter week-end at Tall Timbers. Finally we decided to plan one of our own. So on Saturday, March 6, undaunted by light rain, we set out.

There was very little snow, so showshoes were unnecessary. The mud in the trail in places made it seem more like spring than winter.

The lodge looked as inviting as always to us in its beautiful pine woods setting, and it wasn't long

before the men had built a roaring fire in the big new chunk stove. It seemed quite wonderful not to be smoked out. Does that stove warm the cabin! Wow! Most of the time we had to have the door and windows open.

Just as we were preparing a most delicious spaghetti supper, a most welcome hiker, Ben Rolston, arrived to spend the night after a trail clearing trip.

After supper some enjoyed visiting in the cabin and popping corn while others took a short walk enjoying the beauty of the pine woods by moonlight.

The night stayed warm, and in spite of a flat air mattress and plenty of snoring, all was peaceful until a skunk and some other night prowler engaged in a battle at the corner of the cabin. The odor woke us all and remained with us until we left for home the next morning.

Camping in winter is fun! Clarendon Lodge proved to be the ideal place for our winter adventure.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY by Peter Hadeka

The annual Sugar Party was held on April 10th at the Mendon Grange Hall. It was a very fine spring day and the attendance was at least 70 people. The chief cook was George Reynolds, who I might add, did a very good job although by 8 o'clock he was pretty well cooked on one side by the heat of the old wood stove which was used.

Although Alex Nagy could not attend he was the one who organized the party and did much of the work before the party.

The snow was obtained by Terry Gulick, Edward Wagner and myself. I would also like to mention Churchill Scott who did the shopping for pickles, donuts, milk etc. and our cashier was Craigue Perkins. There were a number of officials of the GMC attending the party as they were in town for a meeting the afternoon before the party. Everyone had a good time and are looking forward to next year.

JULY 4th WEEK-END

A group of section members is going to take advantage of the long holiday week-end and hike from the Massachusetts line north as far as possible.

We plan to eat family style so plans will be made according to the number of people making reservations to go on this trip. Anyone wishing to go can contact Churchill Scott for further information.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

The Trustees' meeting of the GMC was held at Fred Field's office April 10th with Ben Rolston, Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott attending.

Mr. Maslack of the Forest Service gave a very enlightening and informative talk about the proposed Parkway through Vermont. After a long question and answer period the group felt that this project was far in the future and even though the present route plan does not interfere with the Long Trail greatly it should be watched with interest.

The Guide Books are selling at a faster rate than ever before and the committee hopes to have enough to last until fall and then a new one will be available for the 1966 hiking season.

The Long Trail Patrol is going to do the usual job of clearing trail from the Chilcoat Trail north to the Canadian border. Also they are going to assist the Bennington Section work on Seth Warner and Glastonbury Mountain shelters.

EAST MOUNTAIN by W. Churchill Scott

On Saturday April 24th a small group of adventurous GMC hikers finally started for East Mountain. Betty Gilman, Vera Perkins, Bob and George Reynolds and Churchill Scott. Parked the car at the top of the Notch and hiked over to Power's camp. Then we turned north on an old road toward the Dyer meadows.

Soon we broke out of the woods into an immense pasture stretching up the side of East Mountain. Advance information told us to turn left and follow a wood road but as we looked at the road straight ahead winding up the old meadow we chose that direction.

We came to a large rock which protected us from the wind, with a good supply of wood and a nearby stream. Here we ate our dinner and had our hot drinks minus cream which someone (?) forgot, but just the same it tasted good.

From this spot we could get a very good view to the east and south from Mendon Peak to Bear Mt. near Wallingford. But this was nothing as compared to about a quarter of a mile farther up a steep climb past the remains of Col. Dyer's summer home. Here we could see Mendon, Okemo, Wilcox, Baker, Styles and Dorset.

At the height of land we turned west and reached the western slope (we thought). Within a few minutes we saw a gully and another ridge before us so we turned south and returned to the Dyer meadows where we found the largest group of pussywillows and the tallest bush we've ever seen along with the spring peepers singing sweetly.

This was a very good hike but next time we all felt we should have an expert guide with us so we could tell where to go. In the future we hope to have more of these hikes to explore interesting spots and visit places that are not located on the Long Trail.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Once again the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club is very grateful to Mr. Lincoln Isham for his generous gift to help with our repair and upkeep of our section of the Trail and our shelters.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be held at 10:00 AM May 29, Saturday, at the Long Trail Lodge. A coffee hour and get-together period will precede the regular business meeting.

The Killington Section has been asked to put on a buffet lunch at a nominal cost and the Trustees voted to spend \$100.00 to insure that our section will not go into debt for this affair. This will be further discussed at the next executive board meeting and in the meantime the members should be thinking of ideas to help make this affair a success.

The evening program hopes to be Mr. Perry Merrill of the Vermont State Department of Forests and Parks, or one of his aides.

Please try to attend to meet old friends and to give the Killington Section a good representation.

TRAILS & SHELTERS by Harold Valiquette

Trails are in good shape thanks to Ben Rolston. March 8th he reported he cleared and clipped trail from Route 140 to Button Hill ridge, and from Route 103 to Beacon.

April 5th he brushed out section from Route 140 to Gov. Clement,

April 21st he received a report from a Pennsylvania man, who had just returned from a weekend trip on the Long Trail, that there was a window missing at Clarendon. Also he found Buffum very dirty with a piece of stove missing and some damage to ends of bunk boards.

New members of the Killington Section as of April 26, 1965

Helen Bailey
Bennett D. Bell
Miriam P. Bell
Pamela Berry
Thomas Berry
Harriet Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Marcia Candon
Mary Ellen Connors
Joanne Connors
Jimmie Catozzi
Helen Frink
Frances Green
Florence Herrick
George L. Kirk
Pearle L. Nichols
Florence Paddock
John Paddock

Ann Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Tim Perkins
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
Frances Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Richard Roberts
Ben Rolston
Mark Stanley
W. Churchill Scott
Florence Van Wyck
Elizabeth Weeks

TREASURER'S REPORT 1964

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1964	\$913.44
Gifts for Trail and Shelter work	226.00
Received from Rummage Sales (102.48, 59.65)	162.13
Received from Membership dues	140.00
Interest on money in Rutland Savings Bank	36.22
Sale of 13 Long Trail Guide Books	19.50
Sale of 9 GMC sleeve patches	4.50

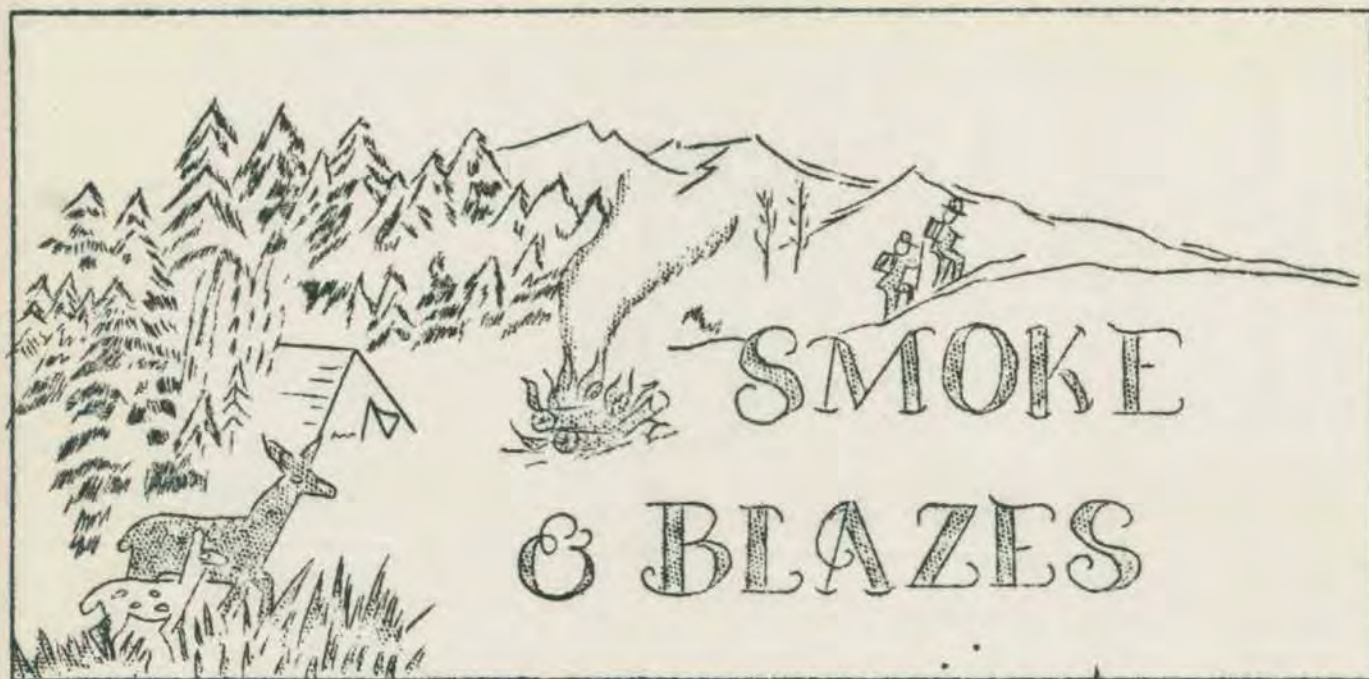
Total Receipts \$1,501.79

EXPENSES

For Trails and Shelters -	
(Inc \$12.75 Fire insurance on huts)	94.29
Outing Committee expenses	
(Inc. \$3.13 for Sugar-On-Snow Party)	39.19
Cost of Smoke and Blazes	29.95
Paid to Main Club for dues	29.85
Paid to Main Club for Guide Book and Patches	28.50
Postage	6.54

Total Expenses 228.32

Cash on hand December 31, 1964\$1,273.47



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COMING EVENTS

Date- Sunday July 11, 1965.

Destination- Stage Road to Killington Peak.

Departure - Meldon School site 9 AM.

This is our most rugged hike to date. Our leader Alex Nagy says wear head covering and take fly dope. We will see the Rooney Mill site and follow old carriage road used in 1880s when the hotel at Killington Peak was in its heyday.

Date - Sunday, July 25, 1965.

Destination- Gov. Clement Shelter to Killington Peak.

Departure- Meldon School site 9 AM.

This is another stretch in our chance to earn an "End to End" patch. An easy way up Killington and it will give us a chance to check on Gov. Clement shelter and the trail.

Date - Saturday, Aug. 7, 1965.

Destination - Brandon Gap to Mt. Carmel.

Departure - Meldon School site 9 AM.

We hope to have Mauri Wintturi with us again for this hike and can assure him that we will have transportation so that it won't be necessary to hike 18 miles.

Date - Saturday Aug. 21, 1965

Destination - Pittsford Ice Caves

Departure - Meldon school site 10 AM

Here is a very interesting spot that we've not visited for many years. Wear old clothes and bring a flashlight and we may find some ice.

INTERSECTIONAL

The enclosed flier will tell you all about the 1965 G.M.C. Intersectional to be held at Camp Plymouth, Echo Lake, Tyson, Vt. Let's all try to attend and have a good time.

On behalf of the Trustees and the members of G.M.C. who attended the Annual Meeting, I want to thank Vera Perkins, Chairman, and all her many workers who put on such a very tasty buffet lunch.
Churchill Scott

MEMBERS WITNESS DEDICATION

Nearly thirty GMCers and guests hiked close to two miles to witness the dedication of the Long Trail's newest shelter, Sunday May 30th, following the GMC Annual Meeting. Killington members attending includ-

ed Ben Ralston, Joseph O'Ryan, James Tarbell and Terry Gulick. Located on a new section of the Trail north of Baker's peak in Danby, the shelter, donated by Mr. Louis Stare, Jr., of Bass River, Mass., was named Lost Pond Shelter.

Ben Ralston, who did much in helping to arrange for locating the shelter, did the honors using Long Trail "champagne". With a plastic bag full of clear brook water, from a brook below the shelter, he christened the structure with its new name.

The shelter is named for a nearby small body of water, Lost Pond, at the request of Mr. Stare, according to Ben.

OF INTEREST

The latest issue of the Vermont Natural Resources Council newsletter cites the action taken by the GMC at its annual meeting in which the Club voiced opposition to the current proposed location of the Scenic Highway. If it became a reality, the road would go along the Green Mountain range.

The Deerleap Trail, starting at the Long Trail Lodge and going over Deer's Leap and eventually back onto the Long Trail, has been cleared and blazed according to Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks. They, with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roberts performed the task recently.

Ben Ralston reports that he and his wife completed a 7700 mile trip taking them through 19 states. They took their car this trip and camped in a tent staying overnight in twelve of the states for a total of ten nights in Arizona, California and Colorado. Ben states that after all this traveling, he still likes Vermont best.

Ben reports that George Pearlstein has cleared and placed signs on the Tucker Loop Trail.

In spite of reports and stories coming this way, the New York World's Fair is a success as far as the

Green Mountain Club is concerned, This reporter met a couple from Brooklyn who, after picking up a Short Walks folder at the Fair, decided to bee-line it to Vermont to investigate the Long Trail, and ended up spending a week-end in Clarendon Lodge! The word does get around, doesn't it.

And then there is the guy from "down country" who arrived in Vermont, and not being sure of the way, stopped in front of a general store in southern Vermont and asked the old timer sitting on the porch "Where is West Rupert, Vt?" The old-timer (not sure of where it was himself): "We-e-ll, I reckon it must be west of Rupert".

BIRDS EYE MOUNTAIN Betty Gilman and Doris Newton

Since just Churchill Scott, Doris Newton and Betty Gilman were the only ones that turned up for Tinmouth on May 8th, we held a conference and decided to go to Bird's Eye. The car was left at the usual place and we took the old road east of the mountain. Fortunately Churchill knew the trail on the south side so we were soon up to the spring near the notch where we had our lunch. The trail climbs to the notch and then follows the ridge to the summit where the views are magnificent.

We believe we located the site of the old monument and we found the view from the cliff top as rewarding as we anticipated. We then retraced our steps to the north and eventually found an old logging road which came out closer to our car.

The clearing weather, the interesting country and early spring flowers, made it a rewarding day. Note: The black flies seemed to enjoy us, too!

THE HIKE THAT WAS!!!

By Terry Gulick

Four members of our section were joined by Mauri Wintturi of Worcester Section in hiking from Sherburne to Mt. Carmel, May 22nd. According to reports the trail was in need of clearing and a lack of water became evident before the day's journey ended.

What started out to be a 12 mile hike ended in an 18 mile walk, according to the group. Unfortunately connections by the group to meet a ride with Doris Newton failed to materialize. The hike took longer than expected, Miss Newton waited patiently, but gave up the troops for lost, and the hikers were obliged to walk the extra miles to a phone!

All returned safely and no worse for the experience!! From our Section were Alex Nagy, Peter Hadeka, Churchill and Bobby Scott.

THE HIKE THAT "WAN'T"!

By Terry Gulick

The Pico-Killington hike was not carried out due to the dedication hike near the Big Branch section of the Long Trail.

Three young members of the section were disappointed to find no one going to Branbury Beach June 12th. However, Susan and Mark Pfenning with Bob Stanley got as far as the old Meldon site. Let's hope they're not disappointed again!

Alex Nagy and Pete Hadeka showed up for the June 19th and July 11th hikes and both times went up the Stage Road to Killington. Rough going through underbrush and over blowdowns made an endurance test for both.

Alex states he hopes to have the Stage Road trail cleared and marked within the next few weeks.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees meeting was held at the close of the regular meeting of the G.M.C. on May 29th at the

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Long Trail Lodge.

Most of the discussion was about the Long Trail News and the necessity of having the various deadlines met in order to have the publication reach the members on time.

Also the 1965 GMC Intersectional Committee responsibility was dumped into the lap of Trustee Churchill Scott without any authorization. The Killington Section had this responsibility only two years ago and your reporter does not feel it is fair to ask for any this year.

UP THE LAKE TRAIL AND SOUTH(?)

By Churchill Scott

On Thursday, April 24th, Bobby Scott and I started up the Lake Trail bright and early with hopes to do the Long Trail south to Route #11. Under bright blue skies, cool air and dry under foot we were soon climbing toward Griffith Lake. We jumped a deer at one spot and were amused to see how he struggled to get through a tangled mass of uprooted trees.

At the McGinn brook crossing we had a bite to eat and then began to run into snow as we continued on. As we kept going higher the snow was deeper and the sensible thing to do would have been to turn back but we didn't.

Next we hit the south end of the Baker Peak relocation trail and then arrived at Griffith Lake still ice bound. In a small clear spot of dry ground we ate lunch and as we looked up the north slope of Peru Peak at all the snow we reluctantly turned north.

We felt that the snow might have melted in the old lumber road to Old Job but for four miles we walked through 2 to 3 foot drifts and struggled across snow fed raging torrents.

At last we arrived at Old Job Shelter where we spent a very pleasant night and enjoyed the clear skies and warm air. No porkies disturbed a very sound sleep.

Continuing north we passed the north end of the Baker Peak

relocation trail, crossed the new bridge over Big Branch and visited Big Branch Shelter (a beautiful spot and shelter).

The new trail out to U.S.F.S. road #10 slants through hardwood forest above Big Branch hitting the road about 200 ft. east of Black Branch where the trail goes to Little Rock Pond. We hiked to the road to Danby where we got a ride home in the mail truck.

The old adage of Craigie Perkins to stay out of the woods until all the snow is gone was learned the hard way by us and we are certain it will not happen again.

SOUP'S ON ---- AGAIN!

Killington Section members exhibited their excellent hospitality during the recent annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club when they served lunch to about one hundred folks during the noon recess. A typically cool spring day caused most of the gathering to retreat inside the annex building to eat. The servers were on the front patio dishing out baked beans, salad, roast beef, ham, desserts and other goodies.

This marks the first year that our section has served a noon picnic meal during the G.M.C. Annual Meeting.

Special thanks to all who helped!

New members since last issue:

Christine Cahee
Hedrick Cahee
Shirley Cahee
Allen Camp
Peter Hadeka
H. Minerva Hinchey
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Carol Martin
Nancy Martin
Betsy Martin
Tom Martin
David Martin
Doris Newton



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COMING EVENTS

Date - Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 1965
Destination - Beechwood Covered Dish Supper

Once again it's time for one of our favorite gatherings. Come early in the P.M. to enjoy the fall foliage and short walks. The Trustees are invited to this supper so here is a chance to meet some of the folks that direct your club. Call Vera Perkins by Friday P.M. Oct. 1st, 3-2941 for reservations and to find out what to contribute.

Date - Saturday Oct. 16, 1965 9:00 A.M.

Destination - East Mountain
Departure - Meldon School area.
This trip we hope to have Harold, an experienced guide with us. Come along and enjoy the foliage and the view from the Dyer meadows. Also a bit of bush-whacking for the more ambitious.

Date - Sunday Oct. 24, 1965-9:00AM
Destination - Stage Coach Road to Killington

Departure - Meldon School area.
Here is a trip for the more muscular members of our section. If

desired arrangements will be made for cars to pick us up at Killington Basin which we can reach via chair lift or Tractor road from Killington.

Date - Sunday Oct. 21, 10:00 AM.
Destination - Mt. Carmel
Departure - Meldon School Area.
Here is an opportunity to climb an old mountain that we have not visited for many years and hear Craigue's exciting tales of his trips up this peak. If desired a trip from Brandon Gap may be included.

Date - Sunday Nov. 7 10:00 AM.
Destination - Pico Shelter
Departure - Meldon School area.
Now we start our annual fall visits to check and prepare our shelters for the winter. Come along to help the workers and enjoy the beautiful fall views from the cozy spot on the Long Trail.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section of the GMC want to acknowledge the many letters, maps and diagrams sent

by Mr. Herbert G. Ogden, both Junior and Senior, in connection with the large amount of volunteer work they have done to clear out, blaze and erect signs on both the Jugernaut and Bucklin Trails.

During the summer they have worked to make both trails in tip-top shape. They have made a number of engraved signs to mark the trails and also one for Cooper Lodge. The Bucklin Trail received one day's work in 1963 and until this year has been in very poor condition. Now Mr. Ogden says there are almost 50 names in the Trail-side register erected just as the ascent starts up from Brewer Brook.

Our section wants to thank both Mr. Ogden so very much for doing such a good job to improve our part of the Long Trail System and to say that each time we use it we will think of the many hard hours of work they have devoted to to improvement and repair and to say again "Well Done".

THE FARM AND WILDERNESS CAMPS By Churchill Scott

During the past summer once again the Farm and Wilderness Camps of Mr. Kenneth Webb have been busy covering the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass to Shrewsbury Cut-off Trail and in addition the Jugernaut Trail.

The groups replaced roof boards and roofing at Cooper, tarred the roof, replaced bunk boards, turned over table boards, cleaned up interior of the Lodge and replaced two plexiglass windows. Also improved latrine, put up trail, dump and water signs and cleaned up the camp dump area. Also they worked to improve the Shrewsbury Cut-off Trail and are at present working with George Pearlstein and the Vermont State Department of Forest and Parks to relocate this trail so that it will pass over State land and not over private land.

We owe this group a great big thank you for the long hours of hard work they have given to improve

our section of the trail and Cooper lodge.

ANOTHER HIKE THAT WASN'T

On Sunday July 11th Betty Gilman, Mr. Westin, a GMC member from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Churchill Scott arrived at Meldon ready to go up the Stage Road to Killington. Our guide Alex was unable to make it so we finally decided to go up the easy way via the tractor road from the Basin.

After a short visit with Howard, at the fire lookout we spent some time at Cooper measuring up the shelter for repairing by the Farm and Wilderness Camp work parties the following week.

There were a number of hikers going both north and south and Cooper seemed to be a very popular spot but due to the terrific amount of vandalism it is impossible to keep this spot in the A-1 condition that such a mountain should have.

GOV. CLEMENT TO KILLINGTON By W. Churchill Scott

On Sunday, July 25th, Betty Gilman, Alex Nagy, Kevin Hogan and the writer hiked to Cooper Lodge via the Long Trail from Gov. Clement Shelter. The weather was sunny and mild, visibility rather poor but all in all a very good day to hike.

In spite of the dry weather there was water at Government Brook and at the four brook crossings. We met very few people using the Trail but Mr. Parsons, the fire lookout on Killington, says Cooper has had many campers this year.

After eating a bit of lunch on the summit Alex and Betty rode the lift down to the Basin and return. The other two spent some time at Cooper working on the old spring located south of the shelter.

We managed to get it cleaned out enough to keep running but in order to have it as good as it was years ago it should be dug out deeper. This will be a job for the water is ice cold and if you miss picking up

a rock on first try your hand would be paralyzed before the second try.

After a short time we left Cooper once again and started down the Trail. The trip was easy and quick and ended with the usual argument about how far we had hiked and if the guidebook mileage is correct.

PITTSFORD ICE CAVES By Betty Gilman

It was a beautiful day when Churchill Scott, Bobby Scott, Mark Pfenning, a friend of Bob's and my three nieces left Meldon area about 10:15 Aug. 21st. Churchill went to get gas, Bob batteries for his flashling and I returned home to get mine and then we met again at Pittsford Mills. From there Churchill led the way to where we parked the cars.

We followed an old road into the meadow, missing the marker that pointed to the caves. We walked along into the woods following what turned out to be deer paths. We stopped for lunch and then started on and shortly came to a gulley which we crossed and went up the other side to where there was a beautiful view looking off towards the fish hatchery. At that time we were quite a ways above the caves. Starting back we followed the ridge to where we could get down to the path. going up to the caves. From there some of us went to the cave and the rest waited for their return. We then returned to our cars and were back in Rutland shortly after 3 o'clock.

Miss Helen Bailey, A Killington Section member who teaches in West Springfield, Mass. and Miss Betty Ball, a Killington Section member now living in Florida, called on some of the Rutland members recently.

The Saturday, Aug. 7th hike was not held as no one appeared at Meldon to participate. What happens to all our G.M.Cs.

INTERSECTIONAL DRAWS 225 CAMPERS by Terry Gulick

From the northeast they came, both young and old, to enjoy the last days of summer in the Green Mountains and lakes of Vermont. Nearly 225 GMC'ers and guests attended the 1965 Intersectional held at Camp Plymouth on Lake Echo in Tyson, Vt. Aug. 28th - Sept. 6th.

Churchill Scott is credited with much of the arrangements along with Ben Rolston, resulting in the sixth successful gathering of its kind since the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration Intersection in 1960.

Both hot and cold, sunny and rainy weather challenged the outdoor enthusiasts, but nobody give up.

Many activities created memorable moments including the gold panning, the trip to Cavendish Gorge, several mountain climbs, the completing of the Long Trail by two GMC'ers, the evening entertainment featuring trips around the U.S., Canada and Europe, through slides: square dancing, soccer games, swimming, boating and canoeing, eating, telling tall tales (some were actually true!) and just generally socializing.

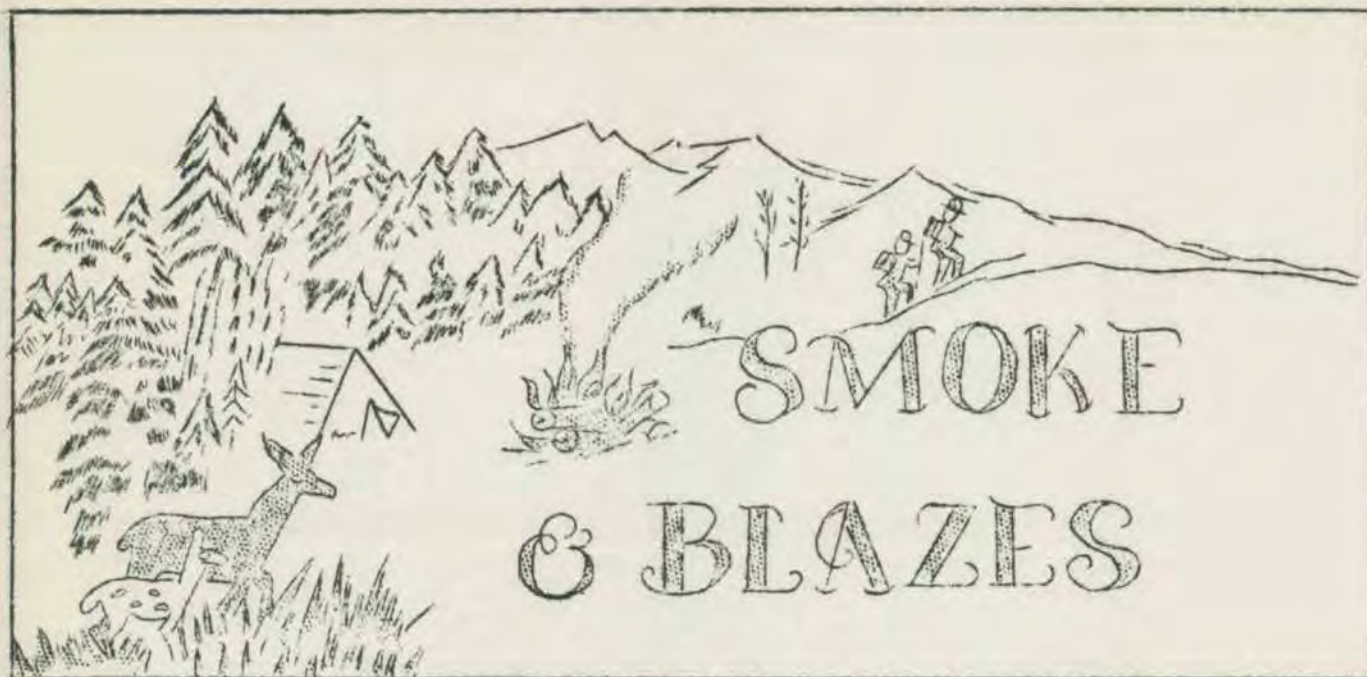
Killington Section members who attended overnight during the week were Churchill, Bobby and Candace Scott; Susan, Jamey and Kate Tarbell; President George Reynolds and family; Les, Marc and Susan Pfenning; Betty Weeks, Ben Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fritsch and Terry Gulick.

In addition many more section members visited the Intersectional during the week but were unable to stay overnight.

List of new members since the
last issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Faith Bartlett
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Crowley and
daughters
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
James Tarbell
Susan Tarbell

According to the by-laws of
the Killington Section any member-
ship dues received after October
1st will be credited to the
following year. So your 1966
dues may be paid at any time to
W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.,
Rutland, Vermont 05701.



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COMING EVENTS

Date - Saturday Nov. 27 - 9:00 AM

Destination - Sunnyside Lodge

Departure - Meldon School area

Here is another hike and work party combined so let's have a good crowd to help repair the windows, roof and stove in addition to building up the spring.

Date - Sunday Dec. 5 10:00 AM

Destination - Tucker Lodge

Departure - Meldon School area

Perhaps there will be snow for this one so why not bring snowshoes along to get in shape for the winter season. Have plenty to eat and we'll furnish the coffee and plan how to fix this shelter up for next year.

Date - Sunday Dec. 19 - 10:00 AM

Destination - Buffum Lodge

Departure - Meldon School area

Visit our newest shelter built by Craige Perkins in 1961. A snowy winter setting among the pines should make this trip very enjoyable so come along and spend a happy day.

Date - Saturday Jan. 8 6:00 PM

Destination - Clarendon Lodge by Moonlight

Departure - Meldon School area

Come and have coffee and doughnuts at a new spot this year.

Let's hope it will not be a minus 18°- 20° this year but anyway

Clarendon will be warm and cozy.

Date - Sunday Jan. 23, 10:00 AM

Destination - Balch Pasture snowshoe hike

Departure - Meldon School area

Please watch the Herald for a notice of this hike. It may have to be changed to Wilcox Hill because of privately owned land. Never the less a good time is planned for all.

Date - Saturday Feb. 13, 6:00 PM

Destination - Spaghetti Supper at Tall Timbers

The Perkins family have once again offered the use of Tall Timbers Field House for our annual spaghetti supper. Remember the good time we had last year. Come early to help gather wood, set tables and help in other ways. Also, we hope to meet our section members from New York City again.

BEECHWOOD SUPPER By Ann Reynolds

Despite the fact that most people had rather short notice about the covered dish supper at Beechwood on October 2nd, a good sized group turned out for the affair, including a number of the G.M.C. Trustees who had met that day.

Because the supper was held several weeks earlier than usual, the darkness did not come so early, and quite a few people enjoyed strolling in the warm Autumn twilight.

The usual capable crew was on deck in the kitchen to see that all the offerings of food were arranged on the table and to dispense coffee and cocoa.

The party began to disperse around 8 o'clock or so, after a pleasant evening of good food and good company.

Our annual Rummage Sale was held October 30th in the Neighborhood rooms. We made \$66.50. Thanks to everyone who contributed and worked.

EAST MOUNTAIN by Craigie Perkins

Only five hikers turned out for this one on a cool cloudy day. We drove over the Notch and turned left behind East Mountain leaving our car near the old Haskell Camp.

An old jeep-rutted farm road climbed steadily westward up the mountain through brush and hardwood. This area is known as the Dyer Meadows. For some unknown reason it seems to resist the invasion of forest growth. Scattered spruces and the usual tangle of blackberry bushes are lacking.

There were however many apple trees of all varieties and non-varieties. The early freeze had spoiled most of the fruit but we did locate one tree with excellent pocket-stuffers.

After the usual series of con-

sultations and arguments we turned right at the top of the cleared land and climbed steeply to the grove of spruces on top of one of the "summits" of the mountain. The mist limited the view to Mendon Peak and that long, long (remember!) ridge running down to the west.

We circled the top and finally selected a sheltered place on the east side below a ledge where we proceeded to build a fire and boil coffee water in record time. Lunch was uneventful. Nobody kicked over the milk can till all had been served.

Returning to the car by a route further north we went through an area of young hardwoods with no signs of old logs or stumps anywhere. It was concluded that this land must have been cleared and the logs burned at sometime long ago, and if you don't agree what's your solution?

Eagle-eye Scott spotted a partridge in the brush about forty yards away and we watched him stroll slowly out of sight.

We came back to Rutland by way of Wheelerville. Too bad so many missed this hike.

CARRIAGE ROAD TO KILLINGTON PEAK by M. G. Wiley

On a cold rainy Sunday some 30 climbers led by Alex Nagy conquered the mighty Vermont Peak for which our Section of the G.M.C is named. The group included Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming from Sherburne, a sizeable group from the Castleton State College Outing Club led by Terry Gulick and a small group from Sherburne Valley School Outing Club led by Janet Bent.

Our route of ascent was via the Old Carriage Road which in past times led to a hotel near the summit. We ate lunch at Cooper Lodge which was in fine condition including the windows. After lunch we climbed to the top of the 4,241 foot windswept peak. It was here that we met Howard Parsons, the

Killington Fire Ranger, who lives on this mountain for seven months of the year. Howard invited us in and the warmth was quite comforting especially to those with cold, wet feet.

We were indeed fortunate to have our precipitation in hardened form on top although it seemed to be a quasi-snow. The semi-snow was accumulating rapidly though, and with the accompanying hoar frost made us feel as though we had really climbed a mountain.

On our descent down the Bucklin Trail one of the Castleton boys found a porcupine which he carried for some distance on his shoulders (in a barrel). The Bucklin Trail was in fine shape thanks to Mr. Herbert Ogden and son. The sun was seen before we reached the cars and the end of a fine trip.

MT. CARMEL
by W. Churchill Scott

On Sunday October 31st, Kevin Hogan, Alex Nagy, Robert and Churchill Scott were let off at Brendon Gap to hike south to Carmel Camp and meet the rest of the Killington Section hikers. The weather was cool and cloudy but with good visibility.

A bit of snow under foot made walking a bit hard but afforded us with an excellent chance to observe many tracks: deer, bobcat, rabbits and bear - small and large.

We passed the new Sunrise Shelter - had a good view of the Mt. Hoorid Cliffs from a point where the U.S.F.S. had opened up. After skirting Bloodroot mountain we turned south and descended into Bloodroot Gap. Hurrying along we climbed a bit and then once more went down to Wetmore Gap where we ran out of the snow.

Here the Guide Book said about .07 to go but a sign said 1.5 miles to Carmel. Being tired, hungry and wet we were discouraged but after a short climb and walk through a picturesque hardwood forest we came to the side trail

up Mt. Carmel and knew the camp was not far - within 10 minutes of our estimated time.

Arriving at the shelter we found no one there and once again we had visions of walking another six miles before we got a ride. After a short rest we left the tin hut and as we were going down the trail we spied a couple of bright colored jackets coming up. Soon we were discussing with Betty and Doris what to do but finally they decided to turn around with us and return.

This was an easy hike and too bad that more folks were not along for it is a good piece of Trail to get finished for an End-to-End award.

PICO SHELTER
by Betty Gilman

Sunday November 7th was a warm rainy day when eight of us left for Pico. Churchill Scott, Craigie Perkins, Danny and Kevin Hogan went along ahead and had the shelter all nice and warm by the time Ruth Fostman, Vera Perkins, Mary Perkins and myself reached it. We hung up our clothes to dry, then we ate our lunch and had coffee. After lunch the men replaced nine windows that were broken.

When we left the shelter about 2:30 it had stopped raining, part way down the sun came out for a while and then the fog started coming in.

Incidentally it sure seemed good to have Ruth Fostman out on a hike.

ANNUAL MEETING - Sometime in January. Members will be notified by postcard.

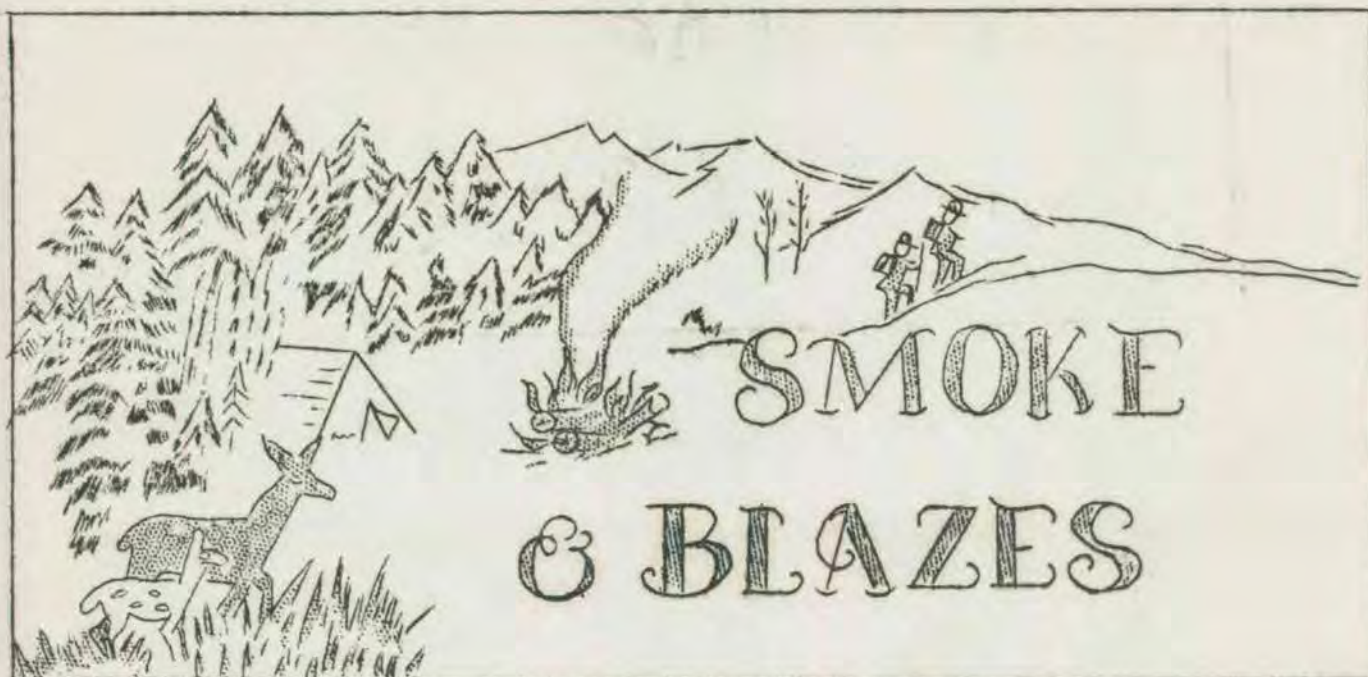
Dues for 1966 may be paid at any time to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vermont 05701. \$2.00 for adults, 50¢ for students and juniors.

Following is a list of members paid for 1966 -

David L. Baker
Janet Bent
Mary Jane Bosworth
Mitchell A. Dondero
Charles B. Gulick
Dorothy Hegerman
Kevin Hogan
Elsie Maier
Terry McDonnell
Florence Van Wyck

END-toEND AWARD

As stated in the last issue of Smoke and Blazes all interested members should send to the Secretary-Treasurer, up to date information on the parts of the Long Trail hiked and the dates so that a record may be kept on each member's file card.



Vol. 19 No. 1 - KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Jan. Feb. 1966

COMING EVENTS

BUFFUM LODGE - Sunday, Feb. 27th
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
Come snowshoe with us to our
newest shelter and see what Craigue
constructed singlehanded.

SUNNYSIDE LODGE - Sunday March 13
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
Here is a pleasant spot to visit
on a warm spring day. (Let's hope
it is.) We can discuss the many
odd jobs that must be done to fix
this camp and possibly solve the
new stove problem.

CLARENDON LODGE - Sunday, March 27
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
Let's visit this beauty spot in
spite of recent lumbering and
police the area so it will look
good for the many campers that
use this shelter throughout the
year.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY - Saturday,
April 2nd, 6:00 PM

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER - Sunday
April 3, 10:00 AM. Meldon School
site. Our only open front shelter
must have a great deal of work
done this year so come along to
see what we can all do to help.

TUCKER LODGE - Saturday, April 16,
10:00 AM Meldon School site.
This lodge must have the front
wall repaired, floor leveled and
a new toilet constructed. The
middle of April should be perfect
for spring flowers so let's see
how many we can find.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section of the
G.M.C. want to express our most
grateful appreciation to Mr. Lincoln
Isham, Fran Green and Mrs. Harriot
Bryant for the recent gifts they
have given.

NEW SCHEDULES

The new schedule is enclosed and
the Outing Committee has tried to
include a few new spots to visit in
addition to cover a bit of the Long
Trail for those working on their
End-To-End Award.

SUNNYSIDE

On the last day of deer hunting a few hardy GMCers: Kevin, Danny Craigue, Churchill and Bill Gragen braved another wet and stormy day to visit Sunnyside. In spite of slippery roads Craigue's car brought us to Spring Lake Ranch and after a short walk we arrived at Sunnyside.

Each time we visit this camp we are more certain a new stove is needed and this time it smoked more than usual but finally we got it warmed up and good hard wood to dry out as we repaired the broken windows.

After a good dinner and hot coffee we sat around discussing the good job Harold did on laying a double floor and building a bench, and then planning work parties for the spring season.

During the afternoon the wind changed to the N.W. and snow began falling making the countryside look more like the winter-time it should for the middle of November.

CLARENDON LODGE
by Betty Gilman

The weather was lousy, snowing, wind blowing and the roads were snow covered. This hike was originally set for a snowshoe hike in the Balch pasture until Craigue Perkins said that the people who owned the land didn't want anyone up there, so then it was decided to go to Shrewsbury until the weather condition changed our minds and we went into Clarendon instead. It was good walking in the woods and when we reached Clarendon the shelter was warm as Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, their two daughters and son-in-law had stayed there overnight and were just leaving.

After having coffee and lunch we walked up to the old cemetery where the Bullards are buried. Returned back to the shelter and stayed long enough for one of the

Hogan boys to have a cup of hot chocolate and Churchill a cup of coffee and after that we packed up and went home. We were home a little after three.

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKE
by W. Churchill Scott

During the afternoon of Saturday Jan. 8th Craigue, Harold and I visited Clarendon Lodge to check on the shelter and to make sure of plenty of firewood on hand. But it was an unnecessary trip for there was a group of Scouts from South Londonderry there for overnight and the camp was warm and cozy.

At 6:00 PM twenty-two GMCers and friends left for Clarendon where in the meantime about seventeen members of the Middlebury College Outing Club arrived to spend the night. They built a shelter and fire to sleep outside with the understanding that they could use the shelter if too cold.

The camp provided shelter for us, and a sack of donuts and coffee just hit the spot. After a pleasant visit with the other two groups we left for home as the temperature reached - 12°.

P.S. According to the register before dawn there were twenty-four sleeping in the shelter with only two hardy souls staying in the lean-to.

Also on Sunday night Terry came back with a group of Castleton State College Outing Club members for supper, so you can see how very popular this spot has become.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The February issue of the Long Trail News should be mailed about February 15th. If any members of the Killington Section do not receive their copy within a reasonable time, please inform W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701 so the mailing list of the Main Club may be brought up to date.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER by Vera Perkins

The weather-man was most cooperative and provided a fine day for the Spaghetti Supper served at Tall Timber, on Saturday, February 12th. Blue skies, bright sun and a spring-time temperature, enticed a number to go up early in the afternoon. Although we regretted that the warm weather had softened and taken away so much snow that show-shoeing was ruined, the woods still had a lovely white carpet and walking on the ploughed paths was easy and pleasant. Then too, the soft snow was good for snowmen and the like, and the yard in front of the Recreation building held a variety of snow structures by the end of the afternoon.

After tiring of outdoor activities, the group assembled in-doors for games and visiting. Meanwhile the "cooks" took over in the kitchen and by six o'clock the welcome call of "Come and get it." was heard. Things quieted down temporarily while everyone was busy putting away the generous helpings of spaghetti and sauce.

Supper was followed by another period of games and visiting until the younger members finally showed signs of running down and the party began to break up.

We were glad to have with us beside our local members, two of our member from Springfield - Betty and Lloyd Weeks, and Elsie Maier a member from New York City and her party of friends who were week-ending at Tall Timber.

This is one of the looked-forward to events on our schedule and thanks to Craigue and Mary Perkins for the use of Tall Timber facilities, and to all those who helped with the collection of supplies, moving tables, getting wood, cooking, serving and cleaning up, and so made the outing possible.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club was held at the Central Vt. Public Service rooms on Friday January 21, 1966.

There were about 30 members and guests present including Mr. Herbert G. Ogden, Sr. who gave a short explanation of the Vermont Roads and Trails Conference, a newly formed group interested in preserving old roads and trails for recreational purposes.

The various committee reports were heard and they are reported in detail in this issue of Smoke & Blazes.

Mr. Larry Goss, Vice President of the Dartmouth Outing Club and his assistant gave an illustrated talk on the Hut and Trail System of the White Mountains.

Finally the ladies served a delicious lunch of home made pies, cakes, cookies and hot tea and coffee. Once again we are grateful to these folks for putting on the perfect ending to a very enjoyable evening.

Officers elected:

George Reynolds, President
Michael Wiley, Vice-President
W. Churchill Scott, Secy.-Treas.

OUTING COMMITTEE REPORT

The hikes during 1965 were varied and interesting. Attendance ranged from one or two to forty and forty-five. As usual the Sugar-on-snow and Covered Dish Supper were favorites.

On the End-to-End Award trips were scheduled for Route #140 to U. S.F.S. Sherburne Pass to Brandon Gap. But only the latter stretch was covered. We hope to put new points of interest on the 1966 outings in addition to new stretches of the Long Trail.

TRAILS & SHELTERS

By Harold Valiquette

Things to be done in 1966:

Tucker Lodge needs a new floor. The front wall should be boxed in and shelter should be creosoted. An out house should be built. A large tree on the north west side of the shelter should be cabled to another tree to prevent it from falling onto the shelter. This tree shows some decayed spots.

Trail from Tucker to Route 4 will have to be moved to Grover Wright's west property line as this is where he wants it to go across Route 4 west of his swimming pool.

Pico shelter needs creosoting. The trail is OK.

Cooper Lodge??

Governor Clement shelter needs a lot of work - new bunks and roof repaired.

Buffum is in good shape and has a good outhouse.

Clarendon needs metal eve drip to prevent water from soaking into the roof rafters as they are getting decayed. Needs an outhouse. There is also a tall dead tree on the north side that should be cut down before it falls on the shelter, and it should be creosoted.

Suspension bridge is in good shape but it should be creosoted this spring.

Sunnyside should be creosoted and by all means a new stove. Also an outhouse.

Following is new membership list-

Martha Adams
Anna Berg
Harriot Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Barbara Bruneau
Allen Camp
Donald Cudworth
Ruth A. Fostman
Elizabeth Gibbs
Betty Gilman
Susan Goddard
William Gragen

Frances Green
Danny Hogan
Lincoln Isham
Dorothy Johnson
Harold Johnson
Cheryl Luther
Petsy Martin
Carol Martin
David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tom Martin
Jack Martin
Jack Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Lillian Oxenhirt
Florence Paddock
John Paddock
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Lee Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Robert Reynolds
Ben Rolston
Ellen B. Russell
Candace Scott
Kim Scott
Robert Scott
W. Churchill Scott
Ray Secor
Harold Valiquette
John Joseph Valiquette
Thomas Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
M. Eleanor Walker
Elizabeth Weeks
Carleton Wilson

This is the last issue of "Smoke and Blazes" that will be sent to the 1965 members. If you wish to continue receiving "Smoke and Blazes" please send your membership dues to W. Churchill Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1965	\$1,273.47
Received from gifts	205.00
Received from dues	151.50
Rummage sale profit	66.50
Interest	54.59
Sale of Guide Books	45.00
Sale of G.M.C. patches	7.50
Sale of Clarendon stove for junk	5.00

Total Receipts \$1,808.56

EXPENSES

Trails and Shelters	\$ 117.89
Paid to Main Club for dues	44.75
Paid to Main Club for Guide Books	30.00
Paid to Main Club for Patches	7.50
Expenses of Sugar-on-Snow Party	35.64
Outing expenses	28.56
"Smoke and Blazes"	22.57
Postage	8.20

\$ 295.11

Balance January 1, 1966 \$1,513.45

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer

The above mentioned balance includes the principle and interest received from the Lincoln Isham Fund which amounted to \$780.00 on January 1, 1966.



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COMING EVENTS

Date- Sunday, May 1, 10:00 A.M.

Destination: East Mountain

Meet: Meldon School Area

A try to reach the summit again. From the north or south depending on snow and weather conditions. Wear your bushwacking clothes and come for a hard hike.

Date: Sunday, June 5, 8:00 A.M.

Destination: Cantilever Rock
Mount Mansfield

Meet: Meldon School Area

Note time change again. Here is a chance to see this newly found rock formation. A short hike to a different spot.

Date: Saturday, May, 14, 8:00 A.M.

Destination: Danby Road # 10 to
Lost Pond Shelter.

Meet: Meldon School Area

Let's cover some more of the Long Trail for our End-to-End badge. Home via Baker Peak and Lake Trail. Note Time change for spotting car.

Date: Sunday, June 19, 8:00 A.M.

Destination: Route #11 Lake
Griffith

Meet: Meldon School Area

A 14 mile hike for good walkers. Another chance for a bit of End-to-End work. Over Bromley, Styles and Peru Peaks.

Date: May 28-29, Sat.-Sun.

ANNUAL MEETING

Beginning at 9:30 Sat. morning we should try to attend this affair.

On Sunday we are having a hike to Killington and Pico. In addition we are asked to provide leaders for Blue Ridge, Bird Mt., Little Rock Pond and Baker Peak.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section of the G.M.C. want to express our most grateful appreciation to the Misses Helen Frink and Mary Isbell for their recent gifts.

BUFFUM LODGE TRIP

On Sunday, Feb. 27th eight clubbers made the snowshoe trip to Buffum Lodge. It was a beautiful spring day with two feet of snow and the temperature up in the fiftys.

The afternoon before Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott went in to stay over night. They gathered a big pile of wood and reported a very comfortable night. Churchill said he came within two feet of being warm enough.

So when the rest of us struggled in about noon the camp was bright and warm and the coffee water boiling.

After dinner we checked over the camp for necessary repairs. Two lights of glass, apparently the victims of an air gun, and a few short floor boards, to replace those chopped through, will put the place in A 1 condition.

And how about a camp sign?

We all agreed that it was too nice a day to stay inside so we sat around the stove for a couple of hours.

Returning to Rutland about four P.M. we wondered where everybody was. Another good day and another small crowd. What do we have to do to get you out?

SUNNYSIDE

Sunday, March 13th was one of those days that cant be classified as being either fair or foul. It snowed, but not much. It rained, but not much. The sun almost came out a couple of times but couldn't quite make it.

As is often the case we had a good turn out in spite of the weather. Seventeen hiked from "the bottom of the hill" in to the Camp and back down again. Several new hikers were welcomed including Mr. Louis Stare from Cape Cod. Mr. Stare is the man who constructed the Lost Pond Shelter and got it moved from Cape Cod to the Long Trail near Danby.

On the way in we passed two cars that had unwisely tried to rush the hill with the usual result. The last quarter mile through the fields was easy for the snowshoers but a little rough for the unprepared.

"The boys" got in first and had a good fire going when the rest of us arrived. There was plenty of good hard wood left from their efforts of the weekend before.

The camp was in good condition with the exception of the stove which has been in bad shape for some time. No grate, griddles don't fit, chimney sagging, little things like that. How about a new stove soon?

After a cozy dinner and a spirited snowball fight we packed up and slid down the hill to the cars.

CLARENDON LODGE

Our trip to Clarendon Lodge on March 27th attracted seventeen hikers including one first timer. Keep up the good work.

On Saturday afternoon Kevin Hogan, Bob and Churchill Scott, and Craig Perkins lugged their overnight packs in to the Lodge. Easy going. Snow most gone in the open. There was a large supply of dry wood inside the camp and the yard was filled with the trimmings from the lumbering operation. Fuel will be plentiful for some time to come.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

The camp was in excellent shape due to frequent use by responsible hikers. When the weather gets warmer and dryer we should clean up the yard and remove a couple of dead or dying trees that threaten to fall on the camp.

After getting things squared away for the night we took a hike up the road and through the woods to a rocky peak we had noticed on the way up. This proved to be an interesting place with grass and oak trees on the top. The ground drops off about a hundred feet or so on three sides very steeply. We plan to visit it again in the summer. On the way back we saw at least a hundred robins flocking in the tree tops and complaining about something or other.

The camp was hot when we went to bed, warm part of the night, and cold in the early morning. Bob was the first to weaken. He got the fire going and soon we smelled bacon frying.

After breakfast Churchill and Kevin hiked north to the divide near Cold River. About an inch of fresh snow made the going a bit slippery they reported.

About eleven o'clock the Sunday hikers began to arrive from Rutland. The youngsters had a great time building a "fort" out of the brush left from the lumbering. They even had a "watch tower."

Meanwhile, back at the camp, Churchill demonstrated how to stalk the wild asparagus in his stalking feet.

The more ambitious hikers visited a small graveyard some distance up the road, said to be of considerable historical interest.

The less ambitious took a short course in "The Care and Feeding of the Apple Tree Virus"

And so home after a pleasant day in the woods.

The 1966 edition of our annual Sugar on snow party was held on April 2nd in the basement of the Universalist Church. Sixty three starving citizens of all ages stuffed themselves with sugar, pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

Vera Perkins was chairman of the affair and many members helped out with the varied details. On the afternoon before Terry Gulick, Michael Wiley, Bertha Wiley, and two boys from Michael's school went up into the woods and got a truck load of snow. About four o'clock on Saturday the boiling down began. Eleanor Walker, Carol Martin, Doris Newton, Betty Gilman and Thelma Valiquette got everything ready and on the tables. After slaving over a hot Trustees' meeting all the afternoon Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott came in to put on the finishing touches.

At six P.M. the people started coming in and for an hour things moved rapidly and sweetly. We were honored by the attendance of Mr. Rohrbaugh the club president and his wife, and by several of the trustees.

Many helped with the cleanup and all was in shipshape at a reasonable hour.

It was concluded that this party should be continued each year if there continues to be a good turn out, if we can have it in a well equipped place, and if members help with the work. All these requirements were certainly met this year, and the 1966 party should go in the book as one of our best.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

On Sunday, April 3rd, a good crowd turned out for the trip to the Governor Clement Shelter. The road was a little slippery due to mud but all cars stayed between the fences.

The cars were left at the Upper Road and the footing from there in to camp was surprisingly good on the snow covered back road.

Once again "the boys" pushed on ahead and had a good fire going when the rest of us arrived. The canvas was hung by the chimney with care to keep the cold wind from the ones who were there. (Sorry, I had to do that).

A glance at the register showed that a snow cart club had visited the camp twice recently. How about some help with the up-keep fellows? Gary tossed his pack on the top bunk and soon found that a mouse was trying to share his lunch.

After lunch we put the stove together from the assorted parts lying around, and it worked fine.

Some of the youngsters built a fire in the outside fireplace so with three fires going you would expect we would have been warm, but that open front!

Checking on the repairs needed we agreed on a new chimney top, new stove pipe, and the desirability of removing the top bunk and replacing it where the bottom bunk is now.

The roof needs repair but would it be worth while to put a new roof on the camp in its present form? Some suggest a wood floor and a window studded front with some of the overhanging roof cut off. Have to think it over.

On the way out we discussed the possibility of trips to the Jockey Cap, Black Swamp, and Robinson Hill. Sometime maybe.

PANCAKE SUPPER

After a reasonable amount of argument it was decided to turn the April 16th Tucker Lodge hike into a Pancake Supper. We used to schedule a Pancake Breakfast every spring but enthusiasm for early morning walks wore too thin. It was hoped that supper time would prove more popular. It did. We had twelve people.

On Friday afternoon Churchill and Bob Scott, Kevin Hogan, and Craig Perkins went in to Tucker for over night. "Breakable crust" over snow up to a foot deep made the going somewhat laborious.

The camp required only the usual picking up. Good fire wood, a good supper, and spring temperatures made for a pleasant evening.

In the morning a proposed hike "to the top of the hill" proved to be too much work through the still deep snow. Five people came in for lunch, and a sixth during the early afternoon.

Just in time for supper the Martin family arrived and proceeded to show us how to cook pancakes in record time with minimum fuel by way of tin can cookery on a rock outdoors. Very successful.

Oh yes, from a couple of bare spots two handfuls of wild onions were gathered. And were they wild!

Back out to the cars through the miserable slush at dark. We'll have to try this one again next year.

CAMPING SHOW

The Rutland Family Camping Association will sponsor a Camping Show on May 7 and 8 at the Rutland Fair grounds. Members will set up and explain their camping equipment, and answer questions for novice campers.

GMC member Harold Valiquette, who is also a charter member of the camping group, will be among those exhibiting.

TRAILS & SHELTERS

This is the time of year when this group will be very busy.

There are many things to be done. Roofs to patch, cover with tar, toilet houses to build, dumps to locate, creosote to apply, signs to make and trails to clear.

Each week that a hike is not planned a work party will be scheduled. Anyone willing and able to help at this time please contact W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St. for more information.

May we point out at this time that it is not a hard job or a strenuous one which many of our tasks demand and the ladies could help a great deal in addition to preparing meals for the workers.

NEW MEMBERS

Dues are payable at any time for those who have not renewed their membership for 1966.

Judy Allard
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Christine Cahee
Hedrick Cahee
Shirley Cahee
Helen Bailey
Robert Deemer
Helen Frink
Ella Fritsch
Hans Fritsch
Florence Herrick
Dorris Newton
Pearl Nichols
Ann Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Tim Perkins
Vera Perkins

GUIDE BOOKS

According to information from the main office of the Green Mountain Club a new 1966 edition of the Long Trail Guidebook will be off the press and available around May 1. Due to the higher cost of printing the cost of the new issue will be \$1.95.

TRUSTEE'S MEETING

On April 2, the Spring Meeting of the trustees of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Rutland Office. About 23 persons attended from all the sections plus Peggy Pons, Long Trail News Editor and new president-elect of the New York section, and Jim Barrett of the new Springfield, Mass. section-to-be named Pioneer Valley.

Vic Randolph reported on the 1966 Intersectional to be held at Grout Pond Scout Camp on Aug. 27-Sept. 5. The committee has worked hard on this program and we should do all we can to make it a success. Possibly two square dance nights are planned plus many hikes arranged to help G.M.C.'ers get their End-to-End award. The schedule should be in the flyer which will be available at the annual meeting on May 28.

Bob Deemer of U.S.F.S. stated new shelters would be built at Lake Griffith and Bourne Pond in addition to a second one on the north-west shore of the pond.

OFFICERS MEET

New officers and committee chairmen of the Killington Section met for an organizational session at the home of president George Reynolds in late February.

Craig Perkins volunteered to take over the editorship of "Smoke & Blazes," with Betty Gilman doing the mimeograph stencils. Craig called for eight volunteers to contribute at least 3 columns of copy sometime during the coming year. M. Wiley, T. Gulick, A. Reynolds, C. Scott, V. Perkins, Har. & Thelma Valiquette have agreed to provide material. Anyone else wishing to help in this way is asked to call Craig, or Ann Reynolds.

The section extends its appreciation to Thelma Valiquette, who has faithfully gotten out the bulletin for the past two years or more, and to Pearl Nichols, who has been cutting the stencils for many years.



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COMING HIKES

Long Trail End-to-End Trip.
July 2-4, 1966.

This trip originally planned for the Canadian line south will have to be changed to a portion of the trail farther south due to the construction work on Jay Peak. Because of the length and duration of this hike final plans will be made on Wed. June 29 at the home of W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Shrewsbury Loop Trail
Sat. July 16, 9:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

This hike will take us over a new section of trail to many members. We plan to go from Gov. Clement Shelter north, eat lunch at the Four Brooks and return by way of the trail over Shrewsbury Peak.. Then down the new relocated trail to the picnic area.

Mount Cushman - Rochester, Vt.
Sun.. July 31, 10:00 A. M.
Meldon School Area

This will be a chance to visit a fire lookout tower and see the Green Mountains from another angle.. A easy walk and the black flies should be about gone.

Long Trail-Middlebury Gap to
Breadloaf Mt.
Sat. August 6

Another leg on our End-to-End trip. We will leave Meldon School at 8:00 A..M. in order to spot a car and go north over the trail and then down to Steam Mill Meadows. About 8.5 miles.

Killington Peak via Juggernaut
Trail.
Sun.. Aug. 21, 10:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

Let's try to climb Killington from a different direction this time. Mr. Ogden and his son have this trail in good shape.

Vic Randolph and his committee have done a great deal of work to make this year a success.

A flyer of the intersectional is enclosed to help plan the week's activities. With good weather our members could hike the southern 40-50 miles of the trail for our End-to-End award.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

A number of work parties have been held both individually and with a group. This reporter can not recall everyone but some of the highlights in addition to Ben Rolston's fine job of cleaning the lower half of our section, the floor has been repaired at Buffum, toilet hole dug at Sunny-side and annex started, suspension bridge at Mill River creosoted, relocation around Deer Leap measured and begun.

The planned work parties for July and August will be as follows:

July 9-10. Gov. Clement.
Toilet house, dump, bunks and the grounds picked up.

July 23-24. Trail cleaning
Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass. This will depend on how much work Mr. Ogden and his son are able to do before July 23. Also if enough workers are available a new toilet house is needed at Pico.

Aug. 13-14. Tucker Lodge.
An overnight work party is to build a new toilet house, establish a dump, raise up floor, fix the stone foundation and replace the stove pipe.

This is a very loose schedule and a great deal depends on the number of workers we are able to have.

If reservations are made by Friday before each trip meals will be provided by the Club.

For more information on any part of the above items please contact W. Churchill Scott Sect'y.
132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

John Allard
Faith Bartlett
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Mike Kelley
George Kirk
Frances Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Richard Roberts
Charles Wener

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB GUIDE BOOK

The new 1966 issue of the Long Trail Guidebook is now available from your local section secretary. Each one sold means a small profit so order one now for your summer hiking enjoyment from W.C. SCOTT.

CANTILEVER ROCK

On June 5, Sunday Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott met at Meldon to go to Cantilever Rock on Mount Mansfield. Fortunately Mr. and Mrs. Weeks of Springfield, Vt. were there otherwise it would have been a long long walk. After an enjoyable ride in a new Ford convertible we arrived at the Underhill State Forest Camping area. Overnighters Mauri Wintturi and the Brown family met us and soon we were walking up the C.C.C. road by the Halfway House site for one mile to where the sunset Ridge Trail begins. Crossing a number of brooks (unnecessarily getting water to lug) we climbed 0.4 mile to the Cantilever Rock Trail. Another short 0.4 mile brought us to the Rock where Mr. Morse and his daughter along with a young couple from Burlington, Vt. and their son riding a Pack-a-Poose shared lunch and coffee with us.

Ascending the mountain The Sunset Ridge Trail breaks out into the open rocks and for a mile it winds up an interesting ridge to the Ohin, highest point in Vermont. Here the party split up and after meeting George Pearlstein we walked back down the trail with him. George listed a number of other trails to plan future hikes upon and if enough interest is shown another trip to this spot will be made.

EAST MOUNTAIN TRIP

Well, we finally did it !
After four or five false starts
and no starts six Clubbers got to
the very top of East Mountain.

It looked like a rainy day as
we started but soon the sun came
out and we had a warm spring day.

We approached the mountain by
way of the Dyer Meadow as we did
last fall. This time we had an
experienced guide--- Harold
Valiquette--- who had been to the
top several times. He led us off
to the left from just above the
big rock. When we got to the top
of the ridge we turned left again
and followed the ridge to the
true top of the mountain. Pretty
easy, huh ? It's all in knowing
how.

Several years ago Harold put
a flag on a tree at the top of
the mountain and since then a few
groups of hikers have wondered
and wandered. Come to think of it,
East Mountain is as easy to climb
as Pine Hill or Bald Mountain,
and it seems strange more people
dont get up there and enjoy an
excellent view of the city.

We found a place where we could
enjoy the sunshine and had our
lunch. It got so warm that Harold
picked a ripe banana from a near
by tree. He did too, I saw him.

After lunch we had a lengthy
discussion on the various kinds
of oak trees, which is a-corny
subject under the best of con-
ditions. Then Harold whipped out
a bran new red flag to replace
the old ruined one. The boys
climbed a big tree and tied it in
place.

So now if you see the flag up
there you know all about it.

DANBY ROAD TO GRIFFITH LAKE

By Doris Newton

May 14th, the day of the hike
from "USFS 10 Road "to Griffith
Lake was one of those days that
kept us saying "What a day ! How
lucky we are ! Five of us left
Meldon at eight o'clock for the
Lake Trail where we left one car.
After chatting with the Rolstons
who had camped there, we went in
the other car to the Long Trail
crossing at "Black Branch".

The section of trail along Big
Branch is rewarding..The stream
with spring high water, the two
new shelters, the fine bridge
(USFS), the site of the old mill,
the early spring flowers, provided
constant interest. We encountered
a group of hikers from Putney
School out for several days on the
Trail. The fireplace at Lost Pond
Shelter was still warm from their
morning fire when our noon fore was
started and the familar coffee pot
put on. We contentedly basked in
the sun during lunch, then began
the mild climb up the ridge toward
Baker Peak. Here it must be re-
ported that one of us succeeded in
sitting down in an extremely wet
and muddy bit of trail -- in a
brook in fact !

Baker Peak was a splendid climax
to a fine walk. After a rest here
to enjoy the view, and a second
meeting with Ben, now hard at work
painting the bad weather by-pass,
we detoured over to Griffith Lake,
then back down the Lake Trail to
the waiting car. A perfect day of
hiking dampened only externally by
sitting in the brook ! (It really
didn't take too long to dry out !)

BARBARA BECOMES A HIKER By Barbara Barron

This was the first time I had ever gone on a hike in a group, you know adults and all. Well, let me tell you it was fun.

Mary Ellen Connors wanted to know if I wanted to go hiking to Tucker Lodge with her family one Sunday. I said "sure sounds fun". It was not until later I found out what horrors awaited me.

First there was Uncle Harold (Valiquette) he said I wasn't dressed properly. I thought it was kind of funny, everyone else was all bundled up and were wearing boots. It was such a beautiful day I just wore slacks, sweater and sneakers. Uncle Harold said the snow was at least two feet deep up there, well I was willing to take my chances.

When we got up there, there wasn't a bit of snow in sight, boy did those people look ridiculous.

So we started on our 15 min. walk (which lasted 30 min). First there was Mary Ellen, Joanne and I. Then came Mr. Connors, Uncle Harold and some other men. Then came the pack mules namely Mrs. Connors and Aunt "T" (Uncle Harold's poor unfortunate wife, she must have worn highly magnified glasses when she married him), carrying the food.

Well when we arrived at Tucker Lodge I was horrified. So THAT was Tucker Lodge it looked like they cut down some trees and glued them together with Elmer's Glue.

Inside was worse. I made the mistake of asking what those slabs of wood were. Someone said "beds".

After everyone had rested, Mr. Connors asked if anyone wanted to go for a walk (straight up a mountain). So Mary Ellen, Mrs. Connors and I decided to go. About three feet up the hill we stopped to give Mrs. Connors a rest (this went on all the way up). Finally on top we decided to go down (sounded reasonable).

Did you ever go down a mountain 120 m.p.h., using trees as breaks - it's not exactly going first class; but what was even sillier Mrs. Connors was slower coming down than going up (sometimes I wonder about her).

When we finally got down the first lap, we all had just one question for Davey Croquette, Jr. Where were we?

He said "don't get excited just look for a tree with a blue spot on it". About three thousand trees and we had to find one with a blue dot. Thanks to Mr. Connors keen sense of direction he bumped into that very tree. So we followed the blue dotted trees back.

I guess Mary Ellen and I were being punished for something cause we had to ride back with Uncle Harold (personally I think he thinks he is Frank Sinatra) THAT VOICE. It must have been banned from every state in the union. No Wonder he is always up at Tucker Lodge, probably exercising his vocal cords.

REMINDERS and REMAINDERS

Closing date for the next Smoke and Blazes will be Aug. 15. It is better if our outings are written up by someone who has attended, so if you go on a hike and are willing to write it up check with the editor.

Churchill Scott is still producing about half of your club paper. How about lending a hand?

According to the new topo map Most of Bald Mt. is part of the Aiken State Forest. Why can't the Killington Section G.M.C. take the necessary steps to make sure it isn't turned over to some one for commercial development. An area so near the Girl Scout Camp and the city of Rutland should be saved for hiking and other forms of non destructive recreation.



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COMING HIKES

Long Trail End-to-End Trip.
Sept. 10, 8:00 A.M. Sat.
Meldon School Area

This trip will be from Mad Tom Shelter south to Prospect Rock and then down a side trail to Route #30. To save time a fire and coffee will be ready at Bromley Shelter. About 12 miles total distance.

PICO CAMP AND PEAK
Sunday Sept. 25, 10:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

Here will be a good opportunity to see a small part of the work that The Farm and Wilderness Camps have done for our Section and also the fine signs the Ogden's have erected. An easy walk of about 6-8 miles.

LONG TRAIL END-TO-END TRIP
Sunday Oct. 9, 8:00 A.M.
Skyline Lodge to Lincoln Gap.
Meldon School Area

A 14 mile hike planned to help Mauri Wintturi and the John Himmelbergers work on their End-to-End award. This is a long walk but not too hard a trail so let's turn out.

CROSS COUNTRY WALK. IRA-BIRD MT.
Saturday Oct. 22, 9:00 A.M.
Meldon School Area

Perhaps we can get Miss Newton to lead this walk over an old road through unknown woods to most of us.

CAMP TENDARA

Annual open house featuring an exhibit of arts and crafts. No house fees will be charged for G.M. C. members and guests on Sun. Oct. 2. Here is a good time to visit the very fine facilities of the New York Section and meet many new friends of the Long Trail who have done much to maintain their part. A long trip but well worth the effort. For more information contact W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

MUSHROOM HUNT

On Sunday Sept. 18, at 2:00 P.M. the Springfield Vt. Family Field Trip Program has listed a walk in their local area looking for mushrooms. This walk will be led by experienced folks who will identify the edible types. For more information contact W. C. Scott.

END-TO- END HIKES

This past Spring and Summer as a group, members of the Killington Section have covered 34.7 miles from Mad Tom Shelter to Big Branch, Sky-line Lodge to Middlebury Gap and Frying Pan Brook to Barrows Camp.

Also Kevin Hogan and Bill Gragen hiked from the Mass. line to Mad Tom Shelter.

This Fall we have planned two more trips before the snow flies. Let's see if we can have a larger crowd on our next series of walks.

If enough interest is shown it is possible to undertake a half-day or one day hike on the week-ends that do not conflict with our regular outings.

For more information about this opportunity to earn an End-to-End award please contact W.C.Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The past two months have been busy times for a few members and non members of the Killington Section.

The Ogdens have finished erecting signs at all of our shelters and along the entire 21.2 miles of long trail we maintain in addition to the side trails. Also they have cut out blowdowns, brushed trails, painted blazes and many other activities to put the trail in first class condition.

They are also responsible for new hardware cloth bunks at Gov. Clement Shelter (after so many years of talk and argument), chimney repaired and heightened, an adjustable swinging crane. Everyone should make a special effort to visit this camp to see the great improvements that has been made.

The Farm and Wilderness Camps have sent a number of work parties onto our section to brush trail, paint blazes, dig toilet holes and erect temporary seats, and clean up around the shelters. They are doing a great deal of work on the Shrewsbury trail under the leadership of Miss Shelia Ashley and Mr. Susumi Ishitani.

As usual there is still more to do at our shelters. The most important job at this time is Tucker. Here many odds and ends should be taken care of. Notably the toilet house constructed, floor raised and leveled, walls repaired and chinked up for the winter.

BARROWS CAMP TO FRYING PAN BROOK

On Friday July 1 two cars left Rutland for a 3 day trip on the trail. After much discussion and at the suggestion of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks that due to the construction on Jay Peak we begin our hike at Barrows Camp.

This camp 0.2 miles from the road was found easily thanks to a map drawn for us by Mr. Mould, a G. M.C. member of the Sterling Section at Morrisville, Vt.

A quick supper was eaten and then with a group of 15 Scouts and their leaders staying there we felt it best to swing around to Parker Camp. Due to a new lumber job we were able to drive up the Davis Neighborhood Trail and spend a very restful night.

Bright and early Saturday morning Wilbur Weston of Ft. Lauderdale, Rascal, his dog, Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott started south up Laraway Mt.

At Laraway Lookout the view must be spectacular on a clear day but this day was hot, humid and hazy.

Passing by a number of high ledges we dropped to Codding Hollow Brook where we ate lunch in a big patch of mint, some of which was gathered to stew up with a small amount of water and sugar.

Soon we were climbing up a low hill and then down to Barrows Camp where there is a very good water supply. Here we picked up a car and returned to Parker.

After another good meal and rest we started out on Sun. morning to hike up Butternut Mt. and on north. Running most of the time to keep up to Kevin we descended to Devil's Gulch and arrived at Ritterbush Camp in time to eat lunch.

Swinging around Ritterbush Pond we again climbed a low hill and then coasted down to Frying Pan Brook where Mr. Weston picked us up.

BREADLOAF TO MIDDLEBURY GAP

On a hot, humid day in August a group of G.M.C. hikers drove to Middlebury for another link on our End-to-End award.

Mauri Wintturi, Mr. & Mrs. John Himmelberger, Betty Gilman and Churchill Scott at the suggestion of Mr. Irving White the new trustee from Worcester, Mass. began the trip at the bottom of the Skylight Pond Trail. The path was very poorly marked or cleared but after a bit more than an hour with only a few stops to search for the trail we arrived at the Long Trail. (This would be a good hike in the fall after the leaves go.)

Soon a short walk brought us to Skyline Lodge, a snug cabin of peeled logs with a front porch overlooking a small beaver pond and a beautiful view to the East. Had a good lunch at this spot with our faithful coffee pot putting on the finishing touch.

Mauri spent most of the time gathering names from the register for Rod Rice of Burlington who in turn hopes to use them to show to the State Recreation Dept. pointing out how large a part of the hikers are from out of state and how far they travel to enjoy all that we have to offer.

There was a short discussion about going north 1.8 miles to the next side trail so that on the Fall hike we have the distance would be less but that idea fell through. Soon we started for Middlebury Gap and within a short time it was easy to see why Mr. White said to go South for the whole 5 miles was downhill.

At last we were at the road and we said goodbye to the Himmelbergers who were going to do the trail to Brandon Gap the next day from Lake Placid, picked up Mauri's car and spotted the car of John and Edna's.

Once again it is hard to understand why some folks will close up shop, drive all night, hike the trail two days and drive back for work the next morning. And yet it is an impossible job to get members of the Killington Section interested in End-to-End hikes.

JUGGERNAUT TRAIL TRIP

Due to the fact that we had no cars except Mr. Hogan, Kevin and Churchill decided to hike from Rt. #4 over the Long Trail around Pico, check on the conditions of everything and then journey on to Killington.

After many years thanks to the F. & W. Camps we have a toilet hole dug at both locations. Also the campers have done a very good job of cleaning the trail, painting the blazes and picking up the camps in general. In addition to all this the Ogden's say these campers have done much work on the Shrewsbury Trail. Mr. Parsons, the fire warden at Killington has a great deal of good words to say for the very well mannered and behaved groups which worked for us this year.

We feel that we are indeed fortunate to have the help of all these young people that Mr. Webb has sent out on the trail this year.

Lunch was eaten on the summit and the view enjoyed with many who rode up the lift.

Mr. Parsons pointed out a number of new peaks to us including Burke, Olympus, Stratton and Cushman whose open summit and buildings were easily picked up with the glasses.

Soon it was time to head for home and so we headed down the tractor road (another new one this time) and when we reached the Basin Dr. Pingree gave us a ride home.
WELL BETTER LOCK NEXT TIME

SHREWSBURY LOOP TRIP

On Saturday July 16 a good sized group of ambitious hikers met at Meldon School site. The weather was clear, cool and a perfect day to walk.

Out of town guests were Wilbur Weston, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Della Ellison, Ludlow, Vt., Linda Rozowicz and Elsie Maier, New York City.

When we arrived at Gov. Clement it was arranged that the hikers would take a trip up Killington due to the beautiful weather and also because of the poor report from George Pearlstein on the condition of the Shrewsbury Trail. (This has now been improved by the F.&W. Camps).

While the others were hiking the Ogdens and Churchill Scott began a long day's work at the shelter. The lower bunks were taken out, the debris of many years raked away, the chimney chinked up and raised another two feet above the roof line, an adjustable swinging crane was installed in the cleaned out fireplace.

At last we were ready to go on the bunks. The Ogdens had pre-cut all the lumber and drilled it in the proper spots so that it was possible to cut the hardware cloth the correct length, bolt the 2 x 4's together and roll up the five bunks and fasten them in the correct spot.

This sounds like an easy job but we were still going strong at 4:00 when Dr. James Howard of Mendon came along and having lost his beagle on Killington decided to stay around camp for awhile to see if Jo-Jo would pick up his scent. He pitched in and helped us so very much by crawling up in under the bunks to tighten the bolts and nuts.

Soon the hikers returned and after resting awhile headed for home but not before they had told how far one could see from the summit and the large number of people using the lift. After a very small supper we put the finishing touches on our work while trying to keep the no-see-ems off for only about one hour then they left of their accord.

At 9:45 P.M. working the last hour by the lights of the VW we finally picked up our tools and headed for home after a good day's work and one

which will improve the appearance of Gov. Clement 100%. Everyone should make a special effort to visit here and see how big a change has been made.

However it all boils down to the same question which has been asked so many times by so many people.

"Why does the Killington Section with almost 100 Members have to rely on out-of-town members or non-members to do so much of the work on our trails and shelters?"

MOUNT CUSHMAN

On Sunday July 31, Kevin Hogan, George, John and Bob Reynolds and Churchill Scott took off from Meldon headed for Randolph-Rochester area. The weather was clear and cool and a beautiful day to hike. With the aid of a topo map and a vague remembrance of the other trip some years ago we arrived at the foot of the trail to the fire lookout.

This time there was no mist to hide our destination and after a short search we found the trail and that was the last we saw of Kevin. About noon the boys got hungry and so we stopped a short time for lunch.

After a few more remarks from George about the short, easy hike mentioned in Smoke & Blazes we broke out into the open and saw the tower ahead of us.

The tower was not manned this summer but we were able to climb to the top of the stairs and from there we could see for miles. Ascutney, the White Mountains to the East, the Adirondacks to the West, Pico and Killington stood out plainly to the South and Mt. Mansfield to the North.

While we were resting and talking of the peace and quiet along came a Scout up the road. Most of the time we would be rather put out at this but there was an elderly couple on the mountain for the first time. It was a pleasure to see the enjoyment they received from the marvelous day.

Soon it was time to head for home and we hiked down the mountain. On the way home we decided to ride over Rochester Mt. and that was a very enjoyable ending to a perfect day.

BARBARA BECOMES A CAMPER

My family are not campers, and if you saw them you would understand why. You couldn't drag my mother away from her soap operas, and my young sisters are afraid of being scalped.

The first time I went camping was with the Connors'. Mary Ellen used to show me their equipment, gas stove, kitchen and even an oven where Mrs. Connors could bake her sunken cakes. Well, all this equipment really floored me. I guess camping was going to be a cinch.

Mr. Connors told me to have all my clothes and equipment ready at 7:30 sharp and bring them over, because we were going to leave at 8:30. I wondered why he wanted me over there so early, but I soon found out we had to get all that equipment on to Connors' run down Rambler. Poor Mr. Connors used to get so tired sitting on the hill supervising the packing. When we finally finished, they had to find room for little ole me, they found an 11 by 12 inch opening forme and stuck me in, you should try and sit in a car with all the windows closed and Mr. Connors smoking that stinky pipe. When we finally arrived almost an empty gas tank later, I got out, unfolded myself and got ready to go swimming, but Hitler Jr., called me back and said we had to unburden our mechanical donkey, this time the old man pitched in a tent or two and let me supervise a little. And when we finished it was too late to go swimming and we had to go to bed. I'll never forget that first horrible night. Mr. Connors kept the dead awake with his snoring. Mary Ellen must store up all her day's breathing and let it out a mile a minute at night. We don't have to worry about the mosquitos, Joanne catches them with her wide open mouth. And Mrs. Connors tosses and turns on the squeaky cot, and even though I whistle when I sleep you couldn't hear me above the rest of the racket. (yes).

Yes one way to find out about people is to go camping, you'd never guess Mr. Connors takes medicine for his liver.

Seriously though I love camping, you meet very interesting and handsome people. I've been camping with the Connors a few times and I love every minute of it. I'd give anything to convince my parents to go camping I know if they tried it once they would love it.

If you're ever up our way we are the conspicuous lot under the orange tarp.

By Barbara Barron

LITTLE ROCK POND NORTH TO ROUTE 140

May 30 was a nice afternoon when we left Meldon School site shortly after 1 o'clock leaving one car in Wallingford and the other one near Little Rock Pond.

It was beautiful walking along up to Little Rock Pond where we stopped for a few minutes to look around, then on to Hower Stone Brook where we stopped again for Churchill to have some lunch and the rest to catch our breath. We all had our dinner before venturing out except Mr. Scott who had slaved away sorting mail that morning.

Churchill got spruce gum to chew to help us make it to the White Rocks where we stopped and looked at the beautiful view for about a half hour which was well worth the trip and after that we reluctantly started on the last of the walk and everyone was back home by 8:00.



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COMING HIKES

CROSS COUNTRY WALK

Greendale Picnic Area, Weston, Vt.
to Wallingford Pond Area.

Sunday Oct. 30, 10:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

Here is a wonderful opportunity to follow Craigie through the woods on a trip that has been talked and discussed for years. This is a walk for everyone, young and old, so come along and enjoy yourself.

EAST MOUNTAIN

Sat. Nov. 5, 9:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

This will be the last hike before deer hunting so let's have a good turnout to go with Harold to the top of East Mt. again and see Rutland, Vt. from a different viewpoint.

BUFFUM LODGE

Sat. Dec. 3, 9:00 A.M.

Meldon School Area

This will be our first hike in almost a month so let's get out again and visit the newest shelter in the Killington Section and to help prepare it for Winter.

SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Sun. Dec. 18, 10:00 A.M.

A new stove will be installed at Sunnyside by the time of this hike so let the Winter wind blow and the snow fly we should be warm and comfortable. Perhaps we can slide down the hill at Spring Lake so bring along your sled if the weather is right.

CLARENDON LODGE

Sun. Jan. 8, 10:00 A.M.

An overnight hike to this favorite spot of so many members of our section is planned for this trip so why don't you make plans to come along and enjoy a change. More information from W.C. Scott if desired.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$52.

Our annual Rummage Sale was held on Saturday, September 31. This year we had to find new quarters and were fortunate to have the facilities of the Universalist Church Rooms available. The weather was uncooperative with a steady rain most of the day. This did not seem to affect the morning attendance too greatly but not as many returned in the afternoon to take advantage of reduced prices.

Several factors probably contributed to the lower than usual profit; higher expenses; as the rent although nominal was more than the janitor's fee which was all we formerly had to pay for the Neighborhood Rooms; a smaller stock of salable articles; and possibly a little blame can be placed on the weather.

We have \$52. more in the treasury because of the sale so it was worthwhile. However we would like next year to get back to our customary approximate \$100. even with increased expenses. So-- won't you all START NOW putting aside material for us?

So often we have heard people say, "I know I have more things around that I'd be glad to get rid of but I just didn't get to collecting them." Why not put a large carton in some convenient place and as you come to such items deposit them in it. Let your relatives, neighbors, and friends know you have such a box and they may be glad to add articles now and then. That way you will be already for our next sale which is planned for Sept. 1967. START TODAY. We appreciated your donations and hope for even more next year.

Over the years what appears to be a standing Rummage Sale Committee seems to have developed; Mary, Crague Perkins, "T" & Harold Valiquette, Churchill Scott and Vera Perkins. They appreciated the help of this year's assistants, Ruth Fostman, Betty Gilman and Ruth LaBrake.

Let's have a bigger and better sale in 1967.

PICO CAMP

About a dozen hikers made this one on a good hiking day.

The new by-pass at the Long Trail Lodge came in for some criticism because of the "artificial springs" at the start. Either the trail will have to be moved further down the mountain or several cat walks provided.

Pico Camp was in good shape with only one broken window pane which was temporarily replaced with metal. One new section of stovepipe was installed, and new metal put in where the pipe goes through the wall. All set for winter now.

The stove worked well providing hot water for coffee in jig time. After lunch some hikers went to the top of the mountain. Back to the cars just before dark. Another good day in the woods.

IRA WALK

We picked ideal weather for this one. A car was parked on the Bird Mt. road and then all hikers were transported around to a back road between Ira and West Rutland.

We followed the old road west to a point near the pass where we had lunch. Continuing on the party dropped down the side of the mountain ridge, crossed a valley, and arrived at the previously spotted car. Two hikers retrieved the other car, and so home.

We met a lucky hunter with a deer he had taken with bow and arrow.

This is the first time in years the Club has visited this area. Further exploration toward Mt. Herrick would be interesting.

A QUICK 45-MILE HIKE

On Sun. Aug. 28, Kevin Hogan, Chucky Wener and Churchill Scott were left off at Smuggler's Notch by Betty Gilman to whom we are very grateful. Here we began a hike to Appalachian Gap by Wed. night.

At Taft Lodge we found a bit of orange marmalade and instant tea mix to add to our supplies and before the day was over we were glad to have them.

The day was clear as a bell with a cool north wind and on the summit we could see Killington and Pico to the South and Belvidere to the North. It was very pleasing to see so many people of all ages walking along the trails of Mt. Mansfield. Near the Chim we met a group of hikers who had just finished a trip from Lincoln Gap and they advised us the trail was pretty wet.

About 6:00 P.M. we hit Nebraska Notch hungry and tired but a short stop for water and tea and orange marmalade sandwiches carried us on to Taylor Lodge. This large lodge is a beautiful one in a very pretty spot overlooking Lake Mansfield. In the evening a full moon came up to make our stay here even more enjoyable.

On Monday it seemed that we would never stop going up and down mountains. After sloughing through mud or trying to dodge it many times during the day we decided not to worry so much about the swamp up there between Pico and Killington. This evening was spent at the new Duck Brook Shelter, a shelter built to break up the 10 miles from Bolton Lodge to Wiley Lodge. This is another very nice spot overlooking a deep ravine and a cool, clear stream. Here again a full moon shone down into the camp to make the end of this day more enjoyable.

Tuesday broke clear but hot and humid so following the weather report on Chucky's radio we covered our gear with plastic to keep it dry. Early in the day we reached Jonesville and had tasty drink of Chocolate milk and ice cream and wrote cards home to say we were still hiking.

Next came the long haul up Camel's Hump forewarned by Craigie that any way up that mountain is rough and hard. Up Robins Mt. back down to Wiley Lodge and then up again toward Montclair Glen but off in the distance we heard the rumble of an approaching storm. Soon the wind blew and before long the rain fell and Kevin took off for Gorham Lodge. We followed as fast as possible getting wetter by the minute. At last the Lodge appeared and a nice warm fire greeted us. Here the evening was spent checking the weather and figuring how we could cover 13.5 miles to our ride.

Wed. dawned clear, cool and beautiful. After an early start the Summit of Camel's Hump was reached with the clouds just breaking away. Here is another peak that our section must climb and with so many side trails it should not be too hard. Once again it was a day spent going up the Allens, Burnt Rock (a peak which we agree with Craigie is a very pretty spot for a one day trip) and the Starks where we enjoyed the view very much from Molly Stark's Balcony. Soon we were at Appalachian Gap where Mr. Hogan met us within 10 minutes.

A few items we learned on this trip is the importance of leaving dry wood in a camp for the next party for they might come in a rain-storm as we did. Also in spite of the added weight a radio is very useful to get the latest report on the weather so one will know what to look for.

Our very great thanks are due to Miss Gilman and Mr. Hogan for making this very enjoyable trip possible.

REMINDER

The deadline for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes will be Dec. 15. By that time plans for the Annual Meeting should be made.

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TRAILS AND SHELTERS

During the deer season this year we are not planning any hikes. But we will have a number of work parties. The shelters need a great deal of all types of work.

BUFFUM-new boards on the bottom bunks, new top layer on the floor, bench around stove, wash windows, creosote and tar on roof.

SUNNYSIDE-new stove, pipe and chimney, patches on the roof, wash windows and creosote. Also finish the toilet house if not done before.

CLARENDON-dig toilet hole, construct toilet, replace corner boards, replace windows, wash same and creosote. The roof should be tared.

TUCKER-there are almost too many repairs to mention on this shelter. Level the whole insides up, repair foundation, fix up stairs and check on the toilet facilities.

Our section needs a lot of help to do all these jobs that are listed so if any folks are able to give us a hand we would be very grateful. In order to get these shelters ready for the winter hikes they must be made snug and tight. W.C. Scott will be in charge of these work parties and will welcome any help available.

ANOTHER QUICK TRIP

On Wed. Oct. 12 Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott were taken to the bottom of the Skylight Pond Trail thanks to the kindness of Miss Doris Newton. Heading for the Long Trail we soon ran into snow (once again Craigie will have the last laugh on us), met a bow and arrow hunter who told us he shot at a bear.

After a short side trip to Skyline Pond we retraced our steps and headed north. Very soon we spotted an arrow in the trail and upon closer examination we could see it was smeared with blood and had a few

bear hairs on it. Recalling all the stories of wounded bear we had a few anxious minutes.

Emily Proctor Shelter was the place to stay for the night but what a place. No floor only Hardware Cloth stretched on poles only two of which were whole. During supper a flight of 50 geese flew over making a very pretty sight.

After a very cold and long night we started on the trail again. This day was spent in covering the part we had planned to do the Sunday before and as each mile went by we were more happy that it fell through for it was up one mountain and down the other side. Ate at Cooley Glen, a new camp built by U.S.F.S.

The next night was spent at Battell an old shelter but good water, wood and location. We put into practice a few things we learned the night before to keep warm, such as a big fire, dry and warm clothes, stay up as late as possible and a good hot drink.

The hike up Mt. Abraham was short and easy, the view was very good and as we looked up toward Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield we knew it was a good thing we did not go to the Canadian Line. This day three ski areas were passed and it is a sad sight to see so much of the wilderness cut up in this manner. A Side trip to the new Glen Ellen Lodge was made and there a party was at work reopening the Barton Trail. The new Threon Dean Shelter was a very good spot and soon we were on our way over to Stark's wall and down. At Appalachian Gap we were picked up by Mr. Hogan and returned via Route 100 seeing many deer on the way. At the Rochester Inn we were all treated to a tasty meal by Mr. Carroll, Mrs. Hogan's father which put a perfect finishing touch to an enjoyable trip.

Our thanks again to Miss Newton and Mr. Hogan for transportation.



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COMING EVENTS

DATE - SATURDAY - JAN. 21
 DESTINATION-TUCKER LODGE
 MOONLIGHT HIKE

We will leave the Meldon School area at 7:00 P.M. and take the short way into Tucker on snowshoes if necessary. Coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Club and a nice warm camp is hoped for so we may talk over (as usual) all the work that needs to be done and how it will be undertaken when the frost is out of the ground. Let's try to have a good group on our trip tonight so we may put the final touch on the annual meeting plans.

DATE - SUNDAY - FEB. 19
 DESTINATION - SNOWSHOE HIKE
 BROWN BRIDGE TO (?)

There are a number of paths we may take from this spot. To the Notch Road via either side of the North Branch depending on the chance of crossing the river. Or we can follow Doris, Vera or Eleanor's advice and go around to the East.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As we come to the end of another year of work on our Section the T. & S. comm. want to thank the many folks who have given of their time and effort to improve our Trails and Shelters.

The Herb Ogdens have made their very wonderful signs for the whole length of our section in addition to the side trails also. (Perhaps a number of folks saw a sample of their work at the Annual Meeting of the G.M.C. in May). New bridges have been built for the Bucklin Trail and it has also been cleaned and blazed. Gov. Clement shelter has new bottom bunks, an adjustable fireplace crane, chimney lengthened and a new toilet house (a two-holer so we've heard).

Too we want to thank the Farm and Wilderness Camps for their help in improving the sanitary facilities at Pico and Killington. In addition they spent many hours clearing trails and painting blazes. We have heard that the Shrewsbury Trail is extra good and this next Spring we must plan a trip there.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, will be held Friday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. at the CVPS rooms on Grove Street (please use Maple Street entrance).

President George Reynolds will conduct the business meeting, which will include secretary's and treasurer's reports and committee reports. Ann Reynolds is chairman of a nominating committee to present a new slate of officers.

Entertainment, not yet finalized, will follow the business meeting, and the ladies will provide the usual array of desserts and coffee at the conclusion of the program. All members are urged to attend and to bring guests.

BUFFUM LODGE HIKE

A small group visited the site of Buffum Lodge and salvaged a few parts from the stove. Everything else was burned up. Only a few lumps of melted glass and the ruined cement blocks showed that a camp had ever been there. A very neat job.

GMV IN ALASKA

Imagine my surprise, upon phoning our vice-president Michael Wiley to inform him of a meeting, to learn that he has been in Alaska since June!

He and his wife, the former Bertha (Sis) Prior of Sherburne, drove to Alaska where their first child was born three days after their arrival. His name is Bryce and he certainly appears to have the stamina to be a real hiker!

Mike is teaching a fifth grade class and reports they have met several other transplanted Vermonters there. Their address:

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wiley
Box 533
Skagway, Alaska 99840

--Ann Reynolds

SUNNYSIDE CAMP HIKE

Another very small group hiked in to Sunnyside and tried out the new stove. Very nice. The camp was clean and the creosote job inside and out was a big improvement. There is one small leak in the roof yet and a set of steps instead of the present chicken ladder would be much safer. Too bad more hikers didn't make this trip as the road, the weather, and the accomodations were ideal.

MEMBERSHIP

The dues for the year 1967 are now payable to the Treasurer, W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Also we have on hand a few 1966 Guidebooks so why not pick one up in order to plan some of the trips up North to work on the End-to-End award again.

WORK PARTIES

This year we were very lucky to have so many people help on the many projects we had planned.

First and foremost is the big improvement in the toilet houses which will bring joy to Pres. John Rohrbaugh and everyone in the main club.

A new kitchen range has been put in Sunnyside but as yet it has not had a good test for heating quality yet. This camp has also been creosoted and cleaned up.

Clarendon Lodge has had the windows replaced, creosoted, cleaned up and the grounds around the camp picked up.

Pico Shelter had new windows, new tin for chimney, new door hinges and a good cleaning.

Tucker -(?) perhaps next year. Although Chuck Wener supervised the construction of a latrine here which was a big improvement.

We look forward to 1967 with a great deal of hope and expectation that we will be as lucky to have as much and as willing help to work on all the jobs we hope to do this next summer as soon as the snow goes.

EAST MOUNTAIN HIKE

This time we went in from Route Four at the cement bridge near where the Wheelerville Road turns off.

We climbed steeply, crossed an old road and continued south for a long way through the woods.

There was a good brook and at noontime we made coffee in the shelter of a big rock with the canvas hung to keep off the cold wind.

Our objective was one of the many "tops" of the mountain. We didn't find any with a view until we were well on the way out. Some rocks were seen through the trees and we investigated. An open ledge was found on the edge of a patch of thick spruces. There was a good view of the main range to the East. Now if we can find the spot again we have a new place to go.

HOW MUCH LONGER ?

The burning of Buffum Lodge illustrates the price we pay for not trying to control how our camps are used. Buffum was a well constructed camp with masonry chimney, cemented in stove pipe, and tight stove in good condition. Its destruction must have been due to carelessness.

For years our camps have been used by large and small groups without responsible supervision. Most users of this type are not Club members and care nothing for the Club or the Long Trail.

How much longer before we put into effect a system of camp checking to remind users of their responsibilities and to limit the use of the camps to properly supervised groups?

CLARENDON, SUNNYSIDE & BUFFUM LODGE By Anne Loveland

October 9 might be said to be the turning point of my hiking life. I arose on that morning, not altogether sure I could face what was to come, but prepared for the hike, (thank goodness I had stayed at Sues overnight, at least we could keep each other awake).

Borrowing the Girl Scout truck, our merry group of 6, drove to the Clarendon part of the Long Trail. From there hiking, what seemed to me, straight up, we arrived at Sunnyside Lodge with only minor difficulties (meeting snakes, getting stung by bees, etc.) The view was great and somehow, it made every step worth the while.

After recuperating, we gaily made our way to Buffum Lodge, (which was our lunch stop). Never in my life have I appreciated the humble peanut butter and jelly sandwich more.

The foliage was at its peak, the air was perfect and the "company" was grand. Even to a "first-timer", like myself, it was evident that hiking was going to be a main activity in my life from now on.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN INTERSECTIONAL By Sue Pfenning

This summer, Mrs. Janet Martin, a member of the Killington Section Green Mt. Club, was counselor at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp for a group of 14 girls who were Counselors In Training. Toward the end of the camp session, she began thinking about the G.M.C. Intersectional, to which she and her family planned on going. A few of the girls seemed interested in it, and Mrs. Martin's kindness made it possible for us to participate. So we all began plotting and planning as soon as we got home from camp, and before we knew it, we were off for a wonderful weekend at Stratton Mountain Scout Reservation, where

the Intersectional was held this year. We piled Mr. & Mrs. Martin, their five children, Vera, and three of us girls into their bus and Vera's car, along with all our gear, tents, food and equipment. We were to meet two other C.I.T. when we got there Saturday, at about 2:30. By suppertime, we had cleared our campsite, pitched our tents, and were all ready for a hot, nourishing supper. In the four days we were there, we participated in campfires, swimming, and hikes, and we all had a wonderful time.

This encouraged the other two Rutland girls, Sue Crichton and Judy Paul, to join the G.M.C. We'd like to use this opportunity to publicly thank the Martins.

GREENDALE HIKE

On a cool Sunday a group of GMC'ers followed an abandoned road northwest from the Greendale Picnic Area toward Wallingford Pond. The road, or rather trail, followed up a brook to its source and then just disappeared. On the way up we discovered right out there in the wilderness a well constructed stone and concrete bridge it stood high across the brook but led strickly from nowhere to North Nowhere. Also beside the trail was a section of six foot concrete culvert. Perhaps these are the remains of advanced work done by the C.C.C. on the original Parkway.

We ought to try this hike again starting from another point in Greendale. We apparently followed up the wrong valley but these are nice woods, and the Greendale Area is an attractive place for a cook out.



SMOKE & BLAZES

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COMING EVENTS

DATE - SATURDAY - APRIL 8, 6:00 P.M.
PLACE - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Please Note the change in date.
Here is one of our favorite outings
so let's all come and enjoy the
new maple syrup.

DATE - SUNDAY - APRIL 16, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE - TUCKER LODGE
at Main Street Park.

Here is our first spring hike so
why doesn't everyone come and see
if we can find some spring flowers
to enjoy. Also it will be a good
time to plan repairs on this
shelter.

DATE - SATURDAY - MAY 6, 8:00 A.M.
at Main Street Park

DESTINATION - MT. ASCUTNEY
The Mr. Ogdens and Ascutney Trails
Association will have charge of
this trip. We hope everyone will
make a special effort to attend
this hike.

DATE - SUNDAY - MAY 14, 8:00 A.M.
At Main Street Park

DESTINATION - GROUT JOB TO
PROSPECT ROCK

Here is our first End to End hike
for 1967 and a chance to see the
new Bourn Pond Shelters. Lets
hope for good weather.

DATE - SUNDAY - MAY 21, 10:00 A.M.
At Main Street Park

DESTINATION - COX MOUNTAIN

Craig Perkins has wanted to
visit this mountain for years;
This will be a good chance to
see the Otter Creek Valley and
Taconic Range from a different
point of view.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Killington Section wants
to thank Lincoln Isham, the
Roberts family, the Cahee family,
the Bryant family, Kevin Hogan
and Herbert Ogden, Jr. for the
recent gifts for work on the Long
Trail and Shelters.

BROWN BRIDGE

On a cold clear February morning the local hikers were met by a group of Mass. & Conn. G.M.C. 'ers who stayed overnight at Clarendon. (Irving and Eric White, Mauri Winturri, Bob Hunus, Bob Attenborough and Nick Anelli).

Along the old town road a number of snow-cats had broken trail so snowshoes were not needed. After passing a number of camps and following along the river we came to an old foundation where the road divided. At this point a future hike could turn right, go up to the Rousseau road, go South to the upper Cold River Road and complete the swing. We turned left, crossed the river by a large rock used as an old bridge abutment and then ascended to the Girl Scout Camp.

Here as we built a fire, took pictures and ate a hearty meal many pleasant memories of the 1963 G.M.C. Intersectional were recalled. Wildlife seen included a deer, rabbit, a porkie entering his den and many birds.

After a short trip back to the cars it was time to say goodbye once again and hope that Betty didn't mind being teased so hard to be the only girl with us.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On March 11th the spaghetti supper was scheduled for 6:00 P.M. at Tall Timber.

At 1:30 P.M. Ruth LaBrake and Eleanor Walker took off for the camp to go snowshoeing. At the cottage they persuaded Mary Perkins and Doris Newton to go walking as the snow was too wet for snowshoeing. They walked in the woods where Craigie had plowed, and up the road.

Back at the Recreation Hall they found games in progress and Johnny Allard and his friends were still out in the snow having a fine time.

At 6:00 PM Churchill Scott had the spaghetti cooked and the sauce hot and about 25 members brought their plates to the stove for their helping, which was generous. Each group brought their own bread and green salad.

The Hall was a buzz with chatter while the crowd ate. Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks came up from Springfield, Vermont to be with the Section and every one was glad to see them. The two youngest and future workers for the Club who came and had a good time were Thelma and Harold Valiquette's grandchildren.

Thanks Mary & Craigie for another Green Mountain Club good time. Sorry for all who didn't attend.

PANCAKE SUPPER

On March 19th ten merry souls tramped into Clarendon Lodge to feast on pancakes and syrup. When we arrived the Lodge was warm and cozy although we soon learned the more hearty Boy Scouts had found it a bit cool over night. ..the official low was zero for the night!

It was a pleasure to see Jim Catozzi back on the trail. His last hike before his accident had been to Bromley on the Intersectional.

A couple of our younger members cooked outside on a tin-can stove... ..found it a bit slow going and had some of Churchill's specials for seconds and thirds!

Too bad more of you didn't come as you missed a beautiful clear day of sparkling snow and azure sky. Once again we remarked the sky always seems a deeper blue on the trail up to Clarendon.

MT. ASCUTNEY HIKE

The newly formed Ascutney Trails Association have invited us to be their guests on our scheduled hike to Mt. Ascutney on Sat. May 6, leaving Rutland at 8:00 A.M.

The A.T.A. is publishing a guide to the trails on the mountain including the Windsor Trail, Weathersfield Trail and a History of them since 1825. These will be available by May 1 so that anyone interested can read up on the background of Ascutney before our trip. The price is one dollar from W.C.Scott.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new people who have worked hard to re-open the trails up Ascutney and who have the same love and affection for the Green Mountains that we have. So let's try our best to have a big crowd ready to go on Saturday May 6 at 8:00 A.M.

IN MEMORIAM

Since this paper last went to press Killington Section has lost one of its oldest and most loyal members. It is with great sorrow that we note the passing of George Kirk. Many of us who hiked with the club in our teens remember what a fund of information George was about the flora and fauna and how he was always willing to take the time to show us plants and flowers along the trail which we in the heat of youth were want to overlook.

MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 22, 1967

John Allard
Judy Allard
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Anna Berg
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Kendra Bryant
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Miles Bryant
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Virginia Day
Wilman Day
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Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Doris Newton
Pearle Nichols
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Herbert Ogden, Sr.
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
Roger Pike
Francis Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Richard Roberts
Ben Rolston
W. Churchill Scott
Ray Secor
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
John Joseph Valiquette
Thomas Joseph Valiquette
Florence Van Wyck
Eleanor Walker
Lloyd Weeks
Elizabeth Weeks
Charles Wener
Carleton Wilson

This is the last issue of "Smoke & Blazes" that will be sent to the 1966 members. If you wish to continue receiving "Smoke & Blazes" please send your membership dues to W. Churchill Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.
TREASURERS' REPORT FOR 1966

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1966	\$1,513.45
Received from Gifts	216.00
Received from Dues	134.00
Rummage Sale	52.63
Interest	52.70
Sale of Guide Books and Patches	47.00
Sale of Sunnyside Stove	<u>3.80</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,019.58

EXPENSES

Trails and Shelters	157.78
Outing Committee	60.64
Smoke and Blazes	45.90
Paid to G.M.C. for Guide Books and Patches	49.00
Paid to G.M.C. for Dues	40.50
Sugar on Snow Party	17.00
Postage	11.17
Miscellaneous	<u>47.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 429.49

Balance December 31, 1966	\$1,590.09
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W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer



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COMING EVENTS

PLACE - MT. AEOLUS

DATE: Saturday - June 10, 9:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area.

Gus Aldrich and the Springfield folks plan to be with us so let's all go and find the famous bat cave this trip.

PLACE - APPALACHIAN TRAIL

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 10:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

The first hike on the A.T. for some time. A fine chance to see the elusive Stony Brook Shelter and to cover some different trail.

END TO END TRIP

This year we will once again try to start at the Canadian line and hike as far south as time will allow. Anyone interested in working toward their End-to-End award can get more information from W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

PLACE - SKYLINE LODGE

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 8, 9:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

Here is an easy hike to Skyline Lodge, a very pretty spot for lunch and then north to Breadloaf and Mt.

Wilson. Next home via the Clark Brook Trail.

PLACE - BIRD MT.

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 23, 10:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

This old favorite should attract a good number of hikers and perhaps this time we can follow Miss Newton's directions and return via the west side of the mountain.

PLACE - SHREWSBURY LOOP TRAIL

DATE: Saturday August 5, 9:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area.

Perhaps this time we'll make this swing and not be side-tracked to Cooper Lodge. A good chance to see the work done by Mr. Webb's Farm & Wilderness Camps.

PLACE - JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 10:00 A.M.

MEET: Meldon School Area

A new direction to climb Killington and at this time of the year good visibility is quite frequent.

Let's hike up this trail maintained by the Herb Ogdens'.

WORK PARTIES

Work Parties will be held on weeks that no scheduled outings are planned. Meals will be provided if reservations are made by Thursday preceding the scheduled work trip.

If enough interest is shown overnight trips will be planned. For further information anyone may contact W. Churchill Scott, Chairman of Trails and Shelters.

Here is a tentative list of parties.

- June 18 Tucker Lodge: Build Toilet House, Creosote building, clean up yard, make a permanent dump and improve water supply.
- July 15 Clarendon Lodge
Replace windows, clean up Yard, finish toilet house, repair holes in roof and improve table top.
- July 29 Pico
Build Toilet house, pick up yard, repair roof, replace windows, clean out Loop Trail and creosote outside.

SUGAR PARTY

The fun of the Sugar Party really began in the morning with the snow-gathering expedition to Tall Timbers. George Reynolds' station wagon was loaded to the sagging point with the freshly fallen white stuff, and then backed into his garage to be out of the sun until needed.

Vera Perkins and Thelma Valiquette presided at the boiling in the Universalist Church kitchen with the help of Ruth Labrake. At serving time some of the young members filled cartons from George's load and carried them in for all comers.

Sugar on snow was a new experience for some guests, but all comments indicated the first time wouldn't be the last. Again thanks to Vera Perkins, the organizing chairman, for a pleasant party enjoyed by some sixty people.

EAST MOUNTAIN

The day broke clear and cool for our annual hike up East Mountain. Donald Moulton and son, Stephen, Della Ellison of Springfield, Harold Valiquette and Churchill Scott started up the notch road ready for a short easy hike to the Summit. But the road was too dangerous to drive up so we backtracked to Joe Valiquette's where we left the cars.

Soon Harold lead us up an old wood road (one we should travel more often) making very good time due to the cool crisp air forming a perfect crust to walk upon. The going kept getting steeper and steeper as we past tremendous hedges and rock formations.

At last we decided to go right up and soon it felt like dinner time. A combination of Tarp, warm fire and bright sun provided a perfect lunch time stop.

Mr. Moulton and his son had to return for lack of time but the rest donned their snow shoes and continued on. Within a very few minutes Harold lead us to the ridge, then north a short distance to the top of East Mountain.

Here he found an old flag he'd erected last fall and while he was replacing it in the tree the rest of us enjoyed the wonderful view in every direction. This is a perfect spot on a clear day and sometime we hope to get Vera and Mary Perkins there.

Soon it was time to leave and after studying the many deer tracks Harold took us down to the Dyer meadows out to the Notch Rd. and back to our car where we could see the bright red flag waving where we'd been a short time before.

ASCUTNEY MT.

Early on the morning of Sat. May 6, fourteen members of the Killington Section left Rutland for the long awaited hike to Mt. Ascutney as guests of the Ascutney Trails Association.

Under threatening skies, adverse weather reports and inability to contact Mr. Ogden we had visions of perhaps being tired, wet cold and hungry on the summit. In addition, Craigie missed the last turn due to the fact that Churchill Scott didn't know it either when final directions were given.

At the parking spot everyone started up the Windsor trail at their own leisurely pace following the newly printed Guide Book of the A.T.A.. This booklet is a wonderful source of information for both hikers who will walk the Trails and also those who want to know more about the history of this mountain.

The appearance of snow for the last .8 mile reminded us of winter but it was packed so the walking was good. The sun burned off the clouds and at lunch time everything was perfect.

The A.T.A. is to be commended upon the comfortable accomadations and tasty lunch they served to over 50 persons from age 4 to 71. Mr. Deane Mulligan and his helpers are to be thanked for such an enjoyable day.

Next we had trips to Brownsville Rock where a beautiful view may be obtained of the Green Mt. Range. A trip to the "Lemon Squeezer" past a number of carvings dating back to the 1840's and then over to the fire tower were conducted by Mr. Gus Aldrich. He also gave us information on the bat caves at Aeolus with a statement that he would try to be there.

Members from Springfield were Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks, Mr. Hedrick Cahee, Mrs. Florence Herrick and Mrs. Ogden of Hartland.

As the day and our hike drew to a close we all felt that this had been one of the most interesting hikes we had every attempted and our thanks go to all the members of the A.T.A. who made this day one to remember for a long time to come.

GROUT JOB TO PROSPECT ROCK

The above hike was never made we decided to up to Shrewsbury take a couple of old roads and then on to Clement Shelter. Mrs. Kirk, Churchill Scott and Betty Gilman were the only adventurous souls for the day.

We parked the car below Mrs. Aborns' camp and walked up the road until we came to the second side road which took us up to the Old Gilman place which is all gone. We saw a few wild flowers and Mrs. Kirk explained what they were, much to our surprise we found some have two or three names. We continued on the road past the old cellar hole until we came to a camp which use to belong to Percy Adams, saw a couple of cars that had been taken up there and discarded. Churchill remarked what a beautiful spot it would be to camp out. (We all agreed but I think he might have the company of a nice cuddly bear before morning from the stories I've heard.) From here we went to the Herb Haley place where the first G.M.C. annual meeting was held and approximately 10 or 12 people attended and stayed overnight. (The above information was just given to me by the aboves wife). This house is now all gone with just part of the barn standing.

We then went on to Clements Shelter picked up around the camp and inside, ate lunch and then did a little more cleaning and started for home by taking the Long Trail to the Upper Cold River Road.

COX MOUNTAIN

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On May 21, a good clear day we started for Cox Mt, this has been a goal that Craigue Perkins has tried to reach for years and we are sure that before the day was over he was not disappointed.

In Pittsford we met Mr. Andersen, his children and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davies who led us up the Sugar Hollow Road to where we started up the mountain via a well laid out logging road.

Going at a leisurely pace we surprised a porphyrio along the way and a little later we all saw a scarlet tanager very plainly.

According to our records the last one seen was on a hike to Mt. Asolus May 21, 1960

The Davies turned back due to a planned dinner at home and soon we found water and decided we were hungry. On an open ledge looking towards the east and south we had a very enjoyable lunch.

Within a short distance we reached the high point of the lumber road and after a bit of discussion Mary, Vera and the girls turned back while the rest of us headed for the height of land and then westward to find the ledges we believed were near.

There were a series of long ridges running north and south covered with grass like the Taconic Mts. mixed with evergreens and hardwoods with many openings where views to the west were possible.

Walking to the south we came to a spot where overlooking Route 7 directly below we could see to Stratton, Dorset and Mother Myrick, the Taconic Range, Adirondacks, and the flooded lowland of Otter Creek Valley.

On the way back at the same spot we saw the Scarlet Tanager again and coming down the mountain we discussed the chance of having a snowshoe trip.

Our route home took us north along Sugar Hollow Brook, past many interesting ledges and cliffs on Mt. Nickwacket and finally out onto the Forestdale Road via Goodnows' orchard.

VACATION HIKES

Plans were made to do some overnight hiking during the spring vacation April 17-21 but rain every day stopped this.

Finally on Thursday the weather cleared and Kevin Hogan and Churchill Scott left for Johnson. Here Kevin drove the car around to Barrows Camp where he cut wood, cleaned up the area and packed in the supplies while Churchill hiked from Ithiel Falls Camp Meeting Ground to Barrows camp.

Here we spent a very comfortable night in spite of all we could do to prevent the stove from smoking and a partridge that insisted on drumming all night long.

Friday dawned bright, clear and cold, below freezing and after breakfast we were on our way to Frying Pan Brook where we started up Belvidere Mt.

Walking up the south slope the traveling was very good but soon the trail took a sharp turn and headed east. Then the snow began but the cold temperature made walking very easy on top of the crust.

This was a very pretty trip as the trail broke out onto a vista first to the west, then the south and finally the east. We had to keep a sharp lookout for Blazes and retraced our steps a few times but at last we were at the Forester Trail.

Here we talked things over very seriously and due to the warm Sun, deep snow, etc. we decided to go to the summit of Belvidere and eat and start back as soon as possible.

Due to the recent ice storm the trees were coated with a thick layer of sleet and ice and were a very beautiful sight glistening in the bright sun against a blue sky. Perfect visibility allowed sights of Canada, The White Mts., Adirondacks, Lake Champlain and Memphre magog

A fast pace was set coming down the mountain for we were racing against the warm sun and rising temperature. Lucky we did hurry for about the last two minutes every other step was breaking through the crust and very hard work.

This is a very enjoyable walk and one that should be planned for in the fall possibly after the leaves go, in order to take advantage of the many views going up the south from Frying Pan Brook.

PIONEER VALLEY SECTION

The Pioneer Valley Section is having a four day camp-out at the site of the G.M.C. Intersectional near the bottom of the Lake Trail from Lake Griffith July 1-4, 1967. They would be glad to see members of other sections during this long holiday period. LET'S GO.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wants to thank Miss Frances Green and Miss Helen Frink for their recent contributions to help maintain the shelters and trails of our section.

NOTE: Anyone interested in writing something for Smoke & Blazes it will be very much appreciated. Articles maybe sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Martha Adams
Rick Baker
Faith Bartlett
James Catozzi
Henry Carpenter
Rosemond Crowley
Warren Crowley
Helen Frink
Frances Green
Minierva Hinchey
Florence Herrick
Dorothy Kirk
Jim Moore
Ruth Labrake
Judy Paul
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
David Perkins
Anne Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Robert Reynolds
Bettina Roulier
Ellen Russell
Michael Wiley



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NEW OUTING SCHEDULES

The Outing Committee has arranged a schedule of events for the fall and winter. Schedule cards should reach you with this copy of SMOKE AND BLAZES.

We have tried to provide a variety of outings; some long hikes, some short hikes, and some eating exercises. Most of the hikes will leave the Meldon School area at 9 A.M. on Saturdays and 10 A.M. on Sundays. If you are too young to remember the Meldon School go to the Minute Man statue in Main St. Park and look around for us. We do not guarantee transportation but we haven't left anyone standing at the curb yet.

For further information call 773-7954 or 775-5720. We may not know anything about it either but we will give you lots of advice, reassurance, and encouragement.

The first hike on the schedule planned for Rolstons Roost was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Sept. 30
Covered Dish Supper

This annual event will be held again this year at Beechwood. Reservations should be made with Vera Perkins 773-2941 before the preceeding Friday night so that she may assign a variety of foods to be brought by the various people. The Club will furnish coffee and also paper dishes and eating tools. Or if you prefer to eat with your fingers that will be alright too.

Useful hints: (1) Don't eat any dinner Saturday. (2) Come early and walk up an appetite. (3) It is possible to sneak back into line for seconds.

Sunday Oct. 15
Hedgehog Brook Trail

This is an approach trail to the Long Trail from the east. We drive to North Fayston and then drive west and north to the end of the road where the Hedgehog Brook Trail starts. Two and a half miles of steady climbing will bring us to the Long Trail at a point .9 miles north of Cowles cove shelter and

.6 miles south of Burnt Rock Mountain summit. Time, weather, and inclination (pun intended) will determine which way we will go and how far.

Saturday Oct. 28
Bald Mountain

This time we will use Janet Martin's new trail starting near the Girl Scout Camp. There should be time to circumnavigate the mountain following more or less the state forest boundary. Also we can take a good look at the bog. And, if we can find it, we will see the stone jug handle.

Sunday Nov. 12
Gov. Clement Shelter

Our annual fall trip to one of the real old time shelters. It is a three sided affair built of stone with an inside fireplace and a dirt floor. Last year major repairs were made to the chimney and bunks. Do we need a new roof? Come on this hike and hear us argue.

Saturday Nov. 25
Pico Camp

We try to plan outings to all our camps in the fall and early winter. Let's hope the snow isn't too deep for this trip, and that the stove and windows are in working order. Dress for winter.

MT. AEOLUS

Bats in a cave, the rare one-flowered clematis on a cliff and a pool of cold, clear water on the grassy floor of an abandoned marble quarry were the rewards of nine geology and botany enthusiasts as they climbed Mt. Aeolus Saturday.

With famed Green Mountain hiker Gus Aldrich in the lead, the group left U.S. 7 three miles south of

East Dorset Village and drove for four miles along a town road skirting the eastern slope of Mt. Aeolus, named Green Peak on early maps.

The network of wood roads was skillfully traversed by Aldrich who paused frequently along the trail to point out a rare lady's slipper or long-spurred violet.

The goal of the hikers was the famed cave penetrating hundreds of feet into the limestone heart of Mt. Aeolus. The cave, located two-thirds of the way up on the east side of the mountain is said to have been visited by members of a Greek society from Amherst College in 1870. The professor accompanying the group, apparently feeling Green Peak was a rather commonplace name, bestowed the Greek name of Aeolus to the 3,185 foot mountain. Dates cut into the limestone rock at the cave entrance indicate that cave hunters had visited the site in 1859, 1866 and 1876.

Donning his spelunker's helmet, complete with battery light, Gus disappeared into the black tunnel followed by several of the hikers. The cave soon narrows from its vaulted 15-foot entrance into three major passageways, some so narrow that the group had to crawl over the slippery, boulder strewn floors of the tunnels. One passageway closely resembles a cylindrical sewer pipe with a trickle of water running through it, they said.

The explorers turned around after following the passageway for some 250 or 300 feet but reported that the tunnels continued to pierce the heart of this mountain mass which forms one of the higher peaks of the Taconic range. Gus says he knows of a cave on the opposite side of the mountain and "It seems logical to think that perhaps one of the passageways leads through to the other side."

With the words, "I never say I've climbed a mountain until I've walked from the bottom to the top," Gus was able to convince the other hikers that to stop at the cave, two-thirds up the mountainside,

wasn't really cricket and that real mountain climbers "must go to the top." An hour later, the weary hikers, after climbing over giant blown down trees and scaling columbine-festooned ledges, reached the summit only to discover that the best view was yet higher up from the top of a yellow birch monarch of the forest. Cross pieces had been nailed to the trunk of the tree forming a ladder for those bent on a unimpaired view of the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges and the "Great Valley" which separates them.

The rare one-flowered clematis, its purple petals covering the ground was the botanical discovery of the day, Miss Doris Newton of Rutland said. Listed as one of the most rare of all wild flowers, Miss Newton said it is only the second one in her lifetime that she has seen. A Member of the Green Mountain Club and the Appalachian Club, Miss Newton shared with Gus the identification of such other rare wild flowers as the delicate fringed or showy orchis, two varieties of yellow lady's slippers, long-spurred violet and sheep dock with its tiny rose-magenta blossoms. Among other varieties of wild flowers adorning the sides of the Aeolus trail were wild ginger, jack-in-the-pulpit, foam flower, true and false nitrewort, wood betony, saxifrage, three varieties of Solomon's seal, Canada Mayflower, four varieties of violet, blue spring daisy, Clintonia, star flower, trillium, blue-eyed grass and wild onion.

Hikers included Aldrich, Miss Newton, Frank Sullivan and son Mike of Brandon, Churchill Scott, Kevin Hogan, Bill Gragen and Tom Hogan, all of Rutland, and Mrs. Della Ellison of Springfield.

SKYLIGHT POND

No trip only Jimmie Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

SHREWSBURY LOOP TRAIL

No Trip.

JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

No Trip - Mauri Winturri and the Catozzis only.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Kim Scott and Churchill Scott made a quick trip to Stony Brook Shelter where a very pleasant time was spent with Herb Ogden jr., who left in July to spend the next year in Germany pursuing his college studies.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

Another day of hot, humid and hazy weather ushered in this Sunday morning when Mauri Winturri, Roy McDonald and Churchill Scott gathered at Meldon for the scheduled trip, the visibility was very poor so after looking over Maur's folder of Hiking Trails in the Bristol, Vt. area we took off for Bristol, Vermont. There were a number of interesting trips but finally we chose the Trail to "Hogback Mountain."

Following an easy grade up a good wood road we passed a reservoir built in 1905 and then continued about one mile where we broke out onto a ledge overlooking Bristol Village.

On a clear day Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks would be a beautiful sight.

After returning to the car Mauri gave us a tour of the country. From Bristol we drove to Lincoln Gap to check on the trail crossing and hikers. Next down to Ripton and Breadloaf, Robert Frosts' summer home, start of the Burnt Hill Trail, then south by Ripton Job Corps Center, Mooselano Camp Area, Goshen and then on to Pittsford where we visited the Ice Caves, eating our supper at the spring house.

Once again we have found a good area for future hikes and one that we must visit again.

ROUTE 4 TO CANADA
(By Alton Wilcox)

While things are still fresh in my mind some notes about the trail north. One traveling north should always make sure of a full canteen of water before leaving as water is scarce in some places.

In the Vöter White Area, water only at Lake Pleiad, must be boiled. Water again at Skyline is scant, water at Lake. Battell shelter is finished and the youth group were digging latrine when I went by.

Up in the Jonesville section a new shelter at Duck Brook 1.7 miles from Jonesville which is very nice and is called Cascade.

Be careful around Madonna Peak Ski Area: If any one should take the side trail to Beaver Meadows, be careful, poor signs on way out. This part of the Trail needs a little more attention especially as far as signs from White face shelter to French Camp. There is a logging operation going on and some of the blazes are down. Part way down the trail there are two arrows, one pointing up and the other down but nothing to French Camp. I missed the trail and went all the way to Johnson City.

Be careful around Jay Peak Area. Instead of trying to follow trail use the ski trail.

As a final note there is a lack of signs as far as distance between camps. Also what I would call starter signs, arrows pointing north and south with the letters

L. T. N.

Check your water

Check your guide book.

Check the scenery.

I had a wonderful time.

ALASKA

Here are some of the highlights taken from a most interesting letter written to Churchill Scott from Mike Wiley.

"Hiking in Alaska is truly as fine as Vermont though certainly different. Here we do have trails as in Vermont but lots of work

needs to be done on them. They used to have an Alpine Club in Skagway but recently there has not been enough interest. I hope we are generating some however and can again activate this Club. Maybe I'll be able to spend the summer hiking and clearing old trails in the vicinity. I do have a part time job working on the Chilkoot Trail to help in packing goods to the shelters. We will be using pack horses and it should be an exciting and interesting experience.

The mountains are very young and very, very steep. Trails are usually built to zig-zag up and down. We don't have snakes, deer or poison ivy but do encounter bald eagles, mountain goats and an unfriendly plant called devils club. The latter is the biggest problem when building a trail below 3,000 feet. Oh yes we have glaciers too which cause problems or views and goals when trying to locate trails at higher elevations. The mountains are truly amazing reaching heights of from 5,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level within a short distance from the sea. Many of these peaks are unnamed and unclimbed. They are really steep and most have glaciers on them or ice fields of some kind. Berry picking is fabulous in the late summer and it is not as cold as we thought it would be in the winter on the coast."

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT

Ben Rolston has done his usual very thorough job on the lower half of the Killington Section and so this part is in good condition.

Herb Ogden in addition to clearing the Bucklin and Juggernaut Trails has spent three days clearing and brushing from Gov. Clement south to the Lower Road.

On Aug. 19 Mr. Ogden and Kevin Hogan spent the day putting a new roof on Gov. Clement Shelter.

According to Craigie Perkins this camp's roof hasn't had any major repair since it was built in 1929 so that must be some kind of a record. Let's hope this roof can last even half as long.

Thanks to "Doc" Howard we have progressed a long way to building a toilet at Tucker after many years. Speaking of Tucker once again this shelter is in very poor condition, over 20 windows are broken, many roof shingles are missing, and in fact the whole building could stand a general overhauling.

In spite of at least half a day work parties each week during the summer there is still much work that should be done before winter to make our shelters snug and tight.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS
Through Sept. 15, 1967

David L. Baker
Bennett D. Bell
Miriam P. Bell
Harrison A. Brann
Charles B. Gulick
Dorothy Hegeman
Kenneth A. LaPlant
Kenneth R. LaPlant
Penny Paul
Chris Reed
James Tarbell
Susan Tarbell
Alton Wilcox



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COMING OUTINGS

SUNDAY DEC. 17 6:30 P.M.
MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER

This hike has been one of our most successful for several years. A group will go in the afternoon to prepare the camp and gather fire wood. Any volunteers? There will be coffee and doughnuts later in the evening. And maybe even a moon.

SATURDAY DEC. 30 9 A.M.
SUNNYSIDE CAMP

There are several short hikes available from this camp; south to Button Hill, North to Spring Lake or the gorge, a loop over the hill back of camp, or cross country toward Bear Mountain. This will be a chance to do some real cooking on a good old stove.

SUNDAY JAN. 14 10 A.M.
CLARENDON LODGE

Clarendon is our best closed camp and is at its best in winter. Arrangements have been made to have three feet of snow so let's turn our and enjoy it.

SATURDAY JAN. 27 9 A.M.
DAGGET MOUNTAIN

This is a new one on the schedule. Dagget Mt. is a long ridge running southeast from the old Pittsfield road to Deer Leap Mt. back of Tucker Lodge. There are good views from the west end and from the summit overlooking the Beaver Pond on Route 4. There is a wood road leading up the west end of the ridge and after we get up there the going should be quite easy. Dress warm as we will be eating out in the snow.

SUNDAY FEB. 11 10 A.M.
COX MOUNTAIN

If we have good weather this should be an ideal snowshoe trip with easy grades and much open going. There are good views of the Otter Creek Valley from the west side of the ridge.

NOTE

All items for SMOKE & BLAZES should be in by February 14, 1968.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

By Ruth Postman

Our annual covered dish supper was held September 30th at Beechwood, the Perkins' Homestead, and we were pleased to welcome some new members at this time.

As usual we had a good turn out of thirty-one members of assorted ages and sizes. Some of us came early and enjoyed short hikes up and around the loop. We found a few late blackberries and saw some colored foliage. We also admired the new pond which is opposite the house.

The youngsters and possibly some of us oldsters are looking forward to skating or swimming in the future.

Helen Bailey from Charlestown, N. H. and a member of long standing was with us.

We had a most beautiful supper and everyone seemed to out do themselves with the nice food they brought. There was plenty for seconds and even thirds if we wanted it. After supper we had music furnished by Jack Martin.

The new schedule of hikes was talked over and does sound interesting, also challenging for some of us.

It was a beautiful mild day and I am sure everyone had a good time and are looking forward to the next one.

BURNT ROCK TRIP

By Craig Perkins

On a sunny October 15th a small group of hikers made the trip to Burnt Rock Mountain by way of the Hedgehog Brook Trail. Starting at 10 A.M. we returned to Rutland by dark without hurrying at all.

We drove up Route 100 to the Fayston turn off and then hunted for North Fayston, which is not the same as Fayston Center by several miles. Lots of nice wild country.

After making a couple of inquiries we finally located the trail and started the climb. The trail had been much improved since we last saw it and could be followed with little trouble.

We climbed and climbed, and when the guidebook timing said we were about half way up we suddenly hit the thick evergreens on the ridge and the Long Trail.

Soon we met Mauri on his way down and learned there were no other Killington Section hikers ahead of us as we had thought.

After a short scramble over the rocks we were on the summit with views in all directions cut down somewhat by haze.

This is a huge rocky summit with room for several hot dog stands. A good chance for development. Maybe it is already on the list for there were several big sheets of white plastic draped over the rocks.

We had a good look around and then descended to the brook for a late, late lunch. About a mile from the end of the trail the party was joined briefly by a black bear who dropped in on us from a tree. At once he remembered important business elsewhere and took off up the mountain.

BALD MOUNTAIN

By Janet Martin

On Saturday Oct. 28 eight members and friends gathered at Center Street to explore the new trail on Bald Mt. After driving to the entrance to Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp we started off along the fire break road which follows the base of the mountain on the east side. After a short walk the trail turns off to the right and ascends the north-east corner of the mountain. (Girl Scouts please note we need a sign or arrow at the turn for those people in a hurry!) The boys, who were leading, soon discovered their error, retraced their steps

and came bounding up the trail past the rest of us. We enjoyed the widening panorama with each rest stop. This time of year the views toward Pico and Mendon are indeed beautiful thru the bare trees.

From the first ledge one looks eastward across the virgin forest. A few camps are visible across the Cold River which one can hear but not see, rushing over the rocks far below. A succession of ledges are visible along the East side of the Mt.

Once at the top, part of the group descended into the dip between the North and South summits in search of the bog. Although the bog itself didn't seem very wet we found the outlet brooks to the North to have water running in them. A spring seems likely. Various samples of moss and lichen were collected.

It was pleasant to find the fire going and water hot when we returned to the Girl Scout Camp. With the arrival of the younger Martins and Craigie the ranks were swelled to 13.

After lunch four of the group decided they were ready to go home but the rest followed the North Boundary to another lookout the Senior Scouts had located just the week before on their hike to Camp Via Curtis Ave. and the North Boundary. This group saw several deer crossing above them along an old wood road. Although it was not a clear day it was easy to see why the girls had been impressed with the view.

CLEMENT SHELTER

This hike was cancelled due to lack of quorum and poor weather

PICO SHELTER By Churchill Scott

The long planned overnight trip to Pico with a group of young people from Montreal did not come true for at 9:00 A.M. a heavy, wet snow was falling with zero visibility. Not a soul and no fresh tracks were seen and so I returned home.

At 10:10 the phone rang and Mr. Dobbs with a group of eight young folks were waiting at the Long Trail Lodge wondering where the Killington Section was.

After a short discussion we chose Clarendon for our hike and soon we were on our way after meeting Jack and Janet Martin and picking up the old coffee pot.

Snow kept falling as we made our way to the shelter where a thoughtful hunter had left a fire. Soon he returned, followed shortly after by his father and aunt who spent the day there with us. With the help of a G.M.C. plup saw and many hands a good supply of wood was cut for the hunters' overnight stay.

After dinner a figure approached on snowshoes, who turned out to be Dick Metcalf, Pioneer Valley Trails and Shelter chairman.

The afternoon was spent walking up the Ezra Oliver road, south by the Hollanders on the Lottery road, and back to camp on the trail. The Long Trail was hiked to Rt. 103 so the group could get one more mile on the End to End award.

Goodbyes were finally said with a few regrets that more members of the Killington Section were not able to meet these folks, including one from Wales, one from Australia and two from Ireland.

But plans are already being made for the Spagetti Supper and the Sugar-on-snow Party when certainly there will be many folks in attendance

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS By Churchill Scott

Two executive board meetings have been held recently and many subjects were brought up and discussed thoroughly.

No rummage sale this year due to small profit and large amount of work done by a few people.

Notice of Annual meeting will be sent to each member at a later date.

Jim Catozzi has been elected Castleton State College Outing Club President.

Interest was shown in providing other activities for members that do not do much hiking and camping.

Harold Valiquette gave a very detailed report on the Trails and Shelters. Pointing out the great amount of work done this year and the major repairs that will have to be made to Tucker next year. All members working on the Trails or Shelters are asked to report the time spent on these projects to Mr. Valiquette, 93 Killington Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Janet and Jack Martin spoke a great deal about Aiken Forest and Bald Mt. future development and the status of Tamarac Notch Girl Scout Camp.

GREEN MOUNTAIN INTERSECTIONAL 1967 By Sue Pfenning

The annual GMC Intersectional, held this year at Tamarac Notch Girl Scout Camp in Mendon, brought together many old friends and the opportunity to make new friends. On August 26th., several energetic campers poured in to established campsites and meet their neighbors to-be. Many were deceived by the warm sunshiny days; but when night came, one and all dug deep for the warmest clothes and blankets they owned.

On the first evening we were entertained with slides and commentary on Taiwan, given by Hunter Eu. A program was held every evening, and at that time plans were announced and signing up was done for the activities to be held the next day. Hiking groups went out nearly every day-- rain or shine; and a few excursions deep into the ice caves drew the heartiest of the lot. For those who preferred to stay in camp, there was swimming, volleyball, badmitton, exploring, and sun-bathing. On rainy days we all gathered around the warm fireplace in the Lodge to

read, sing, tell jokes, and just plain talk.

There were two well-attended square dances under the direction of Lou Rousseau. These always prove to be a popular activity, and we appreciate Lou's visits with us. Other entertainment included movies and slides on forest conversation and attractions in various other states and sing alongs.

The best part of this, as with any Intersectional, is the SHARING; both the work and the fun.

Despite a flood in our tent-- and an occasional mishap, Judy and Penny Paul, Carrie Burchardt and myself managed to eat well, sleep little, keep active, and build memories. We kept the rest of the campers guessing as to the meaning of CHIKUSHO, which we dubbed our campsite.....Maybe next year we'll let YOU in on the secret.

END-TO-ENDERS Killington Section G.M.C. By Pearl Nichols

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| 1944 | Miss Frances Green
Shrewsbury, Mass. |
| 1954 | Ben Rolston
Schenectady, N. Y. |
| 1957 | Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
All of Rutland, Vt. |
| 1962 | Elizabeth Weeks
Lloyd Weeks
Springfield, Vt. |
| 1964 | James Catozzi
Rutland, Vt. |
| | Christine R. Cahee
Hedrick R. Cahee
Springfield, Vt. |
| | Virginia Day
Wilman Day
Springfield, Vt. |

1964 Herbert Ogden, Jr.
Windsor, Vt.

1967 Les Pfenning
Rutland, Vt.

If there were any members left out of the above please let us know.

THE END OF THE TRAIL By Ben Rolston

Suddenly, on September 22 nd, the Green Mountain Club lost one of its most beloved members. John H. Vondell, age 69, seemed to be in the best of health. But that day, as he was working around in his yard at home, an apparent heart attack became the end of John's Trail.

It seemed that everyone knew John. For more than 30 years he was a professor of poultry husbandry at the University of Mass., retiring in 1960. He was an honorary member of the Executive Committee of the New England Trail Conference, and for many years he planned the programs for the annual Conference meetings. He served as a Trustee of the Green Mountain Club, and in 1961 became our Club president, but due to By-Laws limitations was only able to serve one term.

John was a native Vermonter, being born under the shadow of Mt. Ascutney. But not only was he a native of our state; he was a spokesman for Vermont. Through his magnificent photography displayed in "Vermont Life" and other publications, he showed America the beauty of Vermont.

In the early days of our End-to-End program, John became an End-to-Enders. But throughout the years he continued to roam up and down our Trail, seeking out its beauty for his photography. He showed his slides at our Annual Meetings, and at our Intersectionals, and at Section gatherings. Only last January he brought the beauty

of his photography to the Killington Section's annual meeting.

But he not only showed the views of his beloved mountains. His subjects might include a weathered barn, an odd mail box, a bewhiskered farmer at an auction, and perhaps some candid shots of our members who didn't know that John's camera was pointed their way! And his witty commentaries always added spice to his presentations.

Our sincere expressions of sympathy go out to Esther Vondell, who has lost a devoted companion. And we of the Green Mountain Club have lost a wonderful friend. As the months pass by, we will miss John more and more. The recent fall foliage passed by without John's God-given talent capturing its beauty. And so will this winter's mantle of snow. And next spring's array of apple blossoms.

But John's memory will linger with us for many years. As we view a scene of beauty, we will unconsciously say, "There's a shot for John Vondell to take." But John won't be there. But we who remain can perhaps enjoy Vermont's beauty more because John taught us how to find that beauty.

We are all richer because John Vondell walked with us.

Smoke & Blazes

— SPECIAL —

KILLINGTON SECTION

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JANUARY 1968

WARNING!

HEAR YE!

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TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.:
You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Saint Joseph Academy on Convent Avenue in Rutland, Vermont, on Friday, January 19, 1968, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To hear the sound of the gavel.
- Article 2. To hear the report of the Secretary.
- Article 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer.
- Article 4. To hear the report of the several standing and other committees.
- Article 5. Old Business, if any
- Article 6. New Business, if any.
- Article 7. To act on any other business that properly may be brought before this meeting.
- Article 8. To hear the report of the Entertainment Committee and the Entertainment itself!
- Article 9. To hear the report of the Refreshments Committee and sample its endeavors!

The purpose of this meeting will be to make acquaintances with new members and renew old ones, talk business now and again, reminisce, present new and old ideas, tell "tall stories" of past hiking experiences, discuss the future of our Section, listen to some musical entertainment, fill up on delicious eats, view slides and listen to a poem or two about the LT, and have fun!

This meeting is called by the officers of the Section because of the fact that the Section always has a meeting this time of year and because we need to reassure one another that summer hiking and camping weather will return once again soon!

You are further "warned" that the meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Mount Saint Joseph Academy. Use Convent Avenue main entrance and follow signs to cafeteria.

(The officers assume no responsibility for any mistakes in the weather, though they look for a good clear evening!)

Signed: C. B. GULICK, 3rd, President



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COMING OUTINGS

WHEN - SUN. MAR. 17, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - TUCKER LODGE

Our leader Harold Valiquette has planned a good trip for the first of our Spring & Summer outings. Let's have a good turn out so we can decide what is best to do to repair Tucker.

WHAT - MAPLE SUGAR PARTY

WHEN - SAT. MAR. 30,

WHERE - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Shall we try to beat the number of 51 who attended the Spaghetti supper. Plenty of sugar on snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee will be provided and a short entertainment will end the activities. Serving will start at 6:00 P.M. There will be a nominal charge to cover expenses.

WHEN - SAT. APRIL 13, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - MOOSAMALOO MT. near Lake Dunmore. About 2 Miles

A mountain climb taking the hiker through interesting rock formations including a crevasse. Not too difficult, though some short stretches of steep climbing will be encountered. Several lookouts with views including Lake Dunmore and the Adirondacks is the reward for this hike.

WHEN - SUN. APRIL 21, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - CLARENDON LODGE

Leader C. Scott has mapped out a number of side hikes for all of the more active hikers who do not want to go home as soon as lunch is over and the last cup of coffee consumed.

WHEN - SAT. MAY 4, 10:00 A.M.

WHERE - SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Vera Perkins has offered to act as leader of this trip. This is a favorite spot and as the spring flowers start to appear this area is most interesting.

SPECIAL OUTINGS

The Outing Committee have planned a number of new types of activities this spring and summer for us to enjoy.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weeks have suggested a Canoe trip and have expressed a willingness to lead one so on Sat. July 13, we hope to begin a new type of outing on Otter Creek.

Also over the Easter week vacation we hope to take a two night trip to the Belvidere-Hazen's Notch Jay Peak Area. For more information contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Once again the Killington Section is most grateful for the contributions of Mrs. Harriot Bryant, Mr. Lincoln Isham, and the Richard Roberts family. These amounts will be used for the improvement of the trails, and shelters maintained, by the Section.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

By: Judy Allard

The night was clear and cold and there was, amazingly enough, a full moon. Several inches of soft, powdery snow had fallen during the day covering the ice which had accumulated during the week due to rain. The moonlight changed the snow into a blanket of sparkling diamonds.

Because of the glare ice under the snow, some of the hikers used snowshoes. These were not absolutely necessary, however, because the trail was fairly well packed down and the walking was quite easy. Flashlights were not necessary either because of the light of the moon.

The distance to the shelter was covered in no time and we soon arrived at Tucker Lodge. The shelter was already warmed, the fire having been built and kept up by the party that went in earlier in the afternoon. The water was hot and so we had coffee, cocoa and doughnuts. The younger members spent some of their excess energy outside in the snow. Later on in the evening a surprise birthday party was held for Phyllis Pfenning. A cake was brought in with all the trimmings including a full compliment of candles. The cake was promptly devoured and especially appreciated by the younger members present.

The walk out was just as beautiful as the one in. The weather was clear and cold and the stars were out in full force. We all considered ourselves lucky to have a full moon for our annual moonlight hike.

SUNNYSIDE

By: Churchill Scott

On a bright, clear and cool day in December the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club held their annual winter hike to Sunnyside.

As we left Meldon there were only seven in the party but on the way up Spring Lake Hill we met Rev. Van Luvern and six young men of his parish. Before the day was over Terry, his friend and Ben came along.

The recent heavy snow had filled the chimney so it took all of Harold's skill and knowledge to get the fire going and with all the young folks pitching in we soon had a good warm shelter.

After dinner Rev. Vanluvern and his group took off to make a circle around by Spring Lake and down the hill to their car at Rt. 103.

Next Jim and Harold snowshoed around to the clearing and site of the old Spring Lake Shelter, then down to the pond and back to the jeep.

After picking up the shelter the rest of us spent the afternoon tobogganning down the road past Spring Lake Ranch.

At last the shadows lengthened, the air turned cool and we decided to call it a day. It is too bad that more members can not come out and enjoy this beautiful winter weather we were lucky enough to have today.

CLARENDON

As always the Clarendon outing on January 14, was well attended, with people coming and going all afternoon. Some were lunching, while others were exploring up the road and climbing the steep little hill with the view. That view is worth the scramble, even with a bit of ice under the snow and a high wind on top. How about a "Clarendon Plus" trip with lunch up there some warm spring Saturday?

Probably the longest distance driven to make the trip was from Fitchburg, Massachusetts (Mauri Winturi)- youngest attendant - David Martin. Are there any other awards?

THE ADVENTURES OF GREEN MOUNTAIN
BU IWACKERS, or
DOES DAGGET MOUNTAIN HAVE A TOP?
By: Sue Pfenning

Well, maybe the top of Dagget Mountain has never been reached on snow-shoes; maybe it has. At any rate, it was at least attempted this winter. Six warmly clad hikers started up it; within a half-hour there were four, and after another half-hour, only three continued climbing. The mountain is very steep and irregular, and, on that particular day, your arm would sink in to snow up to your shoulder if you should put your hand down to catch your balance.

So, if it looks like you'll never reach the top, what's the next best thing to do?? Build a nice, warm fire right there in the snow and eat lunch, right? That we did.

The perfect weather, little wind and sunny skies, made it a joy to be out that January 27th. Despite sore feet and weary legs, no one returned disappointed.

COX MOUNTAIN
By: Carol Buronardt
Staten Island, N. Y.

February 11 was a peaceful, sparkly day, after a long, night snowfall had hushed the forest. Judy Paul, Sue Crichton, Dale Mangleri, Mr. & Mrs. Perkins, Churchill Scott, Jim Frink, and I "Clunched" up Cox Mountain with snowshoes, forever amazed at the beauty of the snow-clad trees. For me, it was an especially magical adventure, since only the day before, I was sitting in a classroom in New York City. I had never seen Vermont in the snow,

but now I was becoming almost a part of it, as my colliding snowshoes kept bombarding me into the snow. Sue Crichton and I tied for the most casualties. Although she was way ahead of me in the number of times she fell, I topped her when I slipped while drinking hot cocoa, and burned my mittens in the fire! We had lunch on top of the mountain and thawed out by the fire. The view was magnificent-like a fantasy land. I think the nicest part was the realization that I could hike in snowshoes, survive in the winter, and even build a fire in the snow. Now back in New York I still feel awed and rather privileged to have climbed a snow palace.

REGRETS

It is with a great deal of regret that Eleanor Walker is no longer able to act as Publicity Chairman for our Section. Each of us hate to see her leave and want to thank her for a job well done.

HIKING-MINDED CANADIANS
OBSERVE CENTENNIAL

Canada appears to have celebrated its Centennial year in many ways. Getting into the act was a group of outdoorsmen way out West in British Columbia. Their idea? The Centennial Trail, as it is being called, was completed this past summer between Simon Fraser University near Vancouver, and the Manning Provincial Park southeast of Hope. Now measuring about 175 miles, some sources state the trail may grow to a length of 450 miles extending to the Alberta border. All depends upon public interest!

The Canadian Youth Hostels Association originated the idea in 1954 and received official approval for establishing the trail from the B.C. provincial government.

The trail currently makes use of existing forest and logging roads, dikes and existing trails. Day hiking has been recommended so far for many sections but some scenic two-day hikes also are possible. Eventually over-night accommodations will be added to already existing facilities.

Not only is there hiking; bicycle routes are being established.

According to a story about the Centennial Trail in the September 15, 1967, issue of The Daily Province, more information including maps may be obtained from the CYHA, West Broadway, Vancouver 9, B.C. If anyone plans to go west sometime soon and do some hiking, keep The Centennial Trail in mind.

Like the relationship between The Green Mountain Club and U.S. F.S., cooperation was a key to the success of developing the first leg of this group's dream. According to Roland Wild in The New York Times of January 16, 1966, another trail was scheduled to open in 1967 in Ontario.

Perhaps an idea such as this might spur some thinking into developing a Bi-centennial Trail somewhere in the U.S. about 1977!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Participation at our annual meeting was most gratifying this year. Spiced with a good business session, an exhibit with slides of the Green Mountain National Forest sponsored by the U.S.F.S., folk songs by Miss Reny Hayden of Castleton, and slides with poetry about the L.T. by the Cahees, along with the famous feed put on by the refreshments group, the evening turned out to be most enjoyable. Many thanks to everyone for starting our new year off so well.

It was great to see the momentum continue with a large turnout for the Spaghetti Supper. We counted 51 people and almost no food was left for the wildlife residing around Tall Timbers.

In the secretary's report you will note that we discussed dues and Tamarack Notch at the annual meeting. The directors were asked to study the present dues situation with the idea of possibly raising them per individual next year and, at the same time, see if we might incorporate a family membership plan. Results of this study will be presented prior to the next annual meeting. The other topic concerned an explanation of the newly formed Tamarack Notch Association which will carry on the responsibility of the camp located in Aitken State Forest east of Rutland. G.M.C.ers have used this facility for both outings and Intersectionals.

The big project scheduled this year is a major overhaul of Tucker Lodge. Assistance from the Long Trail Patrol is being requested.

Of concern to us all is the growing pressure on land use throughout Vermont for many uses. It appears likely to continue at an ever increasing rate. Though the Trail is not in jeopardy at the moment, it will be most important for us to be aware of developments occurring in areas on the Long Trail System. Diplomacy and good public relations along with proper trail "manners" can help insure continued uninterrupted hiking and camping on the L.T.

The new spring and summer activity schedules will be coming off the press soon. Hope one or two of the events will be of particular interest to you. By request we have incorporated an overnight hike to Mt. Mansfield and a canoe trip.

Do plan to attend the G.M.C. Annual Meeting at the Bavarian Castle in Proctorsville, June 1st, and plan now to attend part or all of the Intersectional at Lake Eden in Northern Vermont this fall.

See you on the trail!

ANNUAL MEETING

On Jan. 19, 1968 the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club held their annual meeting at the M.S.J. cafeteria.

About 45 persons were present including Bob Attenborough, Pres. of the Main Club, George Pearlstein, Guide Book Committeeman, Mauri Winturri and Dr. & Mrs. Stewart Holmes, Members at Large.

H. Ogden, H. Valiquette and L. Weeks reported on various trail and shelter maintenance.

Among the highlights were Pres. Attenborough's talk on 1968 Intersectional at Lake Eden, changes in New Guide Book, new G.M.C. office address: PO Box 94, Rutland, Vt. 05701, and 73% hiker survey questionnaire answered.

Mr. Ogden suggested an increase in dues to begin in 1969. This was referred to the executive board to discuss and report.

Janet Martin spoke on Tamarac Notch Assoc. and presented two resolutions which were past. (1) To have the Editor of Smoke & Blazes and the Secretary belong to the Assoc. so the Section can be better informed of developments of Aitken State Forest. (2) That the Section write Mr. Williams of the State Dept. of Forest and Parks stating the interest we have in the Aitken State Forest and our concern that the present boundary lines do not sufficiently protect the Forest Area from possible encroachment of housing developments along the Notch Road.

List of Officers for 1968:
Pres. - Terry Gulick
V. Pres. - Janet Martin
Secty-Treas. - Churchill Scott
Trustee - Bennett Bell

The highlight was the 30th Birthday party for our sturdy coffee pot complete with cake, singing and picture taking. How many miles has that traveled?

Miss Hayden of C.S.C. entertained us with folk songs. Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick Cahee presented a program of slides, and poetry by

Mr. Geo. Perry which was most enjoyable.

Finally as has been the custom the ladies put on a very enjoyable lunch for which we are all very grateful.

1968 DUES

The 1968 dues are now payable to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Adults \$2.00

Students .50

This issue of Smoke & Blazes will be the last sent to the 1967 membership list.

The following are 1968 members as of Feb. 15, 1968.

Martha Adams
Anna Berg
George Black
Marilyn Black
Harriet Bryant
Miles Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Kendra Bryant
Owen Bryant
James Catozzi
Hedrick Cahee
Christine Cahee
Sue Crichton
Robert Deemer
James C. Frink
Ruth Postman
Betty Gilman
Terry Gulick
Lincoln Isham
Richard Kennedy
Elsie Maier
William Mitchell
Florence Mitchell
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Les Pfenning
Mark Pfenning
Sue Pfenning
Ben Rolston
Vera Perkins
Penny Paul
Richard Roberts
Francis Roberts
Kathy Roberts
Ellen Russell
W. Churchill Scott
George Sholes
Florence VanWyck

1968 MEMBERS CON'T

Eleanor Walker
Lloyd Weeks

Elizabeth Weeks
Carleton Wilson

Charles Wener

Financial Statement
Green Mountain Club, Killington Section
January 1, 1967 - December 31, 1967

RECEIPTS

On Hand Jan. 1, 1967		\$1,590.09
Dues Received	\$144.00	
Gifts	211.00	
Interest	63.60	
Guide Book Sales	19.50	
Fire Ins. on Buffum Lodge Loss	<u>700.00</u>	<u>1,138.10</u>
Total Receipts		\$2,728.19

EXPENSES

Trails & Shelters	\$150.10
Smoke & Blazes	32.15
Outings	29.34
Dues to Main Club	44.10
Insurance	81.75
Publicity	67.60
Supplies	21.58
Postage	11.78
Miscellaneous	<u>13.90</u>

Total Expenses	<u>452.30</u>
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1967	\$2,275.89
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Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1967 is larger than a year ago due to the loss of Buffum which returned \$700.00 to Savings account.

Insurance paid is higher because of (1) increased fire insurance rates per year and (2) there is a savings realized by paying for entire period insurance covers (3 years) than spreading payments over each year.

W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer



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COMING OUTINGS

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

WHEN - Sun. May 19, B. Gilman
Leader.

LEAVE: 10:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

There have been requests to begin our trip to Gov. Clement Shelter from the Lower Cold River Road. Let's see how many real hikers we have in the Section on this trip.

OKEMO MT.

WHEN: Sun. June 2, T. Gulick
Leader

LEAVE: 10:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

It has been a long time since the Killington Section has climbed Okemo so let's show our leader Terry Gulick that we still can.

He has promised a good day in spite of the black flies and any other misfortunes.

There may possibly be others from the G.M.C. annual meeting so let's try to have a good crowd.

PICO

WHEN: Sat. June 16, C. Scott
Leader

LEAVE: 9:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

This should be a work party and hike combined for soon the schools will begin their vacations, summer camps will be hiking and we hope to have Pico in good shape for the season. Let's all pitch in and help.

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sun. June 30, C. Scott
Leader

LEAVE: 10:00 A.M. Meldon School
Area.

Once again we are planning to climb one of Craigie's favorite peaks and hope this time someone will be there to go and the weather is good. Also the leader will need all the help available for its a new trip for him too.

ANNUAL MEETING

See your latest issue of Long Trail News for all the information on the G.M.C. Annual Meeting.

Articles for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave. Rutland, Vt. Not later than July 3.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

B. Gilman

On March 30 the Annual Sugar on Snow party was held at the Universalist Church. There was approximately 55 people who came to enjoy the sugar on snow, doughnuts, pickles, coffee and milk.

Vera Perkins and T. Valiquette and Ruth LaBrake boiled the syrup down, Carol, Betsy, and Nancy Martin set the tables up. Last but not least Harold Valiquette went to Killington Basin to get the snow and then packed the containers as they were needed.

Mr. & Mrs. Weston from Manchester, Mr. Magoon and son, Jeffry, from Springfield, Peter Perkins and family from Holy Cross College, were some of the out of towners that attended. There was a number of regulars that were unable to come as the New England Trails Conference was held the same day in Amherst.

MT. MOOSEHAMMOO

C. Scott

Leader Terry Gulick picked a rugged mountain for us to start in on after a long winter lay off.

Seventeen people began the hike and as we climbed we spread out with everyone setting their own pace. A number of lookouts on the ledges overlooking Lake Dunmore proved perfect rest stops.

At last the ledges and cliffs proved just too much for Bascal so she and Wes sat down to rest and await our return.

The highest cliffs had perfect examples to show that at one time it must have been the shore of an inland sea.

At the summit we ate, enjoyed the view of the Green Mts., and Adirondacks and looked down on Silver Lake with ice still around the shore and held our breath as Mr. Magoon did some serious rock climbing while Mr. Baxandall

acted as anchor man.

This hike was well worth the effort and now that once again the Killington Section has visited it we shall try to climb it from the way Craig Perkins suggests this fall.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

C. Scott

On May 8 the current issue of the Long Trail News was mailed. If any members of the Killington Section failed to receive a copy within a reasonable time please notify the Secretary so our mailing address list maybe corrected.

CLARENDON LODGE

C. Scott

On a nice warm sunny day in April, Mark Pfanning, Craigue, Mary and Churchill met to hike to Clarendon. Due to the small crowd and other work the Perkins family left for home and the rest of us left for a hike.

After lunch Mrs. Kirk walked up to visit the shelter for the first time in many years.

We hope that Mrs. Kirk will be able to go with us up to Gov. Clement this year and help us identify all the wild flowers as she did last time. That made a very interesting trip.

EASTER VACATION TRIP

C. Scott

On Wednesday April 17, Wilbur Weston, Doc Howard, Churchill Scott and Bascal set out for the Jay Peak Area with plans to stay at Jay Camp.

Along the way the discussion went against ones better judgement and we finally drove all the way to the Sargent Farm and stayed at Journey's End.

After a good supper, dishes were washed and lights turned off early. A good rest was had

until 1:00 A.M. when the temperature dropped to below 32 degrees and we had to get up and build another fire to warm up, all the while feeling happy we did not go to Shooting Star as someone had suggested.

Morning finally came and after a hearty breakfast we loaded the car, Wes & Churchill hiked back up to the Border and South to Route 105. The weather was clear, cool and beautiful. At Post #532 one could see the border stretching over the mountain to the West. A 2 hour hike took four hours for snow made the walking very slow. We were able to skirt most of it but it was up to shoulder depth in some larger drifts.

Driving to Jay Camp the weather stayed perfect. After a short nap, wood was cut, supper made and air mattresses and foam rubber pads were discussed.

A short walk to the Atlas Lumber Company's open front camp overlooking Route 242 ended the days activities.

This camp gave us a perfect nights rest and we have grown very attached to it again this year. Everything is just right.

The night was spent very comfortably and after a hearty breakfast everyone decided the trail could wait so we walked the lift up to Jay Peak. A short but steep climb and at last we picked a way over rocks, stones, and boulders between patches of snow to the top.

Then as we enjoyed lunch we soaked up the sunshine and identified mountains. Mt. Royal, & Montreal to the North, Breadloaf to the South, White Mts. to the east and Adirondacks to the West.

Walking back down the tractor road plans were made to come again to Jay Camp and enjoy it once more

SUNNYSIDE

C. Scott

Before the day was over fourteen people had enjoyed the hot drinks from our 30 year old coffee pot.

Mr. Weldon of Castleton, Mr. Weston of Manchester and Susan Tarbell and her group from Wallingford were among those who spent the day at Sunnyside.

This camp is in pretty good shape but as usual there are a lot of odds and ends that should be done.

After lunch a circle trip to the clearing and over the hill to check the register ended the days walk.

ASCUTNEY DAY HIKE & PICNIC MAY 4

By: Herbert G. Ogden

In spite of soggy skies, a consistent forecast of day-long showers and a mountain top shrouded in low lying clouds, close to 200 people and 6 dogs climbed Mount Ascutney on ATA trails last Saturday to mark the 2nd Annual Ascutney Day Hike & Picnic put on by the Ascutney Trails Association. Attendance so far exceeded expectations that picnic supplies were completely exhausted before the last several hikers arrived around 2 PM. The 1967 attendance was only 60.

The hikers were about equally divided between youngsters and adults. Harold Austin, 72, of Woodstock, was again the oldest to make the climb. His only comment: he wished the ATA had not made the Windsor Trail just that little bit steeper and longer than last year! Honor for being the youngest went to David Pieter Hoekstra, 3, of Hanover. There were several 5 and 6 year old hikers, including Richard Burroughs, 5, of Brownsville, who had been the youngest on the 1967 hike. Most traveled trail was the

Windsor, followed by the Browns-ville, then the Weathersfield.

In spite of the gloomy skies and forecast, there was not even one shower, although the ATA had provided canopy shelter just in case. The clouds lifted around noon and the sun even showed from time to time. Hanson Carroll of Norwich, one of Vermont's best-known photographers, was on hand all day taking pictures for a possible Vermont Life magazine feature.

All picnic supplies, prepared under the supervision of Picnic Chairman Deane Milligan of Windsor, were packed up from the motor road parking lot by ATA members. The picnic was free to all who cared to make the climb, although several contributed on the spot toward expenses. Food was either donated by ATA members or bought out of funds raised by dues, donations or the sale of Guide Books. Contributions to help support the 1969 Picnic and other ATA activities may be sent to Sec'y-Treasurer Ralph Bissell, 90 State St., Windsor, Vt.

SPECIAL-END-TO-END-TRIP

C. Scott

On May 24, 25, 26 a special trip will be made to Jay Camp for the purpose of allowing folks to work on their End-to-End award.

The group will leave the home of W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701 at 4:30 P.M. Friday May 24. Travel to Jay Camp set up headquarters there and spend Sat. and Sunday hiking the Long Trail.

Some young folks from the Montreal Area may be hiking with us so lets have a good turn out and see how many miles we can cover.

For any more details please contact W. Churchill Scott.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION AS OF MAY 10

Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Harrison A. Brann
Wilman Day
Virginia Day
Helen Frink
Francis Greene
William Gragen
Dorothy Hegeman
Florence Herrick
Marsh Herrick
H. Minerva Hinchey
James H. Howard
Harold Johnson
Dorothy Johnson
William Johnson
Ruth LaBrake
Paul Magoon
Jeffry Magoon
Pearle Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Candace Scott
Kim Scott
Robert Scott
Wilbur Weston
Alton Wilcox
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
John Valiquette
Tom Valiquette



SMOKE and BLAZES

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COMING HIKES

WHAT-- Canoe Trip

WHEN?-- Saturday July 13

WHERE?-- Otter Creek

Our leader, Lloyd Weeks, has planned something different, a canoe trip on the Otter Creek. Bring your lunch and something to float in! If you don't have a canoe, borrow one. We will meet at Meldon School at 9:00 A.M. From there we will proceed to Florence where we will launch our boats for a thirteen mile paddle to the Fish and Game Access area on route 73 west of Brandon. Those preferring a shorter trip, $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi., will find a good place to leave the water at the covered bridge on the Florence road just south of Brandon.

This is beautiful country with splendid mountain views. There are no dams or other hazards. The river meanders in a broad valley and has clear water and a sandy bottom.

By: Betty Weeks

ROLSTON'S REST

WHEN-- Sun. July 28. B. Rolston
Leader.

LEAVE-- 9:00 A.M. Meldon School

This will be a first time visit to the shelter built by the Long Trail Patrol to replace Noyes Pond. Ben Rolston our leader, will be at Gifford Wood Sat. and has suggested hiking from Route #4 to the Shelter and then down the Birch Road to Route #100 or down the South Pond Trail.

MOUNT MANSFIELD

WHEN-- Sat.-Sun. Aug. 10 and 11,
Leader - C. Scott

LEAVE-- 9:00 A.M. Meldon School

Here is a good chance to hike the many trails on Vermont's highest Peak. Possibly may stay at Underhill State Park, visit Cantiliever Rock among other places. Derrick Dobbs of the Canadian Youth Hostel of Montreal has promised to have a group with us then, so let's make this a good hike with lots of members along.

1968 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL
Aug. 24 - Sept. 2

Each member should have a flyer in the last issue of the Long Trail News describing this annual affair.

Lake Eden is a favorite spot of many of our members and this will be a good opportunity for many to work some more on their End-to-End. award.

Articles for the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes" should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. not later than Sept. 5.

WORK PARTIES

By: C. Scott

In view of the large amount of repair work to be done there will be work parties scheduled for each week-end a hike is not planned. Each shelter has a great amount of work needed to put them in shape for the hiking season.

Anyone wanting to help our section is urged to contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

There have been a number of work parties recently. A new toilet house has been built at Tucker, thanks to Doc. Howard.

Terry Gulick has led a party to the Swinging Bridge over Mill River where the cable work was painted, wood creosoted and extra fixtures and wire removed.

Terry also led an overnight trip to Pico where the shelter was repaired and another trip to brush out the trail south of the Long Trail Lodge.

Mr. Weldon and Mike Barrett spent a day at Gov. Clement cleaning up around the camp, replacing register and so.

Thanks to Terry, Doc. Howard, Jamie Tarbell, Marc Pfenning, Kay Howard, Cathy Welch, Sharon Atwood, J. Weldon, Mike Barrett, Kim Scott, Frank Drake and any one else I've overlooked.

PICO CAMP

Rained out.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

By: C. Scott

After a spell of wet weather all of the ambitious hikers left their cars at the Lower Cold River Road and hiked over the trail to Gov. Clement. Mrs. Howard drove our supplies to the camp where Mrs. Weeks and her daughter and grandchildren already had a fire going.

The wet feet and clothing were soon dry and a good meal was eaten as we all discussed plans for our coming Canoe Trip down the Otter Creek.

This fine shelter was in very good shape and the new bunks, fireplace and roof make this one of our best camps at the present time.

OKEMO MOUNTAIN TRIP - Cancelled

Replaced by Sunnyside Camp

By: Michael Barrett

After a brief but lively discussion we decided to hike to Sunnyside in a group of eight. On the wet but enjoyable trip we met Churchill Scott traveling north with girl scouts, we exchanged Hello's and talked briefly. On arrival we had one man go ahead to build the fire. The shelter was fairly clean with ample supply of wood. Before leaving we fixed up the camp leaving supply of wood and cleaning inside and out. The trip was pleasant and enjoyed by all.

TINMOUTH

By: C. Scott

Once again we failed to reach our objective. It seems as though this mountain is a jinx to us.

After days of rain and wet weather the sun broke through and all concerned decided to go to the White Rocks picnic area. Here we climbed the Cliffside Trail and enjoyed the view of the slide and

across the valley to our original destination.

Lunch was eaten and then Mrs. McKinney and Kathy took us up the Keywayden Trail a short ways then over to a series of very pretty waterfalls. This would be a perfect spot for a cooling dip on a hot August day.

A quote from a May 22nd letter received by Herbert Ogden from his son, who is now spending his junior year in college at the University of Munich.

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Hesstrasse 77
German Federal Republic

" On Saturday we took part in the Fruhjahrsmarsch around the Starnberger See (alias Wurm See) about 30 km south of here. It's a 50 km walk all around the lake, sponsored by the German Automobile Club and the Munich Abendzeitung. I'd known about it for some time, but never decided if I wanted to go, 'till Bob asked me if I'd like to Friday night. So I accepted and got up at 4 AM like the rest of them. We drove down in Bob's VW. Started at 6 and finished (very finished, too) at 5:15 PM or so. Walking time was 10 hours. The walk is 6 years old; it was inspired by the New Frontier 50-mile hike! And I'd assumed it was some good, old German tradition or the like. Over 12,000 (yes, over twelve thousand) took part, and over 9,000 made it all the way. If you were registered beforehand you got a medal, but Said and I, having done it on the spur of the moment, got nothing. The scenery is sort of boring and it rained off and on but we had fun. Incredible: 'till the 30 km mark there was an unbroken line of people. Even after that you could always see 20 or so and were constantly passing or being passed.

Too crowded for my taste, really, but fun to do once. All manner of people, except for the very young, were there. I guess most of the crowd was out of its teens and there were even a good number of distinctly old people-- even a few old ladies! And they had all manner of crummy shoes that I couldn't have taken for 5 kms. I guess some of them must get in condition beforehand, though. We sang a good deal at the beginning, as did some others. Bob and I know some German songs and Said and Folker knew many American ones, so we had a grand old time dredging back into our fading knowledge of US folks songs and the like. The best marching songs proved to be Yankee Doodle and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Around 10 kms from the end when we were all feeling pretty poorly, we started singing again as a distraction. That time we were singing alone. We finally limped across the finish line and took a taxi to where the car was parked, about a mile away. We were pretty decrepit lot staggering from the car to the dorm, too. I ate supper and went to bed for 12 hours; some just went straight to bed."

List of new members since last issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Catherine Howard
Doris Newton
Caroline Parmenter



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COMING HIKES

BOURNE POND

LEADER: C. Scott

WHEN: Sat-Sun. Sept. 14-15

MEET: Meldon School Area 9:00 A.M.

Here is a chance to cover the trail from Grout Job north to Prospect Rock visiting the new Vondell and two Bourne Pond Shelters staying overnight at the Pond. Lets have a good turnout and add some end-to-end mileage.

EAST MOUNTAIN

LEADER: H. Valiquette

WHEN: Sun. Sept. 29.

MEET: Meldon School Area 10:00 A.M.

The foliage season should be underway to make this trip an extra special one to an old favorite peak.

BAKER PEAK

WHEN: Sunday October 6

MEET: Meldon School Area 9:00 A.M.

LEADER: R. Roberts

Mr. Roberts of Springfield has offered to act as leader on this trip. So let's have everybody there to enjoy the views, foliage and new shelter at Griffith Lake.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

WHEN: Saturday October 19, 6:00PM

WHERE: Beechwood-Perkins Lane Ext.

Once again through the kindness of the Perkins family we are all invited to have our covered dish supper at Beechwood. This annual affair has grown to be one of our big events of the year so lets all come early to enjoy a few fall walks or at 6:00 to eat.

MT. MONADNOCK

WHEN: Sunday, November 3

WHERE: Meldon School Area 9:A.M.

LEADER: T. Gulick

This time an out of state hike is planned for all of the eager members. The peak is a large bare rock strewn area and if good weather prevails it should be an enjoyable trip.

If some of the Springfield folks go perhaps we can learn more of the cold weather rescue they participated in a few years ago.

Articles for the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes" should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. November 6 or 7.

CANOE TRIP
By: Betty Weeks

A beautiful day, July 13, brought a surprising number of enthusiastic canoeists out for the trip on the Otter Creek. Fourteen canoes and twenty eight people enjoyed the delightful journey from Florence Village to the Fishing Access area on route 73 west of Brandon.

Finally the last of the canoes were launched, after placing cans both at the access area and at a point near Dean bridge, for those who preferred a shorter trip. At first there was a good current and the canoes sped along under a covered bridge and then on down the winding river. Great trees lined the banks, hanging out over the creek to make a shaded archway. There was a cool breeze making an otherwise hot day, delightful. Occasionally a muskrat swam ahead only to dive under water or disappear in a hole in the bank. A mother duck, pretending a broken wing, lured us away from her brood of ducklings. Occasionally we had views of the Green Mountains to the east but usually the banks of the creek were too high for us to see them.

We stopped for lunch and to stretch the stiff and aching legs in a cow pasture near Dean Bridge, south of Brandon. Here we made coffee and enjoyed visiting with some of our guests, among whom were other G.M.C. members: Sanborn Partridge, a life member from Proctor, and William Willis Jr., a member at large, who drove down from St. Albans to enjoy the trip. Here three canoes left the water while the others continued on to finish the 13 mile trip.

A sense of seclusion pervades the Otter Creek, the only time we saw or heard automobiles was just before we reached the access area where Route 73 follows the winding river.

Soon after 3 P.M. the last canoe was pulled up the steep, muddy bank. In spite of weary muscles, everyone agreed that a canoe trip should be an annual affair.

ROLSTON REST
By: Ben Rolston

Ray Secor and I waited in the rain, on Route 4 at the Tucker Lodge shortcut, for the main group of Killington hikers. The way the weather looked, we really didn't expect anyone. But soon a jeep truck appeared, occupied by Doc Howard and Churchill Scott.

True to tradition, the hike must go on. But after a short consultation, Doc offered to drive us up the private Noyes Pond road, thus getting us to Rolston Rest shelter without the soggy walk in the rain via Tucker Lodge and Willard Gap.

We went around to Route 100, and up Mr. Burch's road. But wait a minute--this was to be a hike. Why were we riding? So a compromise was agreed upon. We would go as far as the barrier (altho the chain was open) and walk the rest of the way. Thus we wouldn't be cheating (or at least we'd only be half cheating).

So we parked at the chain. The rain had stopped! We hiked the remaining distance up the road and then the cut off to the shelter. Firemaster Secor got a conflagration going in the fireplace and we all had hot drinks with our assorted lunches.

After a relaxing sojourn at the shelter, we went back to the road and hiked up to Noyes Pond to see Mr. Burch's beautiful home. After a brief visit with Mrs. Burch, we began the descent to the parked truck.

Just as we arrived, the heavens opened up. Call it liquid sunshine or whatever you wish. But the rain is the open back

end of a truck, slowly descending a rough road, during a cloudburst?

Sorry more members didn't join us. It WAS a nice hike. Only the RIDE was wet!

MANSFIELD OVERNIGHT

By: Terry Gulick

The Mt. Mansfield overnighter saw four hearty souls climbing over the highest mountain in Vermont in early August. With headquarters at Taft Lodge, Terry Gulick and 3 guests observed the sun setting from the summit, explored the cave of the winds and other points of interest and met a number of hikers and Burlington Section members. The Long Trail Patrol was on hand also repairing Taft Lodge.

While rather noisy an interesting sight was provided by a helicopter lifting materials from the base to the top of the new ski lift site.

BUFFUM-JUST REMINISCING

By: Ben Rolston

Of the three nights that I camped at the old Buffum Shelter, perhaps the most memorable one was a rainy November night. I walked up the road with full pack, by flashlight, with a bundle of dry wood under one arm and the other holding a big umbrella. A small fire, a hot meal, and slumber.

Then came progress. In 1961 the Killington Section built Buffum Lodge to replace the poor old shelter, which was badly showing its age of 39 years.

This luxurious new lodge put a new dimension into overnight camping. Perhaps the most remembered acceptance of its hospitality was the New Year's weekend when Ray Secor and I spent three nights there.

In between cutting firewood and cooking exotic meals (such

as homemade beef stew, baked potatoes, baked apples, puddings, and spareribs and sauerkraut), we entertained members of the Killington Section on their annual winter trip, and built a new outhouse. The latter project was interrupted by frequent trips to the lodge to stoke the fire, warm our hands, and stir the stew. Our new sign proclaimed our work of art at Buffum Annex.

Our last special overnighter to Buffum Lodge was on Ray's last weekend before he left for four years in the U.S. Navy. Buffum had sentimentality added to its charm.

I spent a total of 13 nights at Buffum Lodge (none of them in the summer months.) Then in November, 1966 someone had a careless moment. A spark, a flame, and it was all over. Buffum Lodge had burned to the ground.

Buffum has many memories, the intangible. Physical evidence leaves me with only a couple of color slides, and the door handle which I retrieved from the ashes some time after the fire.

As I view the site, and see the faithful little brook of pure water, and witness the mighty hemlocks overhead, and hear the chickadees in the nearby forest, I have a vision of a NEW Buffum arising from the ashes. Not a cabin, but a simple open shelter, where once again hikers may sit by the fire-side, gaze through the hemlock branches into the heavens above, and be inspired by the serenity of this site. I hope my vision becomes a reality.

PRESIDENTS' NOTES

Many thanks to individuals and groups who assisted in work done on the Killington Section of the Trail. There is still work to do, but several improvements have been made this summer. New signs, a new roof and outhouse at Tucker, maintenance work at Pico, trail clearing in a couple of spots up Pico,

and some clearing and "bridge" work over swampy areas between Pico and Killington are a few of the activities undertaken.

On the other side of the coin, Clarendon is showing signs of wear and Sunnyside went up in flames late in August. The directors will be faced with deciding what to do as a replacement for both this camp and Buffum.

Trail usage is increasing. Membership is increasing. Vandalism appears to be also. This creates newer and more problems for G.M.C. but with the enthusiasm and support of the many members we shall carry on!

It was great to see the number of Killington Section members at the Intersection this year. If you've never been, plan on it next year. The 1969 chairman is getting started with plans already.

In the new activities schedule you will note the annual meeting date has been changed. It is hoped that temperature and weather will be more conducive to traveling at this time. Hope you agree. Have a happy autumn!

ANOTHER ITEM OF INTEREST

GMC'ers are watching 86 year old Frederick W. Leuhning of Swarthmore, Penna. complete the Long Trail.

Having completed the A. T. 5 years ago the retired professor is hoping to becoming the next Vt. end-to-ender. He hopes to arrive at the Long Trail Lodge by Mid-September.

During the Intersection, Dr. Leuhning hiked some 50 miles in the northern part of Vermont.

His current trek started at the Lamoille River near Johnson.

WORK PARTIES By: C. Scott

Once again summer is drawing to a close and we must sum up all we have done and all we must do to get all of our shelters repaired and tightened up for the winter.

The trails have all been checked and worked. Route #140 to the Lower Cold River Road by Ben Rolston, Lower Cold River Road to Cooper Lodge by Herb Ogden, etc. in addition to all his work on Assunpink Mt. and Killington to Mt. #4 plus Juggernaut and Shrewsbury Trails by The Farm and Wilderness Camps.

Sunnyside has had roof patched. Clarendon-needs roof patched, many new windows, a new toilet house and creosote.

Gov. Clement- in good condition. Pico- needs creosote, new stove and roof patched.

Tucker- has had new roof. Thanks to Doc Howard. It still needs major repair work plus a new stove.

Swinging Bridge- needs a work party to halt erosion up the bridge supports.

In view of all the needed work the Trails and Shelters Committee will have work parties on every week-end that hikes are not planned.

If anyone is able to help they may contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vermont.
Schedule of Work Parties.

Sat., Sept. 21. Swinging Bridge at Mill River.

Sat., Oct. 12, Sunnyside.

Sat., Oct. 26, Tucker

OUTING SCHEDULES

By: C. Scott

The Fall and Winter schedules are enclosed. If any additional copies are wanted they may be obtained from Churchill Scott, Harold Valiquette or Craigue Perkins. Let's get behind the folks who have offered to lead the hikes and come out for some fresh air and sunshine.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

By: C. Scott

The August issue of the Long Trail News was mailed on Wed. Sept. 4. If within a reasonable time your copy is not received please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701 so that our mailing list can be brought up to date.

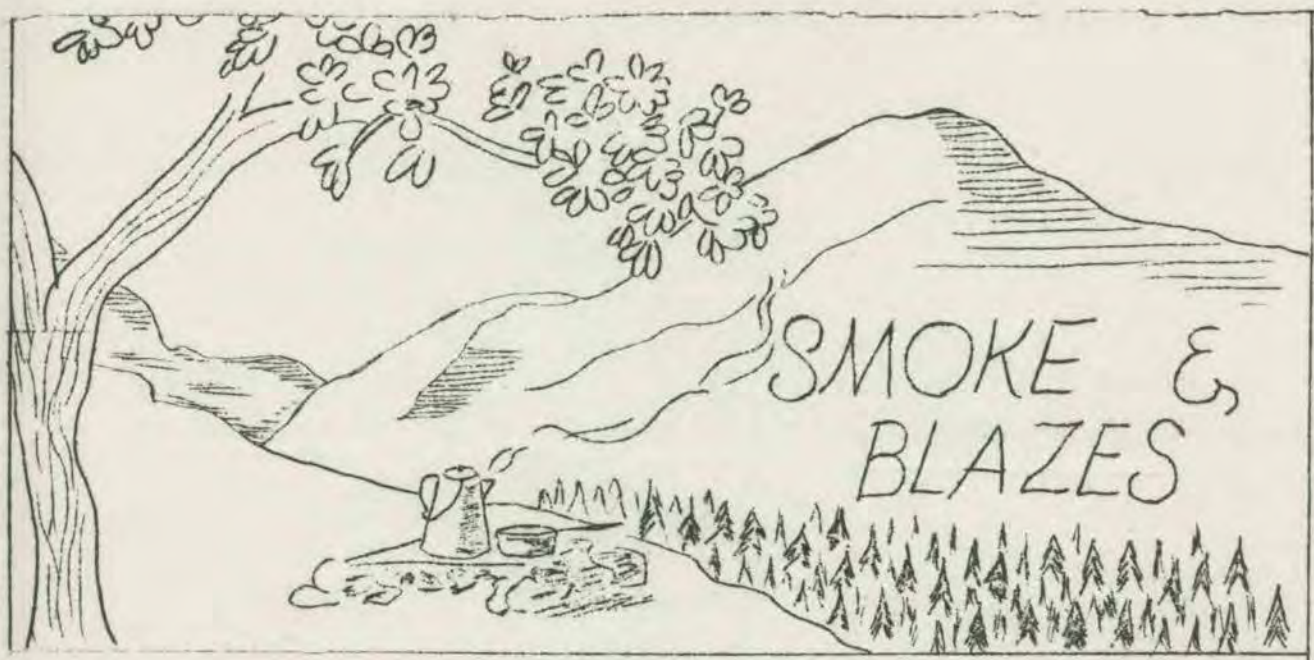
SUNNYSIDE

By: C. Scott

Sometime on Thursday P.M. or Friday A.M. Aug. 22 or 23 Sunnyside was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

NEW MEMBERS

Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
Nancy Martin
David Martin
Tom Martin
Janet Merrick
Jo Ann Steele
Hubert Lary



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COMING HIKES

STONY BROOK SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Nov. 16, 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Hedrick Cahee of Springfield will lead this trip over the Appalachian Trail from the shelter for about 4 miles west to the River Road in Sherburne, Vt.

PICO CAMP

WHEN: Sun. Dec. 1, 10:00 A.M.

Betty Gilman our editor is in charge of this hike. If there is not too much snow let's make this a combined work and hike trip.

BIRD MT.

WHEN: Sat. Dec. 14, 9:00 A.M.

This season the outing committee was fortunate to have Mr. Frink offer to lead this trip to Bird Mt. and explain to us all the many interesting geology formations of this area. Let's have

everyone turn out for this outing.

TUCKER LODGE

WHEN: Sun. Dec. 29, 6:00 P.M.

Note the evening starting time and Kevin Hogan has promised enough doughnuts for everyone to go with the hot drinks. We can use some help to go up early in the day to cut wood and warm the camp up. Any hands raised?

SUNNYSIDE

WHEN: Sat. Jan. 11, 9:00 A.M.

One of our newer members "Doc" Howard has offered to lead this hike. The only question will be the weather and snow conditions to see where we'll go. Let's hope for warm sunshine and perhaps we can look over the spot for our new Sunnyside.

Articles for the next issue of "Smoke & Blazes" should be sent to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. No later than Jan. 14, 1969

EAST MOUNTAIN

By: Margot McKinney

Sunday, September 29 was one of those days of which Robert Frost says that a cloud across the sun can make a difference of one whole month in temperature and mood. When the sun was out, summer was back for an instance, when it disappeared behind the extraordinarily thick, black and frequent clouds, Thanksgiving seemed near.

The initial gathering at the usual meeting place seemed meager but by the time we left the cars at that certain spot known only to Mr. Valiquette, the party had swelled to 16 people.

The ascent was accomplished nicely, especially by the two youngest members who were only five years old. Good show, John and Tessa.

At the top the view was the first point of importance, the second to get out of the sharp wind which made the climbers shiver. While the fire crackled under the venerable coffee pot, Mr. Valiquette, assisted by Terry Gulick and some of the younger hikers put up a brand new edition of his famous red flag which can be seen all the way down in Rutland.

An astonishing variety of refreshments were produced around the fire, including sardines, cleverly speared with a forked stick. There was some good talk of old times as well as planning of new hikes and after the last spark was doused, the descent began. Again the youngsters did very well, needing only occasional help to negotiate tree trunks and puddles. One of the puddles turned out to be a spring, seeping out fast enough to provide a patient traveler with drinking water. On the last stretch across a swampy meadow the sun came out again and made the hikers wish it could have been out up there on the top of East Mountain.

BAKER PEAK TRIP

By: Richard Roberts

Sunday October 6 was the occasion of the Baker Peak trip. Nineteen hikers from the Springfield and Rutland areas joined in an enjoyable outing. The air was brisk reminding us that fall is well on its way finally after a warm September. The foliage was not at its peak but color was beginning to show in many of the maple stands.

The hike commenced on U.S.F.S. road #10 East of Danby at Long Trail South. Just across the swinging bridge we passed a troop of Boy Scouts from Charlestown, New Hampshire traveling North. At this point it was most interesting to view the remains of the old Charcoal kilns. These are located close to the junction of the two trails. It is hard to picture industry that these represent being in operation so far off what we today consider the beaten path.

Lost Pond shelter was the site of our lunch with coffee from the famous coffee pot. It would be interesting to know how many trips this pot has made. (Is it an End to Ender). The afternoon saw us journey along the trail to Baker Peak to view the peaceful valley below. A tremendous panorama.

Our journey down the Baker Peak and Lake trail took us through beautiful, peaceful and clean forests. (Is this why we have Ben's Bathtub). Our only concern at this point was the disappearance of 4 of our Boy Scouts. But experience scouts and Churchill Scott went to the rescue rounding them up at Griffith Lake. Our day ended with all accounted for.

BAKER PEAK
By: Vera Perkins

Nineteen two-legged hikers and one dog were on hand for the trip to Baker Peak on Sunday, Oct. 6th. The hike was lead by Mr. Roberts, one of our Springfield members and four other Springfield members participated.

Original plans were to start hiking where the Trail crosses the Danby - Mt. Tabor road going south to Lost Pond Shelter and Baker Peak, thence to Griffith Lake and down the Lake Trail to Rte. 7. Here a car was stationed to take the drivers back to their cars at the starting point. This would make a total hike of about 10 miles. This seemlike quite a jaunt to some of us considering a late start, but not daunted we set forth.

We started in over the Forest Service suspension bridge. This is quite a bridge by the way and worth seeing. Just beyond the bridge we made a side trip of a few hundred yards to visit the site of one of the old charcoal kilns which used to operate in this area.

It was a perfect hiking day. The air had a bit of a fall snap, the trees were showing enough color to shed a bright light which was reflected by the color of the leaves already on the ground - and NO BUGS. One of the best times of year to be in the woods.

Lunch stop was at Lost Pond Shelter and here it was decided to omit Griffith Lake and go directly down from Baker Peak. So a leisurely lunch time was enjoyed before continuing our journey.

Baker Peak was inspiring as always with its rocky summit affording a fine view of the valley to the west.

The trek down the Lake Trail seemed longer to some of us than we remembered it, but finally we did arrive at the waiting car. Here we found we were missing 3 of our number who apparently

failed to get the word of the change of plans and had gone on to Griffith Lake.

Eventually however, the party was all collected and arrived home safe and sound although somewhat later than expected.

It was a good trip and thanks go to Mr. Roberts for arrangements and driver transportation between points.

The following information on the operations of charcoal kilns which appeared in an article in the April 1885 issue of Outlook Magazine may be of interest. The writer, J. K. Chapin had recently visited this site and described a kiln as follows:

"Walls of hard brick are 12 inches thick and kilns are from 25 to 30 feet in diameter; 12 feet high to the crown and about a 7 foot crown with a circular opening in it about 5 ft. in diameter. The only other opening besides the vent is a door closed by a heavy slab of iron. Floor is of clay and well tamped. Foundations are well grouted before beginning to build as kilns expand when heated and contract when cooled.

Three tiers of vents the size of a brick are left in the walls to draw the fire back and forth - 120 vents to each kiln - called waist, knee and ankle vents.

Logs to be burned are piled in two tiers, filling the kiln to within 3 feet of the crown - logs radiate from the center where a space of about 4 ft. is filled with soft light wood for kindling.

A rag saturated with kerosene on a pole is used for lighting. The door is then closed, the thin iron plate, is placed over the opening in the crown and the charring process goes on for 10 to 12 days regulated by the opening and closing of the vents around the base of the kiln."

The article gave much more detail and an interesting diagram but this summary may give those interested a general idea of "how it was done".

It was estimated it took 14 days to burn a kiln - 2 to fill, 10 to burn and 2 to cool. Before leaving to cool the body of kiln was thoroughly white-washed and crown covered with coal tar to make air tight.

MT. ASCUTNEY NEW SHELTER

By: Herbert G. Ogden

The Ascutney Trail Association reports that a shelter is now ready for use on the Windsor Trail on Mt. Ascutney. Located at the Upper Spring (above the famous Half Way Spring) and named The Log Shelter, it is a 12' x 14' open face type, with back wall and one end of heavy spruce logs cut on the site; a vertical rock slab serves as the other end. Against the slab is a fireplace and 12' chimney, built of stones stone-boated down from the bank above. Cutting of a few trees has opened up a pleasant view to the northeast, featuring the Trafton Hoisington farm.

Construction, begun on Memorial Day of this year, was completed on September 18th, save for finishing touches, such as caulking, grading, construction of a proper privy, etc. Folks wishing to help out during the remainder of the fall may call Richard Burroughs (484-3384), Paul Magoon (885-4056) or Herbert Ogden (436-4452). Some 20 ATA Shirtsleeve Members, under the general direction of amateur mason & cabin builder Ogden, worked on the project. Almost one ton of mortar mix, some 400 pounds of metal roofing and all the tools were back-packed or trundled in from the Motor Road parking lot, up to Castle Rock then down the Windsor Trail--a total of one and one fifth miles. All the roofing was donated by Ronald Clay, through his son, Arnold Clay, a member of the ATA Board. The Frost Lumber

Company of Woodstock helped by granting a discount on the mortar mix.

Among those working on the project were Richard Burroughs and family, Arnold Clay, Gus Aldrich, Robert Ely, Randy Spooner, Herbert Ogden, Paul Magoon, Jeffry Magoon, Eugene Ely, Mark Rivers, Francis Greenwood, Tom Ward, Kenneth Hatch, Melvin Hatch, Gary Burke, Michael Georg, Thomas Sitsch, Paul Massie and son.

The Log Shelter now becomes the property of the State of Vermont, since it is on State land. It will be maintained by the ATA, as are all the hiking trails on the Mountain. Besides completing the Shelter, the ATA has also reopened the original route of the Windsor Trail from the Half Way Spring to the Upper Spring, and back onto the present Windsor Trail. In addition, a new side trail has been opened from Blood Rock back up on to the Windsor Trail above the Spring switchbacks.

The three trails (Windsor, Brownsville, Weathersfield) are well travelled. Registers, located toward the top of each one, show a total of 997 signatures, as of September 5th. Many hikers do not bother to sign, especially on repeat trips. Well over half the signatures are of youngsters. The Windsor Trail, with around 450, is the most popular, followed by the Weathersfield, 316, and the Brownsville, 231. Folks wishing to support the ATA with a \$2.00 membership or help as a Shirtsleeve member, may write to Richard Burroughs, ATA Treas., Box 82, Reading.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

By: Betty Gilman

We all want to thank Vera Perkins for putting on the Annual Covered Dish supper which was enjoyed by all. There was about 28

members that attended, some coming in the early afternoon so as to take a couple of short walks in the woods.

Supper was served about 6:30 and everyone ate all they could hold and then coming events were discussed for a short time. Vera, T. Valiquette, Ruth LaBrake and Eleanor Walker did the clean up work in the kitchen and then about 8 o'clock everyone decided to venture out in the rain to go home after having a wonderful time as usual.

NEW MEMBERS

John Allard
Michael Barrett
Richard Goldin
W. Thomas Hall
Kevin Hogan
James Moore
J. Allen Weldon

NEW END-TO-ENDERS

This summer has been very busy for folks working on their End-to-End Award. The following members of the Killington Section have completed the Long Trail.

Richard Goldin
Richard Roberts
Frances Roberts
Charles Wener
Alton Wilcox

If there are any others please notify the editor of Smoke and Blazes.



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COMING HIKES

GOVERNOR CLEMENT

WHEN: Sat. February 8, 9:00 A.M.

Doris Newton is the leader for this trip. If the weather is warm and sunny this will be a good chance to explore the many old roads in this area.

MT. HANDLEY

WHEN: Sun. February 23, 10:00 A.M.

C. Scott will lead this hike up this Taconic Mountain to a favorite ledge where very good views may be obtained. Snow shoes will be a must for this trip along with warm clothes and a hearty lunch.

BLUERIDGE MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sat. March 15, 9:00 A.M.

C. Perkins has promised many interesting things to do today. We can snow-shoe, ski, slide or just loaf in the comfortable

field house of Tall Timber. It will also be a good time to start thinking of a new series of hikes so your outing committee can draw up a new schedule.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held around March 1. The final plans are not drawn up at this time but each member will be informed of the time and place as soon as possible.

Please send the articles for the next "Smoke & Blazes" to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. No later than Mar. 18. You can send them anytime before this date I promise I will not lose them.

STONY BROOK SHELTER

Mr. Hedrick Cahee of Springfield and a group from there waited for over 45 minutes on Sat. Nov. 16 to lead our section on a trip over the Appalachian Trail. No one showed up (this seems to be getting a habit) so everyone took an urban tour which turned into an expensive one according to one report.

We want to thank Mr. Cahee for his part and hope next time things will go better.

By: Churchill Scott

PICO CAMP

By: B. Gilman

The day was started by Churchill Scott and myself showing up and then about 10:30 we went to Doc Howards. When we got there we found it had been one of those days for him that everything seems to go wrong.

Mr. Weston was up for the weekend and so after Mr. Howard had seen to everything we left to go into Tucker to see how much work needed to be done before the moonlight hike and it was then decided it was hopeless to try and get it fixed up in time.

The men built a fire outside of the shelter to heat the water for coffee and then after eating we returned to Doc Howards to look at some maps and then about 3 o'clock we left there to go to Clement Shelter and pick up the stove pipe that was left behind by who ever walked off with the stove.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

By: James Frink

December 14 was a very rainy slushy day. Harold Valiquette and I went to the rendezvous at 9:00 A.M. and talked with Churchill Scott, who passed by, said he could not go, and asked us if we wanted him to get us the Coffee

Pot. We said 'Thank You, but no,' and waited until 9:20 not really expecting anyone to show up in such miserable hiking weather.

Harold and I took off for Gov. Clement Shelter and on the way I gave Harold a fine lecture on the geology and Petrology of Bird Mountain. He is now well qualified in the subject!

We drove the Jeep through six inches of slushy snow and ice all the way to the shelter. We built a roaring fire in the big stone fireplace, and warmed our sandwiches on the grille. Harold brought a large thermos of hot tea.

After pleasant food and conversation in quiet peaceful surroundings, we signed the register and drove back to route 4 heading East.

At Kent Pond we took Thunderbrook Road down to the valley and headed North to where we joined Route 100 at the fish pond. From there we drove to Rochester, Vermont and went all through that beautiful foothill section of the Green Mountains known as North Hollow.

On the way out, we stopped at the active Verd Antique quarry of the Vermont Marble Co. and described its geology, history, and quarrying processes to Harold. Verd Antique is called Marble but it is serpentine produced when water from magmas changed basalt, peridotite, dunite, and similar igneous rocks or when such water metamorphosed hornblende schists that once were sediments.

We started for home over Brandon Gap, and from Brandon, took the western back road to Florence, Proctor and Center Rutland. Just south of Proctor on Route 3, we saw four deer in our headlights, about to cross the road. All day in the woods, and the only deer seen were in town for the day!

We really had a good day and I'm sorry there were not more to enjoy it.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

By: C. Scott

This was changed from Tucker to Clarendon Lodge due to the very poor condition of the former shelter (windows missing, no stove pipe, and the stove in disaray.)

There was only one car for 11 hikers so one load went to the parking area but due to the heavy snow of the previous day the spot was not usable so the best thing we decided to do was come home and try again some better day.

CLARENDON LODGE

By: C. Scott

Mary Perkins (leader) must be the magic word for on a beautiful day in January around 20 folks walked into Clarendon Lodge.

The Cahees, Roberts, Weeks and Mrs. Herrick of Springfield, Mauri Winturri of Fitchburg, Ray Secor of Schenectady and Mr. Weston of Manchester with Rascal were among the out of town folks.

Some cut wood, others built the fire, fixed the shelter but in a short while the pot was boiling and everyone began to eat and talk.

Plans were talked over about the new shelters we must build this year, hikes on the trail for End to End awards and new places to visit on the Spring and Summer schedule.

In spite of all the help the stove pipe was still not taken care of so it was stored away to be finished next time. Perhaps it is just as well for it insures an other trip to Clarendon to fix it up a bit more.

A good time was had by all and with the coming of Spring we should have good attendance on our trips.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Michael Barrett
Anna Berg
Mary Anne Casey
W. Thomas Hall
Kevin Hogan
Lincoln Isham
Hubert Lary
Dorothy Johnson
Harold Johnson
William Johnson
Elsie Maier
Peter Cady
Kristina Cady
Jeffry Magoon
Margot McKinney
James Moore
Ben Rolston
Kim S. Scott
W. Churchill Scott
James Tarbell
J. Allen Weldon
Alton Wilcox
Carleton Wilson
Robert E. West
Charles Wener
Florence Van Wyck
Ray Secor



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COMING HIKES

This Spring we have planned to spend the month of April working on Gov. Clement, Clarendon, Tucker and Sunnyside.

SAT. APR. 5	Clarendon Lodge
" " 12	Sunnyside Area.
" " 26	Gov. Clement
" MAY 3	Tucker Lodge
" " 10	Pico Camp

We do not expect everyone to be able to go on every work party BUT we do hope that as many as possible will try to help at any time.

More information maybe obtained from W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

BIRD MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sun. May 25, 10:00 A.M.

Here will be another chance to visit this interesting mountain in the Taconic Range. Perhaps the weather will be nice this time and Mr. James Frink can be along to describe the geological highlights of the area.

PICO-KILLINGTON

WHEN: Sun. June 1, 10:00 A. M.

Today we can act as host to the folks that attended the annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club on Saturday. There will be a number of interesting walks we can take in this area and at the same time check on the trail and camps.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

The annual sugar on snow party will be held on Sat. March 29, at St. Paul's Universalist-Unitarian Church on West St. across from the Grand Theatre, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Once again we indebted to Miss Vera Perkins for offering to head the group who will have the long, hard and exact job of boiling the syrup.

Carol Martin will have the younger girls help her set up the dining room so you see there is a job for everyone and in order to insure the yearly coming of this event we must all do our share.

T. Gulick will supervise snow gathering. Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Gull will show slides of trip to Green

THE GOVERNOR CLEMENT TRIP

By: Doris Newton

The day of the Governor Clement trip proved to be one of the winter's finest. A coating of ice on the trees as well as fresh snow, made the countryside a wonderland. In the clear air every detail of the mountains stood out.

Doc, Howard, Churchill, Betsy Martin and I made up the party. At one of the old roads we separated, Doc to go directly to the shelter and we to explore. After a good bushwhack we came out on an old road and down to the trail at the shelter where Doc had a welcome fire going. Lunch was soon underway. Another short cut by the old Haley farm brought us back down to the car at the corner and so home, after a very satisfactory day.

MT. HANDLEY

By: C. Scott

Mrs. George Kirk, Jim Frink and Churchill Scott were the only folks with enough get up and go to tackle Mt. Handley on a very enjoyable day in February.

After parking in the usual place just over the Castleton River on the Whipple Hollow Road we missed the beginning of the wood road so walked along the new Interstate for a short distance. At last we felt it was time to cut up to the road. As we came to the fence there was quite a discussion as to going over or under it. After digging in under it we continued to bushwhack north in hopes of finding the trail. Soon we were climbing quite rapidly along fresh snowmobile tracks and came to an inviting spot of evergreens, brook and firewood. Here we suffered the only casualty of the day as we sat on a makeshift seat it gave way and a bit of delicious coffee was lost.

At last the ski do tracks bore to the East and we were on our own but the snow conditions were just

perfect traveling. We kept on going until the next switchback was reached where we were able to see over Little Handley to the East.

It was soon time to head for home and at each stop for breath Jim would give us a brief talk of the geological features or track identification. At one spot the biggest (?) snowshoe rabbit tracks in the world were seen which gave us quite a challenge to identify.

On the way to the cars we took care to learn the correct start so that next time (hopefully with more folks along) we will get a good start.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Killington Section is very grateful for the contributions of Lincoln Isham, Paul Megoon, Helen Frink and Harriot Bryant. These will be used to help maintain the shelters and trails throughout the coming year and to improve them where ever possible.

G.M.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The May issue of the Long Trail News will have all necessary information on the time, place and date. So please keep this in mind and save the day to learn what the Club is doing for you. Don't forget last year our section had the largest number of members.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The February issue of the Long Trail News was mailed about Feb. 20. If anyone has not received their copy yet please notify W. C. Scott, so that the Corresponding Secretary of the Main Club may be informed.

Articles for the next "Smoke & Blazes" will be due June 4. Please send them to Betty Gilman 52 Chestnut Ave.

ANNUAL MEETING

By: C. Scott

The annual meeting of The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the C.V.P.S. rooms on Feb. 28, 1969.

About 34 were present and a very active evening was spent.

The following reports were made.

H. Ogden, sr. & jr., A.T.A work on Ascutney Mt., building of new shelter on Windsor Trail and invitation to attend the annual hike in May.

G. Pearlstein, work being done on outlying trail bulletins and help asked on supplying information about others around the state.

R. Deemer, work being done by the U.S.F.S. along the trail and elsewhere within their area.

Pres. Gulick let the discussion on work projects for the coming year, rebuilding Sunnyside, improving the approaches to the Mill River Bridge, repairing Tucker (possibly only necessary work with the plan in mind to relocate this camp on the main Long Trail a bit north of Willard Gap.

End to Enders with us included G. Pearlstein, R. Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Weeks, H. Ogden jr. and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson who had a very interesting scrapbook of her trips while doing the trail during the early 1940's.

New officers were elected.

Pres. Wilbur F. Weston

V. P. J. Harold Howard

Sect'y -

Treas. W. Churchill Scott

Finally the ladies served the best refreshments ever. As each year goes by it does not seem possible that Vera can do any better at providing more delicious cakes, pies, cookies and coffee but she does and we all thank her along with every other one.

SUNNYSIDE

By: C. Scott

The owners of Spring Lake Ranch have given the Killington Section permission to construct a new shelter on the site of the former Sunnyside Camp.

Sat, April 12, has been set for a work party there and at that time we will try to pick up the area and determine the best way to rebuild.

At a recent executive board meeting it was voted to have the new camp the same size and with folding doors as before.

During the week of April 14-18 the public schools and W. C. Scott are having a vacation. At this time we hope to be at the site as much as possible and begin the ground work.

The big question remaining is, Can we get enough volunteer help, to have a shelter there by the beginning of the hiking season which starts as soon as the snow leaves. Or will we have to hire the Long Trail Patrol with an additional expense of \$400. to \$500. and with the possibility that it may not be constructed until August.

Anyone able to help can contact W.C. Scott 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

SHATTERACK MT.

By: Betty Weeks

Six Killington Section members from Springfield took advantage of the beautiful weather March 10 and snowshoed up Shatterack Mt. in Jamaica. After driving out Glebe Mountain road as far as possible, we snowshoed up the unplowed road a mile into the notch between Shatterack Mt. and Glebe Mt. At the height of land we ventured off on a wood road to the right, bush-whacking our way up an easy but steady grade through lovely hard wood forest to the summit of the

mountain. The mountain top is all ledges with fir trees and blueberry bushes between. At this time of the year, only the fir trees show. From many places on and near the top there are spectacular views to the east, south, and west. We could look almost directly down at the Ball Mountain Flood Control dam which was built in the narrow West River Valley between Shatterack and Ball Mtns. The West River, where canoe races are held each Spring, was a miniature stream far below. We could see Monadnock Mt. in New Hampshire, Glastenbury, Stratton and Mt. Snow to the south. In the west, Bromley, Equinox and other peaks in the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges stood out against a brilliant blue sky.

After eating a leisurely lunch in a sunny sheltered spot near the top we returned to our cars, planning a return trip to this sightly mountain in the Spring.

March 17, 1969

By: Wilbur F. (Wes) Weston

From the President-Elect of the Killington Section, G.M.C. to all members of the Section; GREETINGS. For those of you who do not know me, I am the short, chubby old guy most generally seen in the company of Churchill Scott and "Doc" Howard, and invariably followed by my favorite Sheltie, Rascal. I sincerely hope that in the ensuing year I may become better acquainted with many more of you. Barring mumps; measles; hoof-and-mouth- disease and the like, it is my intention to work for the best interests of the section and to participate fully in its activities. Through the weeks and months to follow it is hoped that our program will be sufficiently interesting to induce more of you members in becoming active participants. Let's have an all out year.

NOTE OF THANKS
By: Terry Gulick

To all those members of our Section who assisted in the tasks of the past two years, my sincere thanks. Anchor man Churchill Scott certainly deserves much credit for his tireless efforts as Secretary-Treasurer. Betty Gilman has faithfully produced our Smoke and Blazes and deserves many thanks.

BUILDING PLANS
By: Terry Gulick

Building plans are a topic of conversation these days among Killington Section members. The need for a new shelter to replace both Buffum and Sunnyside Camp - lost by recent fires - is creating one major project for the coming summer. Interest by a nearby summer camp to construct a shelter for the G.M.C., on Killington section of trail, is being sketched into reality.

On the latter development, plans are being mapped in co-operation with International Paper Company to have constructed an open shelter on property owned by them. Location of the proposed shelter would be approximately 1/10 mile from the L.T. on the Shrewsbury Peak Trail near an excellent water supply.

Manpower is scheduled to come from Farm and Wilderness Camps in Bridgewater. This summer camp provided the incentive for constructing a new shelter by offering their services. The project if implemented would provide a means for some of this summer's campers to attain a goal. Learning how to construct an open-faced shelter. Supervision along with other details, is being worked out by both G.M.C. and I.P.C. representatives.

Providing all goes well, G.M.C. ers can look forward to a new

overnight facility in the Killington area by the end of next summer supplementing Cooper Lodge which sees increasing usage each year.

For Sunnyside replacement, Long Trail Patrol assistance is being contemplated.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

This issue of Smoke & Blazes will be the last sent to 1968 members of the Killington Section. In order to keep up with the latest news please send your dues to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. The price is still only \$2.00 adults and \$0.50 children and students.

John Allard
Martha Adams
David Anglin
Helen Bailey
Harriot Bryant
Kendra Bryant
Leitha Bryant
Miles Bryant
Owen Bryant
Louie Catozzi
Raymond Catozzi
Marilyn S. Clemenson
Robert Deemer
Helen Frink
James Frink
Futh Fostman
Elizabeth Gilman
Richard L. Goldin
William Gragen
Charles B. Gulick
Dorothy Hegeman
Margaret Holmes
Stewart Holmes
J. Harold Howard
Mrs. George L. Kirk
Ruth LaBrake
Paul Magoon
Florence Mitchell
Thomas Fuller
Eleanor Walker
John Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin

David Martin
Nancy Martin
Tommy Martin
Doris Newton
Herbert G. Ogden Jr.
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr.
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning
George Pearlstein
Ellen Russell
Scott Ross
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
John J. Valiquette
Thomas J. Valiquette
Lloyd Weeks
Elizabeth Weeks

These names, added to the 1969 list of members, are those that have been received by March 10, 1969.

STRAYED

One silver-colored pie-server never came home after our Annual Meeting. Anyone finding same please contact Vera Perkins, Tel. 773-2941.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

CASH ON HAND JAN. 1, 1968		\$ 2275.89
INSURANCE FOR LOSS OF SUNNYSIDE GIFTS	\$ 1000.00	
DUES	213.50	
INTEREST	151.50	
SALE OF GUIDE BOOKS	111.03	
TOTAL INCOME	19.50	
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		3771.42

EXPENSES

TRAILS AND SHELTERS	144.14	
OUTINGS	100.28	
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB	70.25	
SMOKE & BLAZES	59.50	
ANNUAL MEETING	46.24	
POSTAGE	13.98	
MISC. (Notebook, Paper, Telephone & Cards)	5.54	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<hr/>
		439.93
CASH ON HAND JAN. 1, 1969		<hr/>
		\$ 3331.49

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREASURER



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COMING HIKES

Where: Fire Hill, Pittsford, Vt.

When: Sun. June 22, 9:00 A.M.

The leader of this outing, Miss Ruth LaBrake has been very kind to offer the facilities of her family camp to the members of the Killington Section and their friends. It may be possible to drive all the way so we hope to see many there to enjoy the numerous short walks to nearby points of interest.

Also Mr. Weston hopes to be able to have a short meeting with interested members to formulate plans for the coming fall and winter program.***-----

MIDDLEBURY TO LINCOLN GAP

Nineteen (?) years ago this long holiday weekend members of the Killington Section started their work on the End to End award.

After seven long and hard years of hiking the trail, Mary, Vera and Craig Perkins finished but the rest of us are still working at it.

This July 4th we hope to go to

Skylight Pond Shelter on Friday night, Cooley Glen on Saturday and then a short walk to Lincoln gap on Sunday.

For more detailed information contact leader W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

CANOE TRIP ON THE OTTER CREEK

When: Saturday, July 19

Leader: B. & L. Weeks

Leave: 9:00 A.M. Meldon School

Last year's canoe trip proved so successful, another trip on the Otter Creek is planned for this summer. This will be a continuation for all those who wish to be Otter Creek "end to enders". We will put the canoes in the water at the Fish & Game access area west of Brandon on Route 73. From here we will paddle 15 mi. downstream through pleasant farm land to the Cornwall-E. Middlebury Road crossing near the jct. with the Middlebury River. For those who prefer a shorter trip canoes may leave the water at Leicester Jct., 5 mi. or the

Salisbury Station Road crossing at 11 mi.

Wildlife abounds along the river. Ducks, muskrats, and other birds and animals are frequently seen. Bring your lunch and canoe and come with us to enjoy this outing.

Where: Scrag Mt., Waitsfield, Vt.
When: Sun. Aug. 3, 9:00 A.M.

Here is a new hike for the more adventurous members. A trip of about 4 miles round trip. Should be rewarded with a fine view from the Fire Tower of mountains between Killington and Mansfield.

G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL

The 1969 G.M.C. Intersectional will be held in the Montpelier area Aug. 23 to Labor Day, Sept. 1.

For more information you may read again the May issue of the Long Trail News.

Let us all get behind the Montpelier Section and show them how very much we appreciate the work they have done to provide such an interesting program.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Killington Section, G.M.C. needs and requests the more active support of it's better than one hundred members in carrying out the program of planned activities for the ensuing year including hikes, work parties, etc.

We are very well aware that many of our members, for one reason or another, are prevented from a more active participation, and that many of you who read this are already committed to an active role in our program. To those of you ^{who} have the time: the interest: and the physical energy, we would greatly appreciate your services in helping to make our program more effective.

Our urgent need is for ~~Committee~~ Chairmen for each of the following:

Building Committee
Publicity Committee
Finance Committee
Planning Committee (Hikes, Etc.)

If you will be available and willing to serve as one of the above Chairman, please contact any one of the following for details:

W. F. Weston, Pres.
Box 514, Manchester Center
Vermont 05255, Tel: 362-1827

Dr. James H. Howard, V. Pres.
Stage Route, Mendon, Vt. 05701
Tel. 775-5350

W. Churchill Scott
132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt.
Tel: 775-5720

WINTER DAY AT TALL TIMBERS

By: Miriam Bell

Twenty-three people enjoyed a winter day on Saturday, March 15th, at Tall Timbers in Mendon, with Craigie and Mary Perkins offering the use of the new Recreation Hall to their guests.

It was a fine, mild day, with blue sky and sunshine appearing in the afternoon, giving excellent chances for photographic shots of heavy snow on giant evergreens nearby. It was beautiful wherever one looked.

The snowshoeing was ideal-snow knee-deep and soft. A good many people walked easily about on their snowshoes, both morning and afternoon, showing they kept in practice; one young fellow ran through the woods on snowshoes like an Indian!

It was a pleasure to welcome new hikers, Bob and Helen Robinson, recently from Salt Lake City, who are completing their new home nearby on Cream Hill Rd. Bob grew up in Rutland.

While the older crowd sat around the stoves visiting after lunch, the younger ones played games inside or built snowmen outside.

All day the mildness of the air suggested spring. What a lovely month March is in Vermont, at least on days like these in the snowy woods.

K.S. MEMBERS ON WINTER HIKE IN APR.

By: T. Gulick

With two experienced hikers from Charlotte, Vt., I attempted-and succeeded--hiking to Pico Camp the first weekend in April. Why such a challenge at this time of year? Read on!

Starting at Sherburne Pass on snowshoes, there was no difficulty in following blazes up to the Alpine Lift, the spring which was snow covered, and on up towards Pico Junction. At this elevation, about 2800 feet, the snow depth had reached the 6 ft mark thus covering up every other blaze. Closer towards Pico Junction all the blazes appeared obliterated. Counsel was held and we considered three alternatives: Camp where we were, go back to Rt. 4, or go on via the summit. The latter idea won, of course, so on we went to the top. Using the Guide Book Map, we sighted the direction of Pico Camp and plunged downward over 6-8' of snow finding only one blue blaze to reassure us we were O.K.

Reaching a small clearing (if you can believe such exists in this area at 8 ft. above ground,) and the correct elevation where we figured Pico Camp and the trail should be found, we set up a temporary camp site. Upon starting on a "sweep" of the area, the two youngsters both Boy Scouts, and I came upon the camp we were looking for. It was hidden from our stopping point by some evergreen.

Digging our way to the doorway of the shelter with snowshoes created some work, but once the door could be opened we tumbled inside with glee! Ample firewood greeted us, and food preparation began in earnest with sleep over-

taking us at an early hour.

Following a leisurely breakfast next morning we packed up, moved out and headed along the trail route, we think! Shortly we came upon our previous days tracks and completed the trip back to the Pass.

Recalling the event now, it seems unbelievable so much snow was piled up there! What a novelty to pick off dead branches from trees 12-14' above ground, right beside the camp. The forest appeared to be a groomed lawn interrupted only by well established trees. To top it off we had to climb down a six foot snow bank to water which managed not to become buried.

Labeling this overnight hike a success, we can proudly say we survived the Winter of '69.

ASCUTNEY TRAILS ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING

By: H. Ogden

Some 50 people attended the annual meeting of the Ascutney Trails Assoc. held at the Old Lodge, Ascutney Ski Area Sunday evening. Treasurer, Richard Burroughs reported a bank balance of close to \$400, and membership of some 25 supporting members and 50 shirt-sleeve members. Chairman Herbert Ogden reported on the year's activities which included the May picnic, construction of the Log Shelter on the Windsor Trail and the opening of two new side trails on the Wt. He previewed the forthcoming Picnic, to be held Saturday, May 10 and the preparations being made for an attendance of 400 or more. (1968 attendance: 200). Main event of the evening was an enthusiastically received slide program presented by Maurice LaFontaine of Claremont, showing Ascutney scenes and trail activities.

New directors elected from the floor were: Gary Burke, Brownsville; Dennis Fontaine, Claremont; Robert Morse, Springfield. At the Directors meeting later in the evening the following officers were re-elected:

Chairman: Herbert Ogden, Hartland;
Treasurer: Richard Burroughs,
Brownsville; Sec.: Arnold Clay,
Brownsville. Further arrangements
for the Picnic were discussed, with
emphasis on the providing of 1600
sandwiches.

ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL WORK PARTY

By: C. Scott

On a clear day in April Mr.
Hubert Lary, our member from
Rochester brought over a group of
high school students to spend the
day working on Clarendon Shelter.

It has been a long time since
our section has seen such a large,
active and busy group. And it does
seem very pleasant to see the looks
of the grounds and camp improve as
the day wore on.

The roof was patched, new stove
pipe and cap were added and fasten-
ed securely, the whole camp creos-
oted, the yard raked and barrel
after barrel of trash carted to
the dump.

The lone young lady started in
washing the windows (the first
time in years) and what an improve-
ment after which the floor and
table were given a thorough clean-
ing.

After lunch a short hike was
taken up to the graveyard and
then down the Lottery Road, over
Beacon Hill, back to camp and then
down the trail to the cars.

The Killington Section wants
to express our thanks to Mr. Lary
and his students for their very
well mannered conduct both at camp
and on the trail and for the tre-
mendous amount of work accomplished
in one day.

WORK PARTIES

By: C. Scott

A number of our scheduled work
parties did not materialize be-
cause of the more pressing demand
of aerial photo marking and also

rebuilding Sunnyside.

Gov. Clement was visited, bunks
repaired, window replaced in gazebo
brush cut and area cleaned up.

Clarendon was thoroughly taken
care of by Mr. Lary and his students
from Rochester High School.

Sunnyside area was cleared of
debris and made ready for a new
shelter by a number of new members
and their friends. On May 17 work
began in earnest when Sandy Stare
arrived on the scene. Since then
he, Ray Secor and many others have
worked long and hard to have Sunnyside
standing once again. And our
Vice. Pres. Doc Howard has finished
a new toilet house also.

Our most grateful thanks go to
Sandy and Ray and to the many
others who have been able to help
in some way.

THIRD ANNUAL MAY PICNIC

By: H. Ogden

In spite of some two feet of
snow on the upper trails, and
cold, cloudy, raw, windy weather
(especially up top), the May 10
ATA Picnic was well received:
some 330 people turned up. Since
well over half of them were child-
ren and since the primary purpose
of the ATA is to introduce young
people to hiking, the ATA feels
that the 60 people who contributed
to the day's success should feel
a glow of achievement. The picnic
committee had prepared for a crowd
of around 400. If the out-of-
staters who had turned up on the
previous Saturday (on account of
the VERMONT LIFE article) had
come on the right day and if the
weather had been even a little
less discouraging the tally would
have run well over that 400! Cost
of the picnic, when all bills are
in, will run around \$200.; this
still leaves some \$300. in the
treasury for other activities.
It was a pleasure to note that
there was hardly any cleaning up
to do at the picnic site, along

the trails or at the bottom parking lots. Youngest hiker was Ashley Bromley, 4, of Springfield. Oldest (as in the past 2 years) was Harold Austin, 73, of Woodstock. The menu included some 1800 sandwiches, 5 bushels of apples, 1000 cookies and 40 gallons of beverage.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS MARK
TRAIL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
BOY SCOUTS ASSIST.
By: T. Gulick

In early May, many GMC'ers in southern Vermont busied themselves marking the Appalachian Trail section of the L.T. for aerial photographing. The project resulted from passage of the National Trails bill by the last Congress in which the Appalachian Trail is included.

Killington Section was faced with late winter conditions making it almost impossible to place plastic strips used for markers. Nevertheless, K.S. members from Springfield, Churchill Scott, Doris Newton and President "Wes" covered Killington Section's portion of trail. This reported tackled the difficult section, only to be turned back by lingering snow starting just below Pico Junction.

However, the job eventually was completed and copies of photographs are scheduled to be returned for further identification by the trail marking teams. K.S. members.

Assisting on one of the trips were two members of Boy Scout Troop 317, Mt. Holly, who also helped with some trail clearing. Many thanks to you fellas, Gene Syria and Robert Link.

ANNUAL MEETING
By: Betty Weeks

The 1969 Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club was held on Saturday, May 31, at the Bavarian

Castle, Proctorsville, Vermont. With 149 registered we set a new attendance record.

Registration time with coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 A.M. was followed by the morning business session at 10:00 A.M. A panel discussion, moderated by Dave Otis, brought lively discussion. The panel, representing views of the local sections, officers of the club, and members-at-large raised some new ideas on the future relation of the club to the sections and its members.

A noon lunch was served at the Chopping Block. The afternoon session included reports from the various sections and committees. Shirley Strong of Burlington was elected president of the club for 1969-70.

Free moments between meetings were used for browsing in Dick Metcalfs' Swap Shop where used camping and sporting gear was sold and traded. People enjoyed the interesting exhibits on trail sign making, presented by Herbert Ogden, Sr.

Highlight of the afternoon session was the presentation of the "Golden Hatchet Award" by Better Camping Magazine to the Green Mountain Club, for contribution to outdoor living. The presentation was made by Catherine E. McMullen, editor of "Better Camping", and accepted by Roy Buchanan of Burlington. The award included \$100 and a trophy. The Better Camping Magazine had a lead story in its June Issue of the GMC award with the caption "Fifty-nine years on the Long Trail."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. After the late afternoon Trustees' Meeting, dinner was served at the Castle. The evening program in the Rathskeller featured Ronald Rood, well known nature writer and Vermont naturalist and lecturer.

SUNNYSIDE DEDICATION

By: W. Weston

On Sunday, June 1, 1969, over forty members of the Green Mountain Club from various sections and at-large, gathered in the vicinity of Spring Lake, Cuttingsville to dedicate the new Sunnyside Shelter. Many members had hiked in over the trail to attend the festivities. It was a very fine day, weatherwise. Ben Rolston, Co-ordinator for the project, made a few brief remarks having to do with the problems encountered in getting started, etc. and "Wes" Weston added words of appreciation to the many who assisted in the construction. Shirley Strong, newly elected President of the GMC performed the rite of dedication, using a plastic bag filled with water. In the process, she inadvertently doused "Sandy" Stare who was an innocent bystander. However, this harmless mishap was most appropriate as Sandy has been a most dedicated person in the building of Sunnyside. It seems proper to acknowledge the help that has been given by many of our members, in and out of the section. These include "Doc" Howard with his jeep; the indomitable Churchill Scott; Louis "Sandy" Stare, who gave unselfishly of his many days and energies; Ray Secor; Mauri Wintturi; Vic Randolph; Ben & Dorothy Rolston; Lloyd and Betty Weeks with a group from Springfield, Vt.; Rascal; Joey and others whom we may have missed because no daily record of attendance was kept. It is a good shelter and we hope many hikers will benefit from it's being there. Let us hope it is used but not abused.

BIRD MT. TRIP

By: Doris Newton

At last! We have made the crossing of Bird Mt. The day was pleasant, the bugs not too bad, and ten people turned out. Jim Frink decided his jeep could make the first two miles of the East side road, and with his skillful driving, so it did. Churchill guided us to the luncheon spring under the high ledges. As the lunch fire was building (just for atmosphere, not for heat, or even coffee!) the boys discovered an old shovel, and cleared out the spring.

Luncheon over, we were joined by a friend of Churchill's who had come up the west side with his sons. A scramble up the steep traces of the old trail in the little notch, and a walk up the summit ridge, with stops for the fine views to the east, brought us to the real summit, site of the old Masonic Monument, now completely grown over, and a bit further to the top of the southern cliff. Here we rested and studied the landscape, and were fortunate to have Jim explain the geology of the Taconic Range.

Then Mr. Woodruff guided us down the steep west side, again with some traces of a trail, out to the high pastures, and down to the west side road, the old main road to Poultney, now abandoned a mile or so beyond here. We turned east at the even more abandoned road that once circled the mountain under the cliffs, and rejoined the east road where Jim's jeep was a welcome sight. A visit to a most interesting geological sight, a perfect example of "folding" in a cliff on the shore of Glen Lake, again thru the courtesy of Jim and his jeep, ended a most satisfactory day of hiking.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names have been added from March 10 to June 3.

Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Hedrick Cahee
Christine Cahee
Frances Green
Mrs. Charles B. Gulick 11
William Gyorfi
Florence Herrick
Marsh Herrick
Richard Kennedy
George Reynolds
F. Robert Robinson
Helen Robinson
Bailey S. Weston
Wilbur F. Weston

OUTING & ACTIVITY IDEAS

Thanks to Terry for a very good form to fill out for those members who are anxious to have new places included on the outing schedule.

Last year our Otter Creek canoe trip was the result of this form and it was a new, and exciting experience for many of us. Lets' see if we can do as well this next time.

Also there is a section for those who are willing and able to work on trail and shelter upkeep. Also for anyone who would care to serve on the various committees.

Please return these forms as soon as possible to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

You will find the above forms on the next page.

IDEAS NEEDED!

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Outings & Activities

Please list below ideas of outing and activities which you think would be fun to have.

Type of Activity:

Where would it be held:

This activity is rated, in your opinion, as: Easy family hike _____

Adults Only _____ Difficult _____ Rugged _____ CHECK ONE

Other:

Special Equipment Needed:

I am willing to serve as leader of this activity: _____
Your name, if interested.

Projects

The following is a request for ideas and manpower potential for trail and shelter work and for fund raising projects.

I am willing to work on trails and shelters if called upon _____ Yes
_____ No

If the above answer is "Yes" please continue:

Days of the week I am most frequently available:

Season of the year I am most apt to be available:

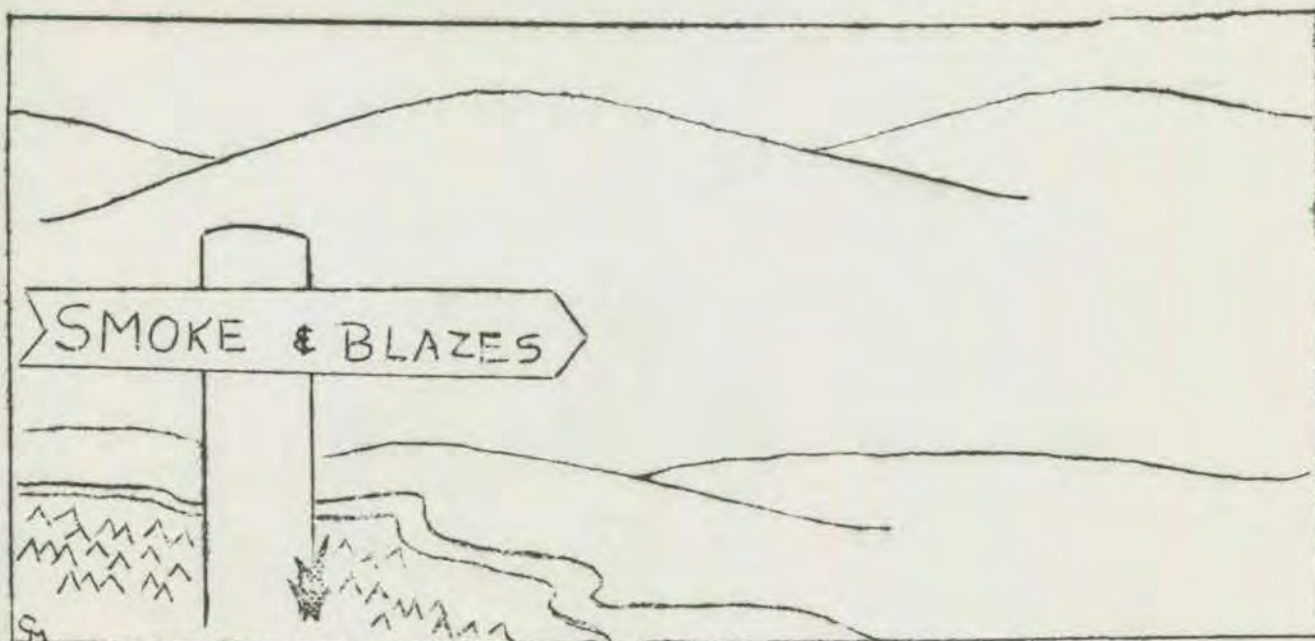
What particularly would you enjoy doing in trail and shelter Work?

Would you be able to assist Trails & Shelters Chrm, in directing work projects?

Would you be interested and willing to work on fund raising projects such as the Rummage Sale held in recent years?

What would you suggest for other fund raising projects?

Your Name _____



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COMING HIKES

WHERE: COOPER LODGE-TAMARACK
SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Sept 27, 9:00 A.M.

Here is a chance to see what the Vt. Forest and Parks have done to repair Cooper Lodge. Also we hope to visit the newest shelter in our section, Tamarack Shelter and see what a good job the Farm and Wilderness Camps did. The plans are to hike up the chair lift or ride it and walk to the shelters.

WHERE: JOHNSON SHELTER

WHEN: Sun. Oct. 5, 1:00 P.M.

This new open front shelter will replace Tucker now that the beech tree finally fell on it. Located about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Willard Gap this will be the scene of a new plan for outings. We hope to have a few trips begin in the P.M. and have supper.

WHERE: EAST MOUNTAIN

WHEN: Sun. Oct. 12. 10:00 A.M.

A good family trip is this short walk through the Dyer meadows to the summit overlooking Rutland. We all hope that Vera can make this

trip and with Harold along to show the way it should be an enjoyable day.

WHERE: COVERED DISH SUPPER,
BEECHWOOD

WHEN: Sat. Oct. 18. 6:00 P.M.

The most delightful day of the fall schedule will be held at Beechwood through the kindness of the Perkins family. As always we can come early and enjoy some walks in the nearby woods.

WHERE: MERCK FOREST, RUPERT, VT.

WHEN: Sat. Oct. 25. 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Weston has received permission from the caretaker of the Merck Forest Preserve to use its facilities. There are a few open front shelters along the various hiking trails and it is full moon time so hopefully we would like to plan for all those who are able to make this an overnight trip.

WHERE: PITTSFORD ICE CAVES

WHEN: Sun. Nov. 2. 1:00 P.M.

Another afternoon outing with a short walk to an old favorite spot. Let's try to have a good crowd this trip and will try to go the right way.

WHERE: CLARENDON LODGE

WHEN: Sat. Nov. 15, 10:00 A.M.

If this shelter has not been repaired for the winter camping season before, now will be a good time so everybody should come in their work clothers.

NEW OUTING SCHEDULE

By: C. Scott

The new Fall and Winter Outing Schedule is enclosed with this issue of Smoke & Blazes. Additional copies are available from Craigie Perkins, Harold Valiquette, Dr. J. Harold Howard or Churchill Scott.

If there are any new hikes desired please fill out and return the questionnaire which was included in the last issue of Smoke & Blazes. So far only 2 out of almost 80 have been received and it is very difficult to make up an interesting outing schedule unless we get some help and new suggestions from the members.

THE NEW SUNNYSIDE CAMP

By: Ben Rolston

&

Frances Roberts

The fire. The need. The offer. The planning. The workers. The construction. The Dedication. And the first customers.

The fire last August brought an urgent need for a new Sunnyside Camp. Plans were made for the Long Trail Patrol to build the new camp this summer.

Then along came Sandy Stare of Cape Cod, the GMC'er who, in 1965, built Lost Pond Shelter at his home and brought it to Vermont for assembly on the Long Trail north of Baker Peak. Sandy decided that he'd like to build another shelter.

Then along came Ben Rolston, who persuaded Sandy to direct his shelter-building efforts toward

the construction of our Sunnyside Camp.

Visits with Craigie, Churchill, Terry and others completed the arrangements. Killington would design the camp, Sandy would specify the materials, and Killington would purchase them. Then Sandy would go to work.

We assembled at the site on May 17. Sandy, Ben, Ray Secor, Churchill, Terry, President Weston, John Himmelberger, and Ben's friend Don MacKellar. Plus Kathy Hayes and Dorothy Rolston to cheer us on. We prepared the site as we waited for the lumber to arrive. And we waited. No lumber. Finally our healthy work party disbanded, much disappointed. I can imagine Churchill's chagrin (for want of a better word) when he arrived home and found the lumber in his yard!

During the next week, the lumber company moved the lumber to the end of the field, where it should have been moved on May 17. Sandy, Wes, Churchill and Doc Howard moved the lumber in to the site with Doc's jeep. Sandy began work on the foundation, and floor joists. His helpers returned, and by the 24th quite a bit of the framework had been erected.

The morning of the 24th Sandy, Ray, Ben, Irving White and his son Eric went to work on the rafters and other phases of construction, and were later joined by Mauri Wintturi. That night they all camped in the field by the access road.

Sunday, May 25th, the area became crowded with workers! Let Frances Roberts tell you about it. (I'll be back later.)

The last Sunday in May brought back memories of barn raisin' days when 22 people and 2 dogs met to help rebuild Sunnyside camp. Most of the party were dressed for a cold, raw day with threats of showers, but it turned out to be just the opposite. The men who worked up on the roof during the

late morning and early afternoon can vouch for that. There were bugs around, too--but they could have been worse. Perhaps the smoke from the fire under that big, black hulk of a coffeepot helped.

The four women in the party cleared out some thorn bushes, picked up scraps of glass and rusty tin cans, and, of course, gave freely of their good advice to the carpenters. Karen and Allen Randolph panned for fool's gold in the spring, while baby brother Warren meandered over heaps of debris, stopping now and then to hug the muddy dogs--the muddier the better!

Meanwhile, back at the camp, the men pounded and sawed and swarmed all over the roof. Those working down below handed up nails, hammers and roofing, and propped each other up on jobs where the ladder couldn't quite reach.

The photographers kept busy, too. Betty Weeks added to her collection of GMC pictures. Ray Secor got a fascinating shot of Vic Randolph up on the ridgepole a picture all but Vic felt should be kept for posterior-ty.

In the late afternoon the work party broke up, leaving the Hero of Sunnyside Camp Raisin', Louis (Sandy) Stare, still pounding away on the roof. I suspect each one of us went home with the "let's do it more often" feeling that comes from a day of good fellowship and accomplishment.

Registered for this May 25th work party were Cliff and Carol Farrington, Ray Secor, Kim Scott, W.C. Scott, Doc Howard, Kay Howard Dick and Frances Roberts, Vic and Lois Randolph, Mauri Wintturi, Ben Rolston, Eric E. White, Irving E. White, Louis Stare, Fred Herrick, Betty and Lloyd Weeks. Also, Suki and Tawna, who signed the register with their paw prints.

(Rolston's back again)

During that next week, more lumber arrived. Sandy continued work, assisted by Churchill, Wes, Doc, and Vic Randolph, with visits by George Pearlstein and others.

Then a short pause for Memorial Day and the GMC Annual Meeting, which Sandy attended for the first time.

Sunday morning, June 1st, Sandy was back at it again, with the help of Ray Secor and Don Wallace. In the meantime, a dedication hike was in progress! A few cheated and came in the short way. But the majority made the trip in from Route 140 (and after the dedication continued on to Route 103).

What a crowd! Over 40 adults, plus some children and canine participants. During the height of the activities, the clearing was filled with GMC'ers and guests enjoying a fine day and an interesting assortment of lunches.

Ben started the ceremony with a history of old Sunnyside Camp and the details of Sandy's shelter-building experiences.

Just then, with perfect timing, Killington President Weston arrived to take part in the ceremony and to give Killington's greetings to those assembled.

Then our new GMC President, Shirley Strong, performed her FIRST official duty - she christened the new Sunnyside Camp with Green Mountain Champagne (cold, clear water from the nearby spring.) And in the spirit of the occasion, Sandy got christened too!

One by one, our friends went up the Trail. A few stayed on to work. Just as we were leaving, Sunnyside Camp got its first customers-- a young couple who were hiking the Appalachian Trail northward from Tennessee. They had great praise for our Long Trail and its fine shelters, and were pleased to be the first to use new Sunnyside Camp.

Sandy and Ray stayed on a few more days, to put the finishing touches on the camp. Now it is ready for hikers. We hope that they will enjoy using it as much as we all enjoyed building it. And the Killington Section extends thanks to all those who helped, and especially to Sandy Stare who donated a

much of his time to this special project. A fine job done, Sandy!

CANOE TRIP

By: Betty Weeks

On Saturday, July 19, five canoes and fourteen enthusiastic canoeists met at the Fish and Game access area on Route 73 west of Brandon for a day's trip on the Otter Creek. The weather couldn't have been better and everyone was in good spirits as we launched our canoes on the placid creek. At the access ~~area~~ we were surprised to find members of the Connecticut Section just breaking camp and preparing for a two day trip on the creek. Our party swelled to nine canoes, but the heavily loaded ones from Connecticut soon fell far behind.

Terry Gulick served as navigator, plotting our location on topographical maps.

Majestic trees, including silver maples, line the bank giving one a feeling of seclusion from the outside world. The banks are usually steep and covered with tall ferns. Occasionally we would catch a glimpse of the Green Mountains through drainage ditches which had been cut through the banks. Though a great deal of the area surrounding this part of the creek is swamp land, you see little evidence of this from the water. Perhaps the swarms of stinging flies which troubled us came from the surrounding swamps. Muskrats and sandpipers were frequently seen.

After passing under the bridge at Leicester Junction, we heard no sound of civilization for many miles.

Beyond a railroad bridge we beached our canoes in a drainage ditch and in cool shade beside a corn field, we ate lunch. Even though we took the faithful coffee pot for the ride, we all agreed it

was too hot for coffee.

Continuing along the Creek we encountered several log jams. Many of them like floating islands alive with vegetation. In one place we had to push aside debris before we could proceed.

We were amazed at our rapid progress in spite of the relative slow current in this section. All too soon we reached our destination and the end of an eleven mile trip at the single lane covered bridge at Salisbury Station.

August 18, 1969

AFTER A DECADE, IT'S FINE

By: T. Gulick

End-to-end recognition was extended in July to Killington Section member Ray Secor of Schenectady, N. Y. Hiking 9.8 miles of Long Trail from Middlebury Gap to Brandon Gap, the GMCer completed the 260-mile trail July 6, 1969.

On hand to greet Ray on Mt. Horrid were Ben and Dorothy Rolston, Sandy Stare of Cape Cod, Mass., and Terry Gulick. This reception committee accompanied the new end-to-ender to Brandon Gap where congratulations were extended.

Secor began his hiking ventures some 10 years ago with the encouragement of multi-end-to-ender Rolston.

GMC PLAQUE IS O.K.

By: T. Gulick

The James P. Taylor plaque is o.k! Though located on a rock just outside the Old Long Trail Lodge, destroyed by fire last November, it was not affected.

Originally, the plaque commemorating GMC's founder was on a ledge at the foot of Deer's Leap, but was relocated a few years ago when it became detached from the original site.

CHURCHILL MADE IT! SANDY DID TOO!

By: T. Gulick

After two attempts last year, K. S. Secretary-Treasurer, W. Churchill Scott assaulted and conquered the Long Trail between Route 15 in Johnson and Sterling Lodge, and became Killington Section's latest end-to-ender.

An impromptu celebration was held at the home of Doc & Kay Howard in Mendon, Aug. 10 in honor of the occasion.

Also receiving congratulations was Sandy Stare of Bass River, Mass., as he, too, completed hiking the L.T. in late July.

Churchill began his hiking career as a youngster in 1928 with a trip up Killington. He completed his trek on the trail sometime Saturday August 9. Hiking north from Smuggler's Notch last November in an attempt to finish the Trail, he was turned back at Sterling Lodge because of bad weather.

Churchill has served for several years as the Section's Secretary-Treasurer, has served as Trustee to the main Club, and tended to many tasks relating to the Section's affairs.

Sandy is spending this summer in Vermont and between hikes on the L.T. he has built the new Sunnyside Shelter and assisted the L.T. Patrol in constructing the new Johnson Shelter north of Tucker Lodge.

He states he hopes to visit Ascutney, Steamtown in Bellows Falls, the Northeast Kingdom, and other places of interest in Vermont before returning home about October 1.

This new end-to-ender is the donar of Lost Pond Shelter, located south of F S Road 10 in Danby.

COOPER LODGE HAS NEW LOOK

By: T. Gulick

The Killington Hotel has gone, the old stone shelter went into history, but it appears Cooper Lodge will be around a while. The reason: Forests & Parks Dept. personnel are replacing almost all the wooden portions of the structure, originally built in the 1930's. Featured in the new construction is a new roof, new plexiglass windows, a new door, and other improvements such as bunks.

With the cooperation of Sherburne Corporation, operators of the large ski area on Killington, The Vermont Dept. of Forests & Parks has been able to arrest the deteriorating condition of the 30 year old camp.

Ben Hoffman, coordinator of the project for F & P., inspected the camp earlier this summer and with other officials including GMC members, decided the repair job was in order rather than abandoning the camp. He stated that Sherburne Corporation officials expressed a desire to see Cooper Lodge retained. The renovation took place during August.

How valuable is Vermont land? A would-be Vermonter, upon visiting the state recently, was alleged to have been talking to a native about the possibilities of purchasing a piece of Vermont. The native agreed that this might be a nice idea. But when the prospective buyer stated he thought he would like to begin small by buying about \$500.00 worth, the native suggested that he, the prospective buyer, locate a wheelbarrow, bring around and he, the native, would be happy to load it up!

INTERSECTIONAL 1969

Due to School meetings for John the first part of intersectional week the Martin's had a very short camping trip this year....a one night stand. Vera and Carrie Burchardt went along with the seven Martins so we had a car full! Somewhere Vera and Janet had read that the camp was in Randolph so we went from Randolph to Randolph looking for it....even went to see the floating bridge in Brookfield. Finally with the help of the Congregational Minister's wife in Randolph and a call to Killington Section Member Helen Frink we were sent further north to Northfield and found the camp site without further trouble!

What a beautiful stream and waterfall from the mill pond. We camped close by and were lulled to sleep by the soft music of the water. The evening program was slides of some of the 46ers in the Adirondacks and some of the Appalachian Trail south in Virginia. Afterward the Martin party sat around and listened to the girls sing and play their guitars and popped some corn.

In the morning we reluctantly took down the tent and left right after lunch. Tom tried his hand at fishing but was not very successful. After some more adventuring in the car...we succeeded in losing all the water out of the radiator and had to inch our way by coasting down the hills into Sharon-we managed to deliver Carrie home and got ourselves back to Rutland.

BALD MT. TRAIL By: Janet Martin

The State Dept. of Forests and Parks has completed the trail up Bald Mt. east of Rutland over both summits, by the bog and out onto the Red Rocks Ledges. Eventually they expect to complete a circle trail so that one can go

along an easy grade following several old logging roads or ascent more quickly by the Girl Scout - Forest Service trail which is now completed and blazed with blue paint. It is .8 mile to the summit and 1.5 miles to Red Rocks. The views are lovely and this would be a lovely fall hike. Look for a write up on it in the Forest Festival Week edition of the Rutland Herald.

----- NOTES ON SOME OF OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW IN COLLEGE By: Janet Martin

Judy Paul spent the summer working at Camp Betsy Cox for Jean Davies. She had charge of all tripping from the camp and from reports of GMC'ers who met her groups on the trail she was doing an excellent job. This is one camp which sends out small groups only... I understand they had to sleep out in the rain one night because there was such a large group in the shelter. Judy is now back at UVM for her Soph. year.

Sue Pfenning is studying nursing at UVM.

Sue Crighton is at Jackson College in Mass.

Carrie Burchardt is at Harpur in New York State. She spent her second summer on the staff of Silver Towers, the Vt. camp for Retarded children.

FIRE HILL

By: Ruth Fostman

On Sunday June 22nd about fifteen members and others drove to Ruth LaBrakes' camp in Florence. It was a beautiful June day.

Some of the real energetic ones started out to hike to the top of the mountain, but they didn't find it so came back.

We had our picnic lunch on the lawn in front of the camp beside the babbling brook.

A family of four from Sherburne were in the party for lunch. Mr. Frink had some small samples of fuchite stone and gave us each one.

Some of us explored the pasture looking for wild strawberries but found only a few. However we were rewarded by our walk down the road. On one side of it we found several wild orchids. We were not sure at first as they were in bud, but we found later at least Eleanor Walker and Ruth LaBrake said they were truly orchids.

Our President Wilbur Weston called a short meeting to discuss the changing of the by-laws by having the members vote on questions instead of by committees.

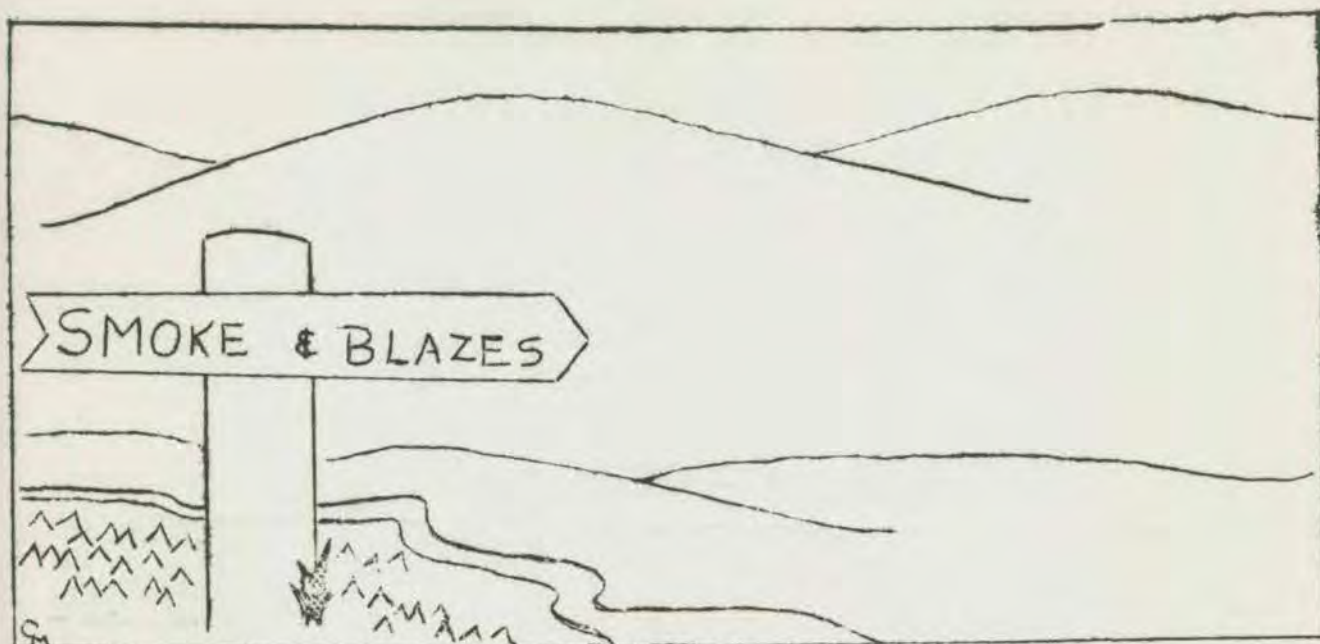
It is lovely country around the camp and we all enjoyed it and Ruths hospitality and hoping we will be invited again.

Please send the Articles for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701 by November 17.

NEW MEMBERS

The following names have been added from June 4 to Sept. 20, 1969.

Faith Bartlett
Eleanor W. Blaskovich
Warren Crowley
Rosamond Crowley
Carolyn Crowley
Nancy Crowley
Andrew Hayes
Kathy Hayes
Andrew Hayes, jr.
Chris Hayes
Sherry Hayes
H. Minerva Hinchey
Kay Howard
Margaret A. Ransom
Richard Roberts
Frances Roberts
Kathy Roberts
John Walsh
Jill Walsh
Peter Walsh
Anne Walsh
Holly L. Weston



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COMING HIKES

WHERE - SUNNYSIDE SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Feb. 21, 3:00 P.M.

Another try for a moon light snowshoe hike and this time we will promise the folks from Springfield we'll be where we are supposed to be when we are supposed to be.

WHERE - JALLINGFORD POND

WHEN: Sun. Mar. 8 10:00 A.M.

Memories of a beautiful fall trip bring us back here by snowshoes to see what this area looks like in winter.

WHERE - GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

WHEN: Sat. Mar. 21 10:00 A.M.

Plan to bring a warm sleeping bag, stay overnight and explore some more town roads on Sunday providing the weather is not too cold.

WHERE - PICO POND

WHEN: Sun. April 5 10:00 A.M.

Here is a spot we have not visited for years. We hope to snowshoe over old road from Long Trail Lodge and return on dirt road to U.S. # 4.

WHERE - CLARENDON LODGE

WHEN: Sat. Apr. 18 10:00 A.M.

A favorite spot to spend the night and enjoy a pancake breakfast which used to be an annual affair with the Killington Section so many years ago.

The annual meeting of the Killington Section will be held in April.

Everyone will be notified by mail of the exact date.

Please send the Articles for the next issue of Smoke & Blazes to Betty Gilman, 52 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701 by April 22. I will try to do much better than I did this time.

EAST MOUNTAIN

By: Kathy Hayes

On Sunday, October 12, G.M.C. ers Dorothy Kirk, Churchill Scott, "Doc" Howard, Louie Catozzi, Kathy Hayes, and Sherry, Andy and Chris Hayes ventured to East Mountain during what was termed "the most Brilliant weekend of the foliage season". The understatement of the day!! It was a perfect day, warm and sunny. We left our cars on the old road and walked up an old abandoned road across the swamp. Upon stopping for water and a short rest "Doc" decided he would return home and help his wife with the foliage crowd. The rest of us continued through what was once a large meadow, and on through considerable woodsy area where we stopped for lunch, then continued on to the summit, which gave us a beautiful view of Rutland and surrounding areas. We noted that the ferns and plant life were still very green for this time of year, due to lack of damaging frosts so far. We saw several clusters of huge shelf fungi and many, many varieties of lichens, mushrooms, fungi and what have you.

After a drink of mountain dew and a short rest we made our way back to the cars and by of the Wheelerville Road (stopped to look at an old family cemetery also) back to Route #4 and Rutland. TIRED but happy with our trip.

CLARENDON LODGE

By: Doris Newton

After two weeks of rain, forecast of mere snow-squalls promised almost a pleasant day, and so it proved. Churchill, Cathy Hayes, her two small-fry, their young guest and myself, went in to Clarendon. We found three deer hunters in residence, and the cabin warm in spite of the missing windows. (removed for repairs!).

Without them not much could be done about preparing the cabin for winter, so, with a clear conscience, we decided to climb the little hill with the interesting cliff, then to bushwhack around and down the other side. After this, lunch back at the cabin was very welcome.

As we left, the sun came out (why couldn't it have cleared while we were on the hill?) and on the way down we met a jeep bearing Terry Gulick and friends armed with shovels and rakes to clean up operations at the dump.

The day was still young so we decided to visit parts of the Mill River Gorge. With the fairly high water following the rains, this proved a good finale to a pleasant day.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT
By: Sue Pfenning

" Pray, people, to purchase this paper, partly to pay for the price of printing and publishing....."

After more than a week of perfect weather, previous picnics have proven a peculiar phenomenal predisposition of precipitation, a promise of a pernicious and piercing blizzard, or perhaps even a possible hurricane (who can tell what's next in Vermont?!). Particularly if you're planning on a hike Sunday, right? Well, that's what we expected, but when the sun was still shining and the air was still, even though Saturday, we all sort of held our breath and hoped it could hold out one more day. Yes, Nature is full of surprises, and Sunday turned out to be the most beautiful day you could ask for.

Twenty-one men, women, children, a jeep and a dog made their way up the road to Governor Clement Shelter on November 30th. It was slightly iced-over already covered by a light coating of snow that was falling softly all around us, making the conditions ideal for slippery boots and a running start at the top of a steep hill, ending with a crash into the nearest snowbank (or tree), but not so ideal for the cars. The air was still, there was no wind at all, so we didn't really notice the temperature while we were hiking. But sit still in a damp shelter just long enough to catch your breath and sign the register, and you'll undoubtedly find yourself jumping around gathering fire-wood faster than you can say "Snodgrass Memorial Outhouse".

All in all, it was a beautiful day well spent, well worth remembering. The snow kept falling all through the day. It's too bad there weren't more of you there to enjoy it. Rachael Carlson once said, while reflecting on a quiet summer night spent looking at the sky and the stars through the clear darkness, " It occurred to me that if this were a sight that could be seen only once in a century or even once in a human generation, this little headland would be thronged with spectators. But it can be seen many scores of nights in any year, and so the lights burned in the cottages and the inhabitants probably gave not a thought to the beauty overhead and because they could see it almost any night perhaps they will never see it."

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER
By: Virginia Day

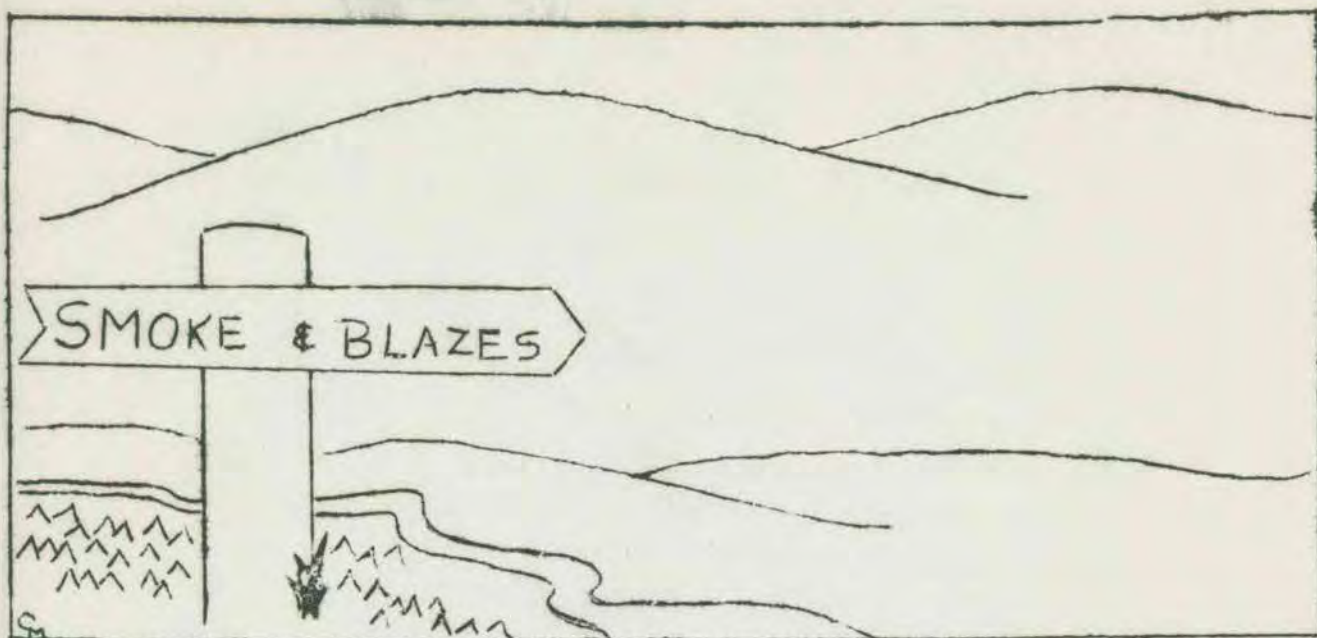
Sunnyside Shelter was the setting for the Moonlight Hike on December 21st. Dick and Frances Roberts and Lloyd and Betty Weeks, early Springfield arrivals at the shelter, welcomed the Canes and Dags and dogs Nicky and Trierer with a toasty cabin and greeting. Following supper, another hike in the pale moonlight led to the spot overlooking the Christmas lights in Rutland. While retracing their steps back to the Shelter, the ladies paused in the white Christmasy stillness and sang "Silent Night". Rutland friends were missed but a warm cabin was left in case they came in later.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

This issue of Smoke & Blazes is the last that will be sent to 1969 members of the Killington Section.

Dues of \$2.00 for adults, ..50¢ for children are now payable for 1970 to W. Churchill Scott 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701

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Herbert Ogden, Jr.
Kevin Abbott
Kimberly Abbott



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COMING HIKES

WHERE - TONGUE MOUNTAIN

WHEN: On Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, an overnight trip will be made in the Lake George area. We will drive to the west side of the lake and hike about 3.5 miles on an easy trail to an open front shelter. The group will leave the Main Street park area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13.

WHERE - BENNINGTON

WHEN: On September 12 and 13, several sections of the Green Mountain Club are getting together for a Trail Building Party in the Bennington Section area on their new route for the Long Trail. The Pioneer Valley Section has extended an invitation to anyone who would to join them. The new route will go over Bald Mountain in some wild and interesting country that should be fun to explore.

The time to meet for the trail building party is at 10 a.m. on both days at the crossing of the Long Trail on Route 9, 4 miles east of Bennington and 4 miles west of Woodford.

SCHEDULES

Our new Outing Chairman, Ed Trzesniowski, has drawn up a new fall and winter schedule, see the last page of this issue of Smoke and Blazes.

KILLINGTON SECTION

G. M. C.

Special Meeting

Friday Evening, September 11, 1970
CVPSC Company Room, Grove Street,
Rutland, Vermont,
7:00 to 9:30 or 10:00 p.m.

TO:

Hear reports of officers and
committee chairmen
RESOLVE CLARENDON SHELTER DILEMMA
Consider new business

TRAIL CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 28, saw the Cahee's and Robert's of Springfield attend the annual Trail Conference held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The afternoon session featured of several workshops running simultaneously on matters of trail use and maintenance. This turned out to be one of the most constructive sessions in recent years. An outstanding slide presentation on trail erosion and efforts to improve conditions sparked active discussion in one workshop.

The evening portion was a most interesting show of glass slides including many taken before the year 1900. Interesting views of trails and climbing in the White Mountains during that period held the attention of the near capacity audience. The efforts needed for people to get to the mountains and then to the trails in those days proves the enthusiasm of the early hikers.

We congratulate the Program Committee for the fine planning this year.

THANK YOU

A big "thank you" from the Killington Section goes to those Junior members and friends who helped so efficiently at our Sugar-on-Snow Party: Carol, Nancy, and Betsy Martin; Louise Coolidge; Candy Scott; Bonnie Bride; Johnny Allard; and Henry Carpenter.

Thanks should go also to our always dependable standbys, "T" Valiquette, Janet and Jack Martin, and Churchill Scott.

TINMOUTH MOUNTAIN

BY: Doris Newton

Have you ever noticed, as you studied the Taconic Range from some Green Mountain viewpoint, or from Route 7, on a winter day, that small white clearing on a summit south of Mt. Herrick? It has seemed to some of us that it would be a very sightly spot and would reward a trip up there some day. Well, we have now been up, and it met all our expectations, tho it proved to be "Mt. Susie" rather than Tinmouth.

Three of us from Rutland and two from Manchester met in Wallingford, proceeded to Tinmouth, then along the road to a farm which seemed a good take-off point. A very pleasant climb followed. The ridge was steep, but as the going was thru open hard woods, the traveling was not difficult. Because of the unusually warm weather all the spring flowers seemed to be coming out together, and, as always, this was one of the delights of the trip.

From the summit there is a fine view particularly to the south and east. We all enjoyed the trip so much we decided "Susie" must go on the list of places to be revisited, with perhaps a little exploration to find a route a bit less steep.

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER

BY: Betty Weeks

There were eight of us from Springfield on the Moonlight Hike to Sunnyside February 21. A young couple from Hartford, Connecticut, were there when we arrived. They planned to spend the night there with two small children. They had snowshoed up on the hill to the south of the camp with us and a group from Rutland in the afternoon.

OTTER CREEK CANOE TRIP

BY: Betty Weeks

On Saturday, July 25, ten canoes and twenty-five canoeists enjoyed the third annual canoe trip on the Otter Creek.

The canoes, loaded with children, dogs, and lunches, were launched at the city dock in Vergennes. The day was hot but beautiful. The cool shade of tremendous willows along the shore and a gentle breeze kept the paddlers comfortably cool on their way downstream. The creek was very wide and fully banked, backed up by the waters of Lake Champlain. Fields and pastures rolled down to the creek in many places. There were camps and cottages with boat houses along the banks. We met several boats and visited with an occasional fisherman. It was down this waterway, in the War of 1812, that Gen. Thomas MacDonough took his fleet of warships to meet and defeat the British in Lake Champlain.

At noon we stopped for lunch on the bank where the Dead Creek enters Otter Creek, 4 1/2 miles below Vergennes. It was too hot for coffee, so again the coffee pot went along only for the ride.

As we paddled under the bridge and into Dead Creek, we went into a very different area. The trees gave way to tall reeds and water grasses with swamp land and fields on either side. This is part of a wild life preserve maintained by the State of Vermont. The water was pondlike as the name suggests. Water flowers, including quantities of white water lilies and beds of blue pickerelweed, blossomed everywhere. Killdeer, tern, and swallows swooped overhead. We could hear the scolding of the swamp wren and the raucous cackling of the gallinule in the reeds. Occasionally a gull or kingfisher dipped to the water to catch a fish. We passed several nesting boxes but saw only a few ducks that flew off in the distance.

In spite of the heat, the three miles up Dead Creek went very quickly, and all too soon we had beached our canoes at the Vergennes-Panton road crossing. The congenial company and the beautiful surroundings made this a most successful outing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wishes to thank the many members who have contributed during the past year. Their help allows us to maintain the Trail and Shelters as well as possible. The Richard Roberts family, the Harriot Bryant Family, H. G. Ogden, Jr., Fran Green, Helen Frink, and Lincoln Isham.

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The August issue of The Long Trail News should be out by now. If any member of the section did not get their copy, please notify W. C. Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

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Please send articles for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes to Mrs. Marilyn S. Clemenson, 45 Piedmont Parkway, Rutland, VT 05701 by the end of December. By then we should be reorganized!

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MEMBERSHIP LIST

John Allard - Rutland VT
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 Kim Abbott, Kimberly Abbott -
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969

INCOME

Cash on hand at January 1, 1969-----	\$3,331.49
Dues from members-----	168.00
Interest on Savings Account-----	129.11
Contributions-----	120.50
Credit Gilmore Lumber Company-----	37.50
Guide Book Sales-----	19.50
TOTAL INCOME-----	\$3,825.60

EXPENSES

Sunnyside Shelter Construction-----	\$ 742.71
Trails and Shelters-----	87.52
Paid to main club (guide books, patches, dues)-----	67.50
Outing Committee-----	66.20
Smoke and Blazes-----	62.80
Pres. W. F. Weston's expenses-----	46.54
Miscellaneous expenses-----	24.67
Telephone charges-----	22.44
Postage-----	19.60
Annual Meeting-----	5.60
TOTAL EXPENSES-----	\$1,139.58

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1969-----\$2,686.02

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Harriot Bryant, Lethia Bryant,	Dorothy Hegeman - New York NY
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Kathy Hayes, Andrew Hayes, Jr.,	Martin, Nancy Martin, Nancy
Chris Hayes, Sherry Hayes -	Martin, Tommy Martin - Rutland VT
Castleton VT	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Pilot Project, suggested by Herb Ogden at the last Section meeting on June 27, 1970, and endorsed by those present, has progressed to completion. The idea of eliminating dumps, the first of its kind in the annals of GMC history (I think), began with a bang on Saturday, July 11, when 22 members converged on the Clement shelter eyesore and obliterated it in short order, using Herb Ogden's truck to convey the contents to a legitimate site. Also standing by to assist in the mobile part of the action was Lloyd Weeks and Jim Frink with their vehicles. Once begun, the idea of cleaning out the debris at shelter locations became a Section obsession, and on Saturday, July 18, while Irving White labored to build us a chimney at Sunnyside, others of the assembled group cleaned out the unsightly rubbish and we were two down and four to go. Came yet another Saturday, and the "unsinkable" Herb Ogden with the help only of a backhoe and its operator did away with the contents of the trash heap at Clarendon Shelter. This action was the result of a sudden decision, and, due to a previously planned canoe trip, it was not possible to get the assistance of other members of the Section.

In the following weeks, the remaining three dumps were systematically divested of their smelly contents by various members of the Section.

As part of the overall plan of the Pilot Project, barrels were placed at road crossings by the Highway Department, Churchill Scott, and Herb Ogden. As far as possible, these barrels were so located as to be seen by hikers on the trail but obscured from view of traffic on the highways. The President of the GMC, Shirley Strong, has taken special notice of this particular action, and our work will no doubt be the example that other Sections will follow.

It is hoped that in due course, all shelters on the Long Trail will be scraped clean of all unsightly refuse in the non-too-distant future. Signs such as Herb Ogden provided us will be in evidence to remind the users of the shelters as to what has been done and to suggest to them that they do the same.

- W. Weston

MEMBERSHIP LIST (cont.)

Margot McKinney, Kathy, McKinney
- Pcultney VT
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Linda Rozowicz - New York NY
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- Rutland VT
Ray Secor - Schenectady NY
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Louis Stare - Bass River, Mass
Edward Trzesniowski - Rutland VT
Harold Valiquette, Thelma
Valiquette, John J. Valiquette,
Thomas J. Valiquette - Rutland
Florence Van Wyck - Wallingford
Charles Wade - Wallingford VT
Eleanor Walker - Rutland VT
Lloyd Weeks, Elizabeth Weeks -
Springfield VT

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Wilbur Weston, Mrs. Bailey S.
Weston - Rutland VT

Lorna Whitehouse - Brandon VT
Holly L. Weston - Raleigh NC
Carleton Wilson - Rutland VT

HIKING SCHEDULE
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

WINTER '70

SPRING '71

SEPTEMBER

	LAKE GEORGE	11	12
13			
	TAMARACK SHELTER	26	
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OCTOBER

		WHITE ROCKS (C)	
4	MT CARMEL	10	
	COVERED DISH SUPPER	17	
	MERK FOREST	24	
25			

NOVEMBER

	DORSET CAVE		
8	CAMEL'S HUMP (C)	14	
	CLARENDON LODGE	28	
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DECEMBER

	MT HORRID (C)	5	
	PICO CAMP	19	
20			

JANUARY

3	BLUE RIDGE		
	GRAMPA'S KNOB	16	
24	SUNNYSIDE		

FEBRUARY

7	MT PHILO		
	STRATTON POND (E-E)	19	20
21			

MARCH

	HIKE - MEETING FOR CARAVAN		
7	TO MT. WASHINGTON, N. H.		
	RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN		
	FOR PINKHAM NOTCH CAMP		

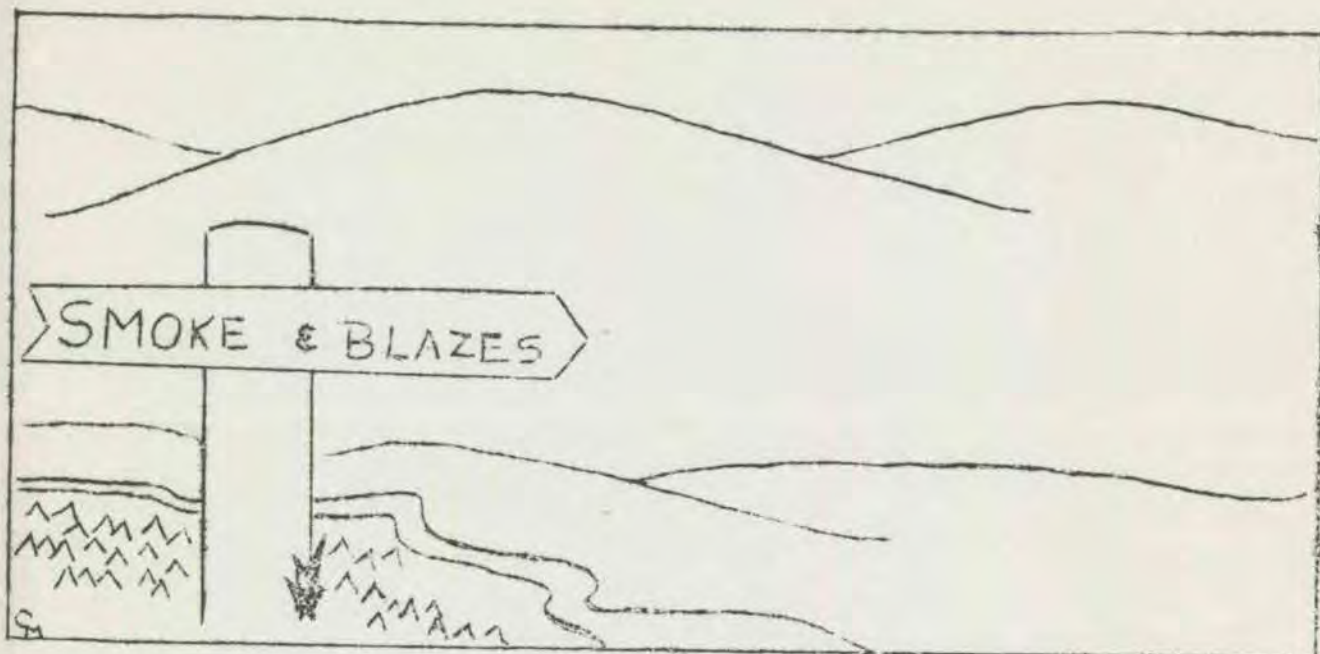
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SHARE YOUR SLIDES OR MOVIES: AN OVERNIGHT IN IGLOO OR SNOW CAVE; JANUARY THAW
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(C) CLIMBING



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Killington Section of The Green Mountain Club is very grateful for the contributions that a number of members have made. Their help has been most welcome and a big lift for those who work to maintain our trails and shelters.

Harriet Bryant
Frances Green
Lincoln Isham
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
The Richard Roberts Family

8-DAY HIKER COUNT

Our Section will conduct an 8-day hiker count at Cooper Lodge again this year. Help is needed to keep the records of recreational activities on the Long Trail at this popular spot. For more information please contact W. C. Scott.

SCHEDULES

Thanks to a great deal of time and effort on the part of Pres. Ed Trzesniowski, a new list of outings has been drawn up.

They range from easy to hard, short to long, White Mountains to the Adirondacks, plus many for those working on their End to End Award.

A copy of the schedule was mailed to each member on March 11-12. More are available from Ed or Churchill.

BY-LAWS

After a number of interesting and lively meetings, a set of by-laws were drawn up and approved. This is a fledgling operation for our Section, and

we hope that everyone will look these over and let the Board of Directors know if there are any questions.

Each member should have received a copy with the schedule of outings for the coming year.

We are grateful to Mr. Herb Ogden for this printing.

GREEN-UP DAY

Our Section will clear up the litter along Routes 4, 103, and 140 again this year. In 1970 we had a very small group assisted by Mr. Granget Kammerer and pursued by Mr. Weston, who even though he did not catch up, did a fine job of checking the areas already cleaned. The group will meet at the Fire Station area on Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m. with old clothes, gloves, and a hearty lunch.

G.M.C. DAY

Let us hope for much better weather this year to enjoy on this day when every able-bodied member of the G.M.C. is asked to give a day to working on the Trail and the shelters that we maintain.

Last year two days of rain and wind hampered our activities, but Mr. and Mrs. G. Kammerer of the Main Club stayed at Pico Camp and Ed stayed at Cooper Lodge and then hiked in the rain to Route 103.

In 1971 we hope to have more than 10 members out of a list of more and 120 names.

On Saturday, May 15, we will meet at the Fire Station area in work clothes, sturdy gloves, and with a hearty lunch, ready to do a good day's work for our Section.

MT. ASCUTNEY DAY

On Saturday, May 22, the Ascutney Trails Association will sponsor their annual Mt. Ascutney Day.

In the number of years it has been held, our Section has had a representation; but, we should try to do better this year.

The Association plans to feed everyone who goes up the Mountain under his or her own power, and those who have gone before can tell many stories of the numerous goodies served.

We will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday May 22, at the Fire Station area.

SMOKE AND BLAZES

We didn't receive any articles or reports on hikes for Smoke and Blazes since the last issue in September. If you don't feel up to sitting down and writing an article or a report, just call me and tell me about it--I'll be glad to write it up (773-8862). Or, send your articles to me at 45 Piedmont Parkway, Rutland, VT 05701. M. S. Clemenson.

1971 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Dues for the 1971 season are now payable to the Treasurer. \$2 for adults and 50¢ for students may be sent to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland VT 05701.

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes that will be sent to the 1970 list of members.

If there are any corrections or additions, please notify the Treasurer.

The following is a list of members of The Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, Inc., as of 20 March 1971:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970

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INCOME

Cash on hand at January 1, 1970-----	\$2,686.02
Dues from members-----	203.50
Interest on Savings Account-----	110.04
Contributions-----	43.50
Guide Book Sales-----	39.00
 TOTAL INCOME-----	 \$3,082.06

EXPENSES

Trails and Shelters-----	\$ 217.95
Outings-----	63.31
Smoke and Blazes-----	41.20
Paid to main club-----	71.25
Pres. W. F. Weston's expenses-----	2.35
Miscellaneous expenses-----	128.95
Sugar on Snow-----	53.57
Telephone charges-----	6.52
Postage-----	21.70
T. N. Aitken Forest Association (1969-1970)-----	20.00
F. A. Field Insurance-----	47.74
 TOTAL EXPENSES-----	 \$ 674.54

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1970-----	\$2,407.52
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Membership List (cont.)

Martha Adams - Rutland VT	Harold Johnson, E.Wallingford VT
Anna Berg - N. Clarendon VT	Dorothy Johnson, E.Wallingford VT
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Virginia Day - Springfield VT	Craig Perkins - Rutland VT
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William Gragen, Rutland VT	Les Pfenning, Marc Pfenning, Susan Pfenning - Rutland VT
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Eleanor Guerra - Rutland VT	Richard Roberts, Springfield VT
Kathy Hayes, Chris Hayes, Andy Hayes, Sherry Hayes - Castleton VT	Frances Roberts, Springfield VT
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Robert Hill - Killington VT	Ellen Russell - Providence RI
James Howland - Rutland VT	Jesse Rydenski - Rutland VT
Jack Hunter - Woodstock VT	W. C. Scott - Rutland VT
Ruth Hunter - Woodstock VT	Kim Scott - Rutland VT
Lincoln Isham - Dorset VT	Louis Stare - Bass River MA
	Robert H. Valeo - Manchester VT
	Eleanor Walker - Rutland VT

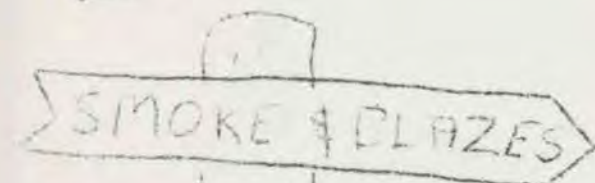
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Harold, Thelma, John, and Thomas
Valiquette - Rutland VT
Lloyd and Elizabeth Weeks -
Springfield VT

Dan Weine - Rutland VT
Carleton Wilson - Rutland VT



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MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names are those added to the list of members printed in the March issue of Smoke and Blazes:

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Springfield VT
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Dorothy Hegeman Dombrowski -
Trenton NJ
Stewart and Margaret Holmes -
Rutland VT
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and Mike Kennedy - Castleton VT
Ruth LaBrake - Rutland VT
Janice LaBounty - Manchester VT

Paul and Jeffrey Magoon -
Springfield VT
Doris Newton - Rutland VT
Herbert G. Ogden, Sr. - Windsor VT
Robert, Thelma, Anne, David, Polly,
and Tim Perkins - San Jose CA
Ben Rolston - Schenectady NY
Linds Rozowicz - NYC NY
Ray Secor - Rutland VT
Wilbur and Bailey Weston -
Rutland VT
Holly Weston - Raleigh NC
Lorna Whitehorne - Brandon VT
Matthew Eastman - Rutland VT
Frederica Welch - Rutland VT
H. Minerva Hinchey - Rutland VT
George H. Wolcott - Rutland VT
Bradford McKirryher - Vergennes VT
Judith McKirryher - Vergennes VT
Edward Trzesniowski - Rutland VT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We wish to thank Miss Helen Frink of Randolph, Vermont, for her recent contribution to the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club.

Also, our thanks to Mr. Herbert Lary, his students, and Miss Trudy Deval for the tremendous amount of help given during G.M.C. Day at Clarendon Lodge.

NOTES FROM HERB OGDEN, SHELTER CH.

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ADOPT A SHELTER ???

About the best way to keep our Section shelters in good condition is for someone to visit them regularly throughout the hiking season (and even once or twice during the off-season) to check on general conditions and especially to pack out any trash that has been left around. So far, Clarendon Shelter and Johnson Shelter (although not rightly in the Section) have been "adopted". If some member of the Section wishes to take on one of the other shelters, please let me know.

SMALL STOVE NEEDED

The stove at Pico Camp is about all used up. This camp will be put in good shape during the next few weeks with a new metal roof, new window panes where needed, front window replace, and privy completed. The stove should be replaced, too. Does any member of the Section have a small cook stove he would care to donate or sell for this purpose? Or know of someone else who does? Or even know of one in a secondhand store somewhere?

TRAIL FOODS AND SUPPLIES

by Harold Howard

For those of you who are interested in obtaining freeze-dried, lightweight and well-packaged trail foods, you may do so right now here in the Rutland area. The place is LEISURE LINES on Route 4, east of Rutland and just before you get to Town Line Road. You'll recognize the place by all the camp trailers on display.

In addition to this well-displayed and complete stock of trail foods, they have many trail items of interest. To name a few, you'll find some excellent packs, Primus-type stoves, light-weight one-man tents, sleeping bags, folding cups, and many more items.

even if you don't buy anything, it is a real pleasure to look this stock over.

HOW DO WE PLAN OUR HIKEs?

By Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

Maybe if I picked my hikes better, I wouldn't be left with the thoughts which follow. Unfortunately, of the three Killington Section hikes for which I've been present, one was cancelled, one drew only four people --with no leader--and avoided serious accident more or less by chance, and one involved only three people. None of the hikes introduced any non-members to the Trail; one nearly left a pair of eager young hikers without a way to reach the mountains.

All this leads me to ask why we plan hikes and whether we should be satisfied with the status quo in our efforts to "make the Mountains play a larger part in the life of the people." Do we plan hikes so that K.S. members may meet socially? Do we plan them so that adults will be introduced to the Trail and to our Section? Do we plan them so that youngsters who couldn't otherwise reach the Trail can go along? Do we plan them so that the party can be assured of a car spotted at their destination to avoid backtracking? Or do we plan hikes just to show that we as a Section are still alive?

Which of these possibilities is a real reason? How valid is it? If it is valid, are we keeping it properly in mind when we plan our outings? Just what should our hikes be, if they should be at all?

TUCKER LODGE

by Harold (Doc) Howard

On August 5 at 10:30 a.m., a group of about 60 campers and counselors met at Robinwood opposite Pico Ski area for the purpose of cleaning up the area about old Tucker Camp.

This group was made up of members of the following camps:

Camp Killooleet, Hancock, Vermont
Leader, John Seegar

Betsy Cox Camp, Pittsford, Vermont
Leader, Jean Davies

Camp Keewaydin, Lake Dunmore, Vt.
Leader Tim Ritter

Camp Sangamon, Pittsford, Vermont
Leader, James Lee

Indian Brook Camp, Plymouth Union,
Vermont, Leaders: Prue Merton
and Janet Bailey

We went in the lower end of the old loop trail which was overgrown and untrodden when we started but well trodden upon when we finished. Trash of all sorts which had accumulated over several years was put into plastic and burlap bags and carted out. There was a lot of it!

The enthusiasm and diligence of this group was remarkable. Their attitude and behavior was heartwarming. The Killington Section owes them a vote of thanks.

BEATING A SHOWER IN FIVE HOURS

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

July 24 was not a promising day for a ten-mile hike: The weatherman announced heat, humidity, and scattered showers. Leader Herb Ogden, Jr., at first had visions of being the only hiker, but then discovered that "Koltonski Fire Station" didn't mean what he thought and located Bob Herrmann and Danny Weine quite a ways down a side street.

With a car spotted at Brandon Gap, we drove on to Middlebury Gap. Soon after starting in, we met a couple from Iowa out for a day hike. Farther on and farther up, the haze prevented any distant views, but we had good lookouts over Lake Pleiad and Brandon Gap with its beaver ponds. Other lookouts were appreciated not for the view but for the breezes which kept off the ravenous mosquitos that swarmed about us after lunch at Sucker Brook.

While the Middlebury Mountain Club trail crew seemed not to have ventured south of Worth Mountain in recent years, the rest of the stretch was in good shape. Between the Mt. Horrid Cliff and Brandon Gap foresighted workers had even built

large number of waterbars! The fifteen hikers whom we met had complaints about the terrain, but few about the Trail.

Our leader had been predicting rain since the morning, and thunder-showers had threatened since White Rocks Mountain, but scarcely a drop touched us before we reached the car mid-afternoon. Fifteen minutes later, rain fell with a vengeance, but the satisfied hikers were out of its reach.

K. S. HIKERS DIVIDE, CONQUER MTNS.

by Herbert Ogden, Jr.

The beautiful weather on July 10 must not have inspired many K.S. members to set foot on the Long Trail as only four people showed up at Brandon Gap to head south. Louis Catozzi and Matt Eastman were going all the way to Sherburne Pass, while Jim Frink and Herb Ogden, Jr., (and measuring wheel) made a day hike to New Boston where a car had been spotted.

Soon after lunch at Sunrise Shelter, we had a chance to admire the USFS's fine bridges and the newly-created views of Mt. Horrid--one of them complete with bench! The bridges were doubly admirable--they seemed to have been constructed just narrow enough, with handrails in the right places, to make them impassable for snowmobiles. In the lead farther up, Jim Frink pointed out a yellow birch so old that one had to look about thirty feet up to see that it was a birch at all. Meanwhile, Farr Peak resounded to the sound of woodpeckers.

All too quickly, our wonder at the Forest Service's work turned to disenchantment as the footway began to disappear beneath the underbrush and branches invaded the headroom. At this point, the day hikers decided to help out the overnigheters by a little pack-swapping-- but were not so blindly generous as to continue this arrangement past the bottom of Wetmore Gap.

Now ascending the steep slope of Mt. Carmel, we overtook a pair of girls by the side of the trail, just plain

out of steam. Help was on the way, however, we soon met the rest of their party backtracking from Carmel Camp with water to restore the stragglers.

Waiting at Carmel, Jim and Herb observed the depressingly large garbage dump, which had oozed to within a few feet of the camp. That had better be hunters' garbage, not hikers! Or the GMC may soon lose the use of the place!

After concluding that the overnights had gone up for the fine view from the peak, the day hikers took the trail down to New Boston, ending a pleasant day's walk.

The overnights, meanwhile, had enjoyed the view from Mt. Carmel. After descending to Carmel Camp and seeing what a mess it was and how full it was (about half a dozen hikers planned to stay there), they decided to push on south. They spent the night by the side of the Trail.

Some excitement resulted the next day, when Louis Catozzi walked out of the woods at Sherburne Pass alone--to tell a surprised "Wes" Weston that he's left Matt repacking at Johnson Shelter. Fortunately, Matt turned out to be visiting relatives in the area and the Killington Section, while scarcely covered with glory, at least managed to get the rest of its divided group out of the mountains.

CLARENDON LODGE

On May 15-16, about 35 members of the GMC and friends helped to conclude 19 years of trying to make Clarendon Lodge a closed shelter. Consent was finally given by the main club to remove the stove and front, making Clarendon once again an open-front shelter. Hopefully, this will help to cut down on the amount of misuse and increased visits should do much to improve the problem.

Nevertheless, many people will have pleasant memories of below-zero mid-winter overnight hikes,

pancake breakfasts, and chilly spaghetti suppers by a warm and cheerful fire.

Our thanks to all who helped to make this GMC Day a success.

MT. MARCY TRIP CALLED OFF

On Monday May 25 at the 4200-foot level of Mt. Mansfield, there was 50 inches of snow so the outing committee regretfully called off the scheduled trip to Mt. Marcy on the weekend of May 29-30. In view of the widespread interest in our first trip to the Adirondacks, it will be rescheduled at the earliest date possible. Members will be notified either by Smoke and Blazes or by mail.

TUCKER LODGE

Beginning in 1938, Tucker Lodge, built by the Long Trail Patrol, had many ups and downs.

Memories of moonlight hikes (mostly minus the moon), coffee and doughnuts, and winter overnight hikes are enjoyed by many people.

Finally Prof. Buchanan's prophecy came true--the beech tree fell on the shelter and from then on it went downhill.

With the approach of the Robinson's Housing Development, it was decided to eliminate this shelter, and so, on Saturday March 27, the torch was applied.

Soon only a pile of ashes was left, but many enjoyable stories will always remain of the good times had by so many people.

MOUNT HANDLEY

by R. Herrmann

Twelve hiked to (what we called) the top of Mount Handley on April 3. The day was mostly sunny, but windy enough to make it uncomfortable to stand still when exposed to it. Two young boy scouts built a small fire in the lee of a ledge near the top of the mountain to prepare their lunches. Most of the hike was over bare ground, although at the top the snow got to be knee-deep or hin-deep

depending on the owner's height. Several of the group were lucky enough to see six deer on the return trip.

PINE HILL HIKE

By R. Herrmann

The Pine Hill Circle Hike on March 20 turned out to be a pleasurable duet. The snow was just right, the weather was overcast but comfortable and the difficulty of the climb was well within the ability of both hikers. We saw a snowmobile--and smelled its exhaust--tracks of a man and his dog, and little else.

On the following Saturday morning, under ideal weather conditions, a spectacle was witnessed by the skiers at Pico when eleven of us put the torch to Tucker Lodge.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for George Pearlstein who was elected president of the main club at the recent annual meeting. Our section will do all we can to help George have a successful term in office.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The following have offered to serve as heads of the various committees:

Shelter - Herb Ogden
Trails - Wilbur Weston
Outings - Ed Trzesniowski
L.T. Reporter - Kathy Hayes

GUIDE BOOKS

The 1971 edition of the Green Mountain Club Guide Books has been received from the printers and is now available from W. C. Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland VT 05701.

P O S T S C R I P T S

ROBERT FROST TRAIL

by Dorothy Kirk

Anyone knowing the location of the Robert Frost Trail is hereby invited to lead the next hike to it! Our new hike chairman who inherited the schedule without particulars for his hike made a valiant effort

to locate it, even fording a stream in his jeep in the Robert Frost National Forest only to land in a pile of chips. He Procured much information and maps at Bread Loaf Inn, but none of it led to the trail. Finally one old timer replied right from his chair: "Born and lived here all my life; guess if there'd been a Robert Frost Trail I'd have know about it." The trimming the news item got in the Rutland Herald hadn't helped matters much to begin with.

The five who went on the hike, Jim Frink, Herbert Ogden Jr., "Wes" Weston, Holly Louise Weston aged nine and a half of Raleigh, North Carolina, (and, of course, Rascal) and your reporter, admitted that the several abortive sorties were to be preferred to a perpendicular climb on Mt. Mansfield. But what does a frustrated hike chairman do who has a rock pick in his knapsack? Hammer rocks, of course. So we proceeded to Birch Hill, southeast of Brandon to visit the vein of iron prospected and worked by the late Harold Bishop. This type of mining was not, however, economically practical, and the vein was abandoned. The iron sulphide (pyrrhotite) here has a silver sheen which darkens upon exposure, and what we broke was somewhat weathered. If one likes to see and learn something new on a hike, our day was not by any means without interest.

SAFARI ON THE SACO

by Bill Day

About a hundred years ago, a gentleman by the name of Thoreau wrote of the idyllic and pastoral pleasures of boating on the Merrimac River. He also told of exploring the Indian villages and the upper Penobscot together with a description of the spirit-shrouded Kahtadin under the ever watchful and suspicious eye of the great Indian Chief "Pomola."

On the weekend of August 14, and with somewhat of an equivalent amount of philosophical and adventuresome anticipation, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, Dick and Frances

Roberts, Don and Betty Mitchell, and Bill and Ginny Day lowered their aluminum and fibreglass canoes into the Saco River at Swan's Falls, some five miles above Fryeburg, Maine, for a weekend of pure and unadulterated 20 miles of canoeing pleasure.

The actual trip, under the guidance of our peerless leader, Lloyd, who was most ably assisted with much unsolicited advice from the others, might be described as uneventful, relaxing, and rewarding. The participants, being experienced campers, were prepared for either fair or foul weather; however, as the weather was perfect, the rain gear was used mostly for pillows. And why should we risk our reputation for hardiness by mentioning bug-proof tents, air mattresses, ice chests, gasoline stoves, steaks, blueberry muffins, and home-made brownies?

The one short portage at Walker's Rip gave us no difficulty, and had we not had expensive camera equipment aboard, and had not some of us borrowed canoes, we could have been persuaded to try the rapids. Putting in at Swan's Falls in the early mid-morning gave us plenty of time to take pictures, swim, explore, or just loll before disembarking at the Route 160 bridge in East Brownfield the next day.

How does one adequately describe the beauties of such a voyage or the soul-filling benefits of such an interlude? To tell of the clear unpolluted and tranquil waters; the countless fine golden sandy beaches from which one has difficulties in choosing among so many ideal places to camp; the bowers of overhanging branches; the profusion of cardinal and other wildflowers along the banks; (not even Hollywood can boast of a swimming pool 20 miles long) the startled and yet tolerant waterfowl as we quietly came upon their feeding grounds, not to mention our first peek into Pleasant Pond or picnicing on the sandy shores of Lovewell's Lake where Indian and white battled long ago--is to tax one's powers of description far beyond normal limits.

The answer to the question is, of course, that full justice to such scenery cannot be given--one has to make such a trip before he can appreciate what nature, adjacent towns, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and others have done to preserve this bit of yesterday. In these days of environmental and ecological consciousness, full credit must be given for their efforts.

Those who are interested in learning more about the deep satisfactions of canoeing on our rivers can learn much by studying the Appalachian Canoe Guide or by reading the excellent article in the Lewiston, Maine, paper done by Bob Cummings in which he mentions canoeing on the Little Ossepee, Messalonski Stream, Sabasticoek, Royal and Stroudwater rivers.

New England is indeed fortunate that it has many potentially beautiful rivers for canoeing, and one hopes that in the not too distant future they will receive the same T.L.C. that has been rendered unto the Saco.

SHELTER REPORT - July 27

by Herb Ogden, Shelter Chairman

By the first part of July, Section members had put all shelters in good condition. While Tamarack, Sunnyside, and Gov. Clement needed but little attention, Clarendon and Pico needed a lot. After considerable discussion, the Directors voted to remodel Clarendon in an effort to discourage squatters and casual picnickers. The entire front was removed, along with some of the floor and all the windows, thus making it an open shelter. Some creosoting was done. Scrap from the front was used for a new privy and a cattle barrier was put up in front of the shelter. A truckload of trash was packed out to the main road.

Pico Camp has been given a new steel roof with eaves trough--so bright it can be easily spotted from Killington these days. The old stove, much abused, was scrapped and packed out to the ski run, along with several bags of rubbish from a dump which had

been overlooked during the 1970 NO DUMP drive. The Pico ski people then most kindly trucked the rubbish down the mountain along their service road. A brand new stove was installed. The table has a new metal "tablecloth". The accumulated dirt was shovelled away from behind the camp to prevent rotting out of the sill. A large, anti-porky metal patch was put on the lower corner of the door. The entire outside was creosoted, the center window was replaced along with broken panes in the other windows. Remains of the re-located dumps at both Pico and Cooper have been covered with dirt.

The Directors have voted to try out the caretaker system for a combination of Tamarack, Cooper, and Pico. Robert Jeffers, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, has been engaged for the balance of the season, with KS and GMC each paying \$50 in compensation. In addition, he may charge overnight fees of 75¢ per person, 50¢ for a GMC member (who can show a paid-up membership card), 35¢ for scouts, campers, etc., under adult supervision. He will bunk mostly at Pico and make regular trips to the other two shelters. Posters down below will advise hikers of the new arrangement. The purpose of the caretaker is to cut down on vandalism, abet the NO DUMP program, check on the exact nature of trail traffic, keep shelters in repair.

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COMING OUTINGS

WHEN - Sat.-Sun., Oct. 16-17

WHERE - Annual Merck Forest overnight
LEADERS - "Wes" Weston and Rascal

Those leaving from Rutland will depart at 9:00 A.M. from east side of Koltonski Fire Station (side street), Rutland.

Those leaving Manchester Center will meet the Rutland group on Bonnet St., Manchester Center, at 10:00 A.M.

Others knowing the way may meet at the Forest.

Overnighters bring warm sleeping bags as we are not sure at this publication that we may use the cottage facilities as heretofore.

Merck Forest is located off Route 30, Rupert, in the Taconic Mts. On the 2600 acres of field and woodland donated in 1950 by Vermont Conservationist, George Merck, are 26 miles of hiking trails, a half dozen shelters and fireplaces, and the cottage referred to above. Two of the shelters are large, holding from 12 to 20 people.

This multiple use land is used for recreation and for education in conservation and land management practice.

WHEN - Sat., Oct. 30

WHERE - Mt. Ascutney (Halloween Party)

LEADER - ? ? ?

Meet at firestation in Rutland at 9:00 A.M. or at foot of Windsor Trail on Mt. Ascutney at 10:00 A.M. A note of interest: Windsor Trail was the first hiking trail to be built in America, the success of which was responsible for the founding of GMC.

Hikers may go down the mountain by the Brownsville Trail which passes an old granite quarry.

Guide books for the mountain are on sale at a house near the foot of the Windsor Trail. Also, it is possible that the hike leader will have a few copies with him for sale.

Special invitation: Herbert Ogden suggests that we stop at the Ogden Cider and Grist Mill near Hartland Four Corners for bit of cider after the hike. This mill boasts of an over-shot water wheel, the only one in operation in Vermont. Another attraction is Mr. Ogden's wild apple cider jelly.

WHAT - Covered Dish Supper

WHEN - Saturday, Nov. 6

WHERE - Beechwood

(Cont'd)

This annual event will be held again this year at Beechwood. Reservations should be made with Miss Vera Perkins, 773-2941, before the preceeding Friday night so that she may assign a variety of foods to be brought by the various members. The Club will furnish coffee, paper dishes and eating tools. If you prefer to eat with your fingers, that will be all right, too. Supper is planned for 6:00 o'clock sharp, so be on time if you want to get in on the goodies.

WHEN - Sat., Nov. 14

WHERE - Vt. Rte. 2 to Bolton Lodge

LEADER - ? ? ?

Meet in Rutland at the firestation at 9:00 A.M. A suggestion: Go up to Bolton Lodge via the old L.T. and return by the relocated trail. The old trail is quite a bit shorter and easier.

WHEN - Sat., Nov. 27

WHERE - Mt. Okemo Forestry Trail

LEADER - Churchill Scott

Meet at the Rutland firestation at 9:00 A.M.

WHEN - Sat., Dec. 5

WHERE - Tucker-Johnson Shelter

LEADERS - Betty and Lloyd Weeks

Meet at Rutland firestation (the Koltonski, of course) at 10:00 A.M. This will be a first visit to the new shelter for some of us.

WHEN - Sun., Dec. 19 (Note date)

WHERE - Sunnyside change)

LEADERS - Dick and Frances Roberts

Meet at Rutland Koltonski Fire Station at 3:00 P.M. or at top of Spring Lake hill at 3:30. Bring showshoes (snow permitting), flashlights, and a supper -- to cook if desired.

After supper, a short hike to Shrewsbury Clearing overlook to sing Christmas carols.

*** LEADERS NEEDED ***
for hikes scheduled on Oct. 30 and Nov. 14.

When the next outing schedule is distributed, it is hoped that all members of the Killington Section will volunteer to lead one or more hikes. Any particular outing will

be assigned to the first person who calls in to volunteer for same.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club mourns the passing of the late Lincoln Isham of Dorset, Vermont. Mr. Isham, great grandson of Abraham Lincoln, will be remembered for his loyal and generous support of The Green Mountain Club's Killington Section. A life member of our section, Mr. Isham has been a long time contributor, first to the Buffam Shelter Fund and more recently to the Trails and Shelters maintenance program. Mr. Isham died on September 1, 1971.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The latest Board of Directors' meeting was held on Wed., Aug. 18, at the home of Mr. Weston. Present were Mrs. Hayes, Roberts, Weeks, and Messrs. Ogden, Scott and Weston.

Mr. James Frink was appointed Hike Chairman. It was suggested that inquiries be made about liability insurance to protect our section and hike leaders from responsibility in case of mishaps on our section or at the shelters.

"Smoke and Blazes" was discussed. Mis. Richard Roberts and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of Springfield offered to be editors this year. Issue dates will be Oct. 1, Jan. 1, Apr. 1, and July 1. Deadline for articles is two weeks earlier. The paper should include previews of coming hikes and work parties.

Mr. Ogden discussed having section patches to correspond with the GMC sleeve emblems, and also was asked to order 200.

Mr. Ogden and his son have completed preliminary work on Juggerhant relocation and now are awaiting approval by the main Club and Board of Environmental Control to cut and blaze the trail.

Mr. Robert Jeffers, caretaker of Pico, Cooper and Tamarack, has done a very good job according to many reports Mr. Ogden has received.

Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.

THE GREAT CHASE, SORT OF, FROM MT. TABOR TO MAD TOM

By Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

The writer of this article is unusually fortunate in possessing three original documents relative to the hike of August 21, 1971. Moreover, he was also fortunate to be the Leader of that hike. But why -- if he was the Leader -- does he need documents? Thereby hangs at least part of the tale.

Let us begin with a note appended to the second of our documents by Wilbur Weston: "8 of us left Rut. by 9:10 or so, and drove to where the trail crosses #10, arriving about 9:45? Herb, Jr., Jim and I drove, in 3 cars, to where the trail crosses #21, over the bumpiest dirt roads. Jim and Herb drove back to #10, leaving about 10:45 A.M." Thus the cars were spotted. What of Wes, left at the south end all alone? More later. I should add that Jim Frink and I returned via smooth Route 7, but that there is still some controversy about the merits or demerits of USFS #10. bumps and all.

Now to the first document, appropriately written on the back of a pink Outing Schedule found on Peru Peak: "Jim Frink: Waited here until about 3:20 PM and then started back to cars. Bill and Stan with me. Wes." Subscribed, we find "Received and noted 4:25 PM Jim F, Herb O," and at the side, "up to 2850, down to 2384, up to 3584, down to ----." Aha. So Bill Simonds and Stan Penetowski, newcomers to our hikes, outdistanced the rest, met Wes, who had advanced north to Peru Peak, and headed south with him. The Outing Chairman and the Hike Leader arrived an hour later, noted the bumpiness of the terrain, and followed in at least lukewarm pursuit. But what of Phyllis Benton, Dave Mason, and young Matt Eastman? What else do the documents reveal?

"Have taken Bill and Stan to FR #10. Will wait there a spell to see if you come along. Wes. 5:00 P.M." This was found at Mad Tom Notch, our destination. Alas, the writer has mislaid the third document. (He had to: a historian with all the right papers is about as rare as a winged porcupine.)

Now to fill in the gaps. This the Leader can do; tell the whole story, he couldn't. Why? Because he and the Outing Chairman didn't lay eyes on the rest of the party until just north of Styles Peak, at the end of the day. Why? Because the aforesaid grandly told their "followers" to go on south from USFS #10; the aforesaid would catch up soon enough, after spotting the cars. What they didn't know was that car spotting would put them at a 1 1/2 hour disadvantage.

We did catch up to Phyllis, Dave and Matt. Shortly after we passed Peru Peak, reports came that they were just ahead. The pace quickened. Markedly. Incidentally, if anyone doubts that any hiker -- let alone a septuagenarian -- can break into a run after hiking ten miles, let him follow our Outing Chairman, and he will change his mind! He can do this while catching his breath. Nevertheless, as the evidence indicates, we never did catch our two speedy guests. Everyone finished happy, and more or less at his own pace. There could well be a connection there

Trip highlights were the water mill remains and suspension bridge on Big Branch, the Burma-Shave sign near Griffith Lake (after which Jim Frink composed "I see ahead a bridge of wood/ I hope to gosh they built it good" -- and lo! a magnificent wooden bridge appeared around the next bend), and two special highlights. The first of these was actually lowlying: the hundreds of feet of corduroy laid by the USFS, the countless waterbars dug, the many pounds of flagstones laid. This is a splendid job of making decent hiking from mudwallow country. The other highlight was the view from Baker Peak, complete with soaring hawks. The writer, an End-to-End, pronounces it one of the three or four best views on the Long Trail. Many thanks, Ben Rolston, for opening up this outstanding view of the Great Valley of Vermont.

Consider joining the party next time we take a longer hike. Hike the whole thing at your own pace (we had several paces), or make an in-and-out trip at one end. There's a lot to see out there, and some pretty good company, too.

by Betty Weeks

The weather couldn't have been worse to welcome the GMC Intersectional held at Camp Ondowa, in Sunderland, August 29-September 6.

We arrived early Saturday morning with camping gear and two small grandsons, hoping we would find an empty leanto. The only available shelter was a large cattle display shed. So, undaunted, we set up our two small tents on the dirt floor. Soon the cattle barn was bursting at the seams as more GMCers arrived and moved in, too. It proved to be a dry and comfortable campsite, and a favorite playground for the children who enjoyed swinging like monkeys from the rafters!

Since Lloyd was on the Intersectional committee there was plenty to do, sweeping another large barn for the evening square dance while Betty registered incoming campers. In spite of the weather, nearly one hundred were registered by nightfall. Tents mushroomed all through the pine woods and fields.

Killington Section members who arrived the first day included Terry Gulick, George Pearlstein, Bob Rothenmeyer, Keith and Kevin Abbott, and Doc and Kay Howard who set up their beautiful new tent in a lovely birch grove.

The Saturday evening program included short speeches by six of our shelter caretakers, who stressed the present overuse of trails at higher elevations and the need for all of us to act to preserve our wilderness trails. Campers retired early after a gala square dance to be ready to hike in the morning.

The Sunday hike featured the dedication of the new Kid Gore Shelter near the old Caughnawaga Shelter. This new shelter was built by the Connecticut Section and the Gore family on a very inaccessible section of our Long Trail on the north side of Glastonbury Mt. In spite of a very wet and rough trail more than eighty people hiked in for the ceremony, including one GMCer over eighty years old.

Sunday evening's program, arranged by Terry Gulick, included an excellent slide and music presentation on "Man and His World" by Gary Hall, Eagle Scout from Charlotte.

The weekend over, we reluctantly stowed dry tents, camping gear and two weary children in the Scout and returned to Springfield.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND HIKE

by Bettina Roulier

Apparently the scheduling of a hike to Mt. Washington on Labor Day weekend scared off most members and friends of GMC. Jim Frink and I waited until 9:30 at the fire station Saturday morning and when no other hikers showed up decided to conquer a summit closer to home, namely, that of Blue Ridge mountain to which the lovely wooded Cauty trail leads.

Some of us had snowshoed up the trail part way during the winter. The steep sections had seemed steeper then, but with rocks and tree stumps and branches buried under several feet of snow, the going was considerably smoother.

Starting from the Perkins' campsite, we invited some young campers to join us -- a young girl from Danbury, Conn., and a man from near West Point, New York, along with his twelve year old sister who bounded ahead of us on the trail. I had been afraid that these "city folks" would slow us up considerably but it was I who brought up the rear. The young man, a cemetery worker, enjoyed his climb up the mountain as a pleasant change from digging graves.

We made the top in one and a quarter hours, and after a quick look at the surrounding fog our young companions started back down. We had a leisurely lunch (Jim's pack was considerably lighter after he ate an enormous tomato fresh from his garden) which apparently millions of flying insects would have liked to share.

After deciding the fog had no intention of lifting and that Jim's binoculars had been carried in vain we started down, stopping briefly at the cascades which lie a few yards off the trail. Perhaps the next hikers up the trail should tack up a sign pointing the way to these cascades because it would be too bad to bypass them. A lovely brook parallels the trail at least half way up the mountain.

MT. MARCY- NEW YORK'S HIGHEST PEAK

by
Hedrick Cahee

After the Killington section's hike to Marcy, May 29-31, was called off because of deep snow, a Springfield group decided they would like to make this hike Labor Day weekend.

It was decided to go in by Sanford Lake near the National Lead Co. Mine to where the trail starts at the parking area called Upper Works. Arriving at Upper Works at about 9:30 we found about 25 cars already parked, and knew for sure that all leantos would be full and plastic tarps would have to be used.

We hiked the Calamity Brook Trail, stopping at a brook crossing at noon for rest and lunch. We made many brook crossings on log bridges, plank bridges, swinging bridges, and by jumping from stone to stone. The trails seem much wetter and muddier than most in Vermont and New Hampshire, and show signs of a lot of usage.

Arriving at the Lake Colden area we found a nice place to camp for the night, along with about one hundred other hikers! After tarps and sleeping bags were set up we had a welcome swim in a lovely lake. We had dinner and a campfire and hit the sack early.

The next day we started out to climb Marcy, carrying day packs with lunches and rain gear. At lunch time we looked up into the clouds where Marcy should be, and were happily surprised to see the sun break through and the mountain begin to clear. As we climbed the steep smooth rocks of Marcy, visibility got better, and when we reached the top we could look off for 10 or 15 miles to many other peaks in the area, which many of the group expressed a desire to climb.

Back at camp we had another refreshing swim, a hearty dinner, and another campfire. Breaking camp next morning the weather stayed warm and dry, and we retraced our steps across the many brooks to our waiting cars.

Our first New York trip was a pleasant one which we will never forget. The hiking party included Bill and Ginny Day, Hedrick Cahee, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, and Dick and Frances Roberts.

LINCOLN GAP TO APPALACIAN GAP

by
Jim Frink

"Wes" Weston and I were the only members to show up at the Fire Station. As the hike leader, Bob Herrmann, was disabled by a bad back, I decided to lead it myself. But when only Wes showed up, I was about to "forget it". Then Mrs. Todd, of Northeast Drive, arrived with her 14 year old daughter Marie and asked if Marie could accompany us, saying that she was a good hiker. I guess we silently decided that we couldn't let the Todds down after announcing in the paper that non-members were welcome.

We drove 56 miles, both cars, to Appalachian Gap via Routes 7-116-73. Then, after Wes parked his car there, we drove 15 1/2 miles to Route 100, south to Warren, and up to Lincoln Gap, parking my car there.

We found the trail rocky, rooty, and with patches of black, gooey mud. In several places the trail vanished, with no places in sight. Other places, where the trail was well defined, had bolzes every 10 feet. We had no difficulties passing all the Lincoln Mt. locations but when we passed General Start Mt. our troubles began. There were places on the trail so steep that we had to carry the dog, Rascal, down. When we got to Theron Dean Shelter, a sign said two ways to go for the Long Trail north. One of these ways said "direct." Since it was getting toward dusk, we were all for the direct route. This route turned out to be a paratroopers' obstacle course rather than a trail. It was a regular chamber of horrors. But we made it!

We arrived home at 9:30 PM and found that Churchill, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Frink, and Mrs. Todd were all worried about the possibility of our being lost in the woods! Marie was an indefatigable hiker and she deserves a medal!

In retrospect, we enjoyed every minute of it - even the "hairy" parts -- except, maybe, when it was so dark we couldn't see blazes or where to put our feet with the path so vertical with no hand holds and us still in the woods!

All's well that ends well.

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COMING OUTINGS

WHEN - Sat., Jan. 8, 1972

WHERE - MYSTERY HIKE!!!

LEADER - W. Churchill Scott

Meet at Koltonski Fire Station at 10:00 A.M. and see where Churchill leads us. (Does he know??? See P. 3)

WHEN - Sun., Jan. 23

WHERE - Gov. Clement Lodge

LEADER - Ray Secor

Meet at the fire station at 9:00 in the morning for a hike in to one of the most picturesque shelters on the Long Trail. Of course, we may have to tunnel our way into it--but that would make it really cozy, especially after we've built a fire in that enormous fireplace.

WHEN - Sat., Feb. 5

WHERE - Clarendon Lodge to Foxlot Farm

LEADERS - Betty and Lloyd Weeks

Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the fire station, visit the remodelled Clarendon Lodge, and hike on up to the old, abandoned farm to see the view.

WHEN - Fri., Jan. 21, at 7:30 P.M.

WHAT - Annual Meeting of our Section

WHERE - Universalist-Unitarian Vestry

Come to the Annual Meeting--watch for the announcement. The new hike schedule is going to be an all-club project. We want you to go where you want to go. Therefore, please come to the Annual Meeting with at least one hike to one place that you personally want to go to. If all attendees will do this, we will vote on each one and by this means arrive at a schedule that will be pleasing and satisfactory to all. The schedule will be printed and distributed shortly after the meeting.

The partial schedule presented in this issue of "Smoke and Blazes" was voted upon by your Directors to keep us going until the remainder of the winter's hikes has been decided.

The next thing for you to do is to plan to attend these outings. How come you have been passing them all up? Maybe you'll like them better after you have had a part in selecting them. Anyway, COME ON OUT!

The rest of the hikes for the first quarter will probably be scheduled for the following dates: Sun., Feb 13; Sat., Feb. 26; Sun., Mar. 5; Sat., Mar. 18; and Sun., Mar. 26.

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Plan now to be the Leader for one of these hikes, no matter where it goes! Come to the Annual Meeting ready to find out where it goes and then sign up to lead it! Better still, plan a hike to your own favorite destination and volunteer it, either to fill one of the above dates, or for later in the year. That's the way to get it on the schedule (provided the rest of us like the spot you picked!)

Jim Frink
Outing Chairman

CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME ON OUR HIKEs, BUT.

We want the youngsters with us on our hikes, and when parents bring their children and watch out for them, a good time is had by all.

Practically all our adult members are experienced woodsmen and hikers. They can take care of themselves and furnish assistance to any fellow hiker who may need it. The parent Club does not insure its Sections. The Sections do not insure their members. We accept the responsibility of taking care of ourselves and each other.

It will help the Club if each member will make sure in the future that any non-member who shows up for a hike understands that he is welcome, but that the Club accepts no responsibility for his welfare, nor for that of his children.

We will endeavor to have the following sentence incorporated in each of our newspaper hike notices in the future: "Parents who desire that their children enjoy this hike will please either accompany them and accept responsibility for them, or arrange in advance with some adult friend to do so."

If, in spite of this notice and these precautions, children show up for a hike without parental or other guardianship, all of us have the responsibility of explaining carefully to them that they must:

1. Remain with or near the group at all times.
2. Never pass a break or fork in the trail until the hike leader points out the correct path.
3. Carry their own packs and keep

the reasonable pace set by the leader.

4. Obey these rules or be forbidden to join any future Club hikes.

This attitude with respect to children is taken because of the following past experiences:

An unaccompanied child undertook to go on a long hike. He became tired and could not proceed without too frequent rests which delayed the hike and decreased the amount of planned safe time in the woods. His pack finally had to be carried by others who, of course, took responsibility which they should not have been required to do.

A child appeared alone for one of our hikes. He was carefully and fully instructed in the above requirements designed for his safety. He ignored them completely, and was out of sight and of reach of the hike leader for the entire distance.

Two unaccompanied children disappeared from sight or hearing of a group of our hikers and after the members of this group, and the children's worried parents, had spent much worried time in trying to find out where they had gone, it was learned that they had decided to stay overnight in one of the shelters without having informed anyone of their intention.

The need for this article was decided upon at a Director's meeting on November 21, 1971.

Jim Frink
Outing Chairman

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The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club mourns the passing of Harold D. Valiquette.

Mr. Valiquette, a former president of the Section, since the mid-40's was an active member and for many years almost single-handedly kept our shelters and the suspension-bridge in useable condition.

Perhaps more he will be remembered for the many hikes he led up his favorite mountain, East Mt., both in winter and summer, from the east and west.

A contribution to the Cancer Society has been made in the memory of Mr. Valiquette.

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Valiquette and their son Joseph and his family at this time.

M*Y*S*T*E*R*Y HIKE

After a lapse of a number of years, a mystery hike will be held on Sat. Jan. 8, 1972, leaving at 10:00 A.M. from the usual spot by the new fire station.

This will be an easy snowshoe walk of about 2 1/2 to 3 miles with a shelter where a hot meal and drinks may be enjoyed.

The destination will be known to the trip leader only, and at the beginning of the hike sketches of the route will be given to the cars showing the route to follow.

It is suggested that snowshoes and warm clothes be taken, and a good hearty meal and cup carried.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names are added to the 1971 membership list printed in the October issue of Smoke and Blazes:

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--TAKEN FROM THE REGISTER--
SUNNYSIDE

LONG TRAIL NEWS

The November issue of the Long Trail News was mailed about Nov. 15 to all members of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. In case any members have not received their copy please notify W. C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, and a copy will be sent and our records corrected.

SLEEVE PATCHES

Killington Section sleeve patches are available for 50¢ postpaid from W. C. Scott. The "Killington Section" strip goes above the regular GMC patch.

NEW DIRECTORS

Come to the Annual Meeting prepared to nominate from the floor three three-year term directors.

Retiring directors, each having served a one-year term, are Robert Herrmann, Herbert Ogden, Sr., and Vera Perkins.

The meeting will be held in the Universalist-Unitarian Church vestry (ground floor where the Sugar-on-Snow has been held) on Fri., Jan. 21, at 7:30 P.M. The church is located on West St. across from Movie Land Theater.

Ah, yes, came upon an open spot on left side comin' South with fern and rocks, quite mystical, good for thinkin' things out and in. It was just before the power line.

Therefore, by the powers invested in me by the Universal Life Church of Calif., I, as a minister of said Church, do declare this spot sanctuary and wish upon those who visit and feel the still beauty of said sanctuary the blessing and peace of Mother Earth, from whom we all came and to whom we all shall return.

Love and quiet strength upon you all.

Matt

by Dick Roberts

Probably the thousands of southward bound geese had difficulty distinguishing the GMC'ers from the mountain-to-mountain carpeting of brilliant foliage in Merck Forest. Ed Trzesniowski scheduled our now annual trip for a perfect weekend for both scenery and weather.

The weekend of Oct. 16 and 17 found the color at its most brilliant peak seen in years, decorating the spruce and hemlock with a leafy tinsel reminiscent of the coming Christmas season.

Twenty-six hundred acres of unspoiled and controlled wilderness allows ample space for hiking, hunting, fishing, or in winter, cross country skiing. Twenty-six miles of roads and trails reach all corners of the wilderness tract from Mt. Antone to the nature trails. A weekend is hardly time enough to explore it.

Vermont should be thankful for the thoughtfulness of the Merck family in establishing such an area, and to the Foundation for maintaining it in such an excellent manner.

It is regrettable that so few could take advantage of our opportunity. It is certain that the Rutland group of Wes Weston with Rascal, Doc and Kay Howard with Rusty and Joe, Jim Frink and Ed Trzesniowski, and the Springfield group which included Bill and Ginny Day, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, and Dick and Frances Roberts are already planning to return next fall.

MT. ASCUTNEY CLIMB - HALLOWE'EN PARTY

By Jim Frink

Some party, folks! Your Hike Leader, Paul Magoon, and your Outing Chairman were the only ones to take advantage of a beautiful day, gorgeous scenery, an easy climb up the Windsor Trail, a pleasant lunch sitting on Brownsville Rock and looking at Okemo, Saltash, Killington, Little Killington, Mendon, and Pico peaks, and an interesting downhill jaunt on the Brownsville trail.

The most interesting part of the day, by far, was our visit to Herb Cgden's Cider and Grist Mill at Hartland, Vermont. The road up from Brownsville joins the Hartland Four Corners-South Woodstock road at a point practically in Herb's front yard.

There were a lot of people there selling apples and buying cider. Paul and I immediately started an inspection of the very efficient power plant. We started with the overshot wheel and then followed all the pulleys and belts to see what they were doing. After we had solved all those problems, we went out to see where the water was coming from. We saw a stand-pipe feeding water to the top of the wheel; a penstock under the brook bringing water to the stand-pipe; a pond on the high side of a meadow feeding water to the penstock; and a long mill-race bringing water to the pond from a higher elevation of the brook. So the pipe was a siphon taking water from one elevation and delivering it to one slightly lower. Upon our return from the pond, we climbed the stairs and watched the stand-pipe feed water to the wheel. V-e-r-y interesting! Then we found that Herb had hung a free leaflet on the door near the wheel describing all the things we had learned the hard way! But--it's fun to study things out for one's self.

We watched the apples being fed to the pulping machine. Then the pulp was enclosed in a series of cloth covered layers and squeezed dry by a hydraulic press. We were given samples of the cider just made, and believe me, it was and is delicious. I brought home two gallons and I'm about to go on a sweet cider jag.

The rest of you folks certainly missed the boat. Maybe the next, and the next, and the next, etc. time you will come out and do like a Green Mountain Clubber should--enjoy the good times that are planned for you.

BEECHWOOD PARTY

By Vera Perkins

"Pot Luck Supper"--"Covered Dish Party"--call it what you will, a pleasant social get-together was enjoyed by about twenty members of the Killington Section on Saturday, November 6. Although our date was a bit late this year, the weather was most cooperative and provided an ideal day--sunny and not too cold.

The usual excellent supper consisting of a variety of hot dishes

alads, rolls, and desserts was enjoyed.

Just to set the record straight, however, it wasn't entirely an eating party. Some of the group came early enough in the afternoon to hike to the caves on Bald Mountain while several others took short walks.

Shortly before supper we enjoyed a preview of the number the "Martin Family" were presenting in the S.E. Variety Show that evening--a song, "Silent Spring" sung by Nancy, Betsy, Tom, David and Jack, and a Donald Duck impersonation by Tom assisted by Jack.

All except the performers, who had to leave early, enjoyed a leisurely and sociable meal grouped around small tables, and lingered to chat in front of the fire.

This is a party for all ages. Our "old timers" who are always on hand to help on such occasions were there as well as some of our very Junior members. We enjoy these get-togethers and feel that an occasional one is very much worthwhile. It gives all of us a chance to get better acquainted and exchange ideas with members we see infrequently. Also, it affords an opportunity for those of us who are less actively involved in GMC, but still interested, to keep in touch with the plans and the work our more active members are doing. Why not come next time and see for yourself?

TUCKER-JOHNSON HIKE

By Harold (Doc) Howard

December 5, 1971. On this beautiful, cold, sunny and windless day, nineteen hikers snowshoed in to this shelter. The snow was about 18" deep. Feeling somewhat like hosts, since we had adopted this shelter, Wes Weston and I went ahead to start a fire. We went in via Robinwood, a shortcut, and were accompanied by Vera Perkins, Doris Newton and David Martin. Our leaders, Lloyd and Betty Weeks, and nine hearty hikers went in at Sherburne Pass, and trudged the two miles north along the Long Trail. According to reports, the first half mile was ROUGH!

At the shelter all had a pleasant lunch including the delicious hot soup

supplied by the Weeks. Springfield was very well represented on this trip.

With the clothing and equipment we have today, winter outings can be just as pleasant as summer ones. This trip well illustrated this point.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The latest Board of Directors' meeting was held on Mon., Nov. 29 at the home of Mr. Weston.

Present were Herb Ogden, Ray Secor, Jim Frink, W. Weston, C. Scott, Betty Weeks and Frances Roberts. Mr. Lloyd Weeks was a guest.

Discussion of hikes and hike participation took up quite a bit of time and all phases were examined. Many suggestions were offered to boost attendance at our various outings. It has been asked that with so many mountains in the state of Vermont that our section have not climbed, that the Outing Committee plan future hikes in the Green Mountains.

Betty and Wes reported on the Trustees' meeting. The main club wants to increase the amount each section shall pay for junior members (\$1.00) and adult members (\$2.00) as compared to 35¢ and 50¢ respectively at the present time.

In memory of Harold Valiquette and Lincoln Isham, contributions of \$25 each to their favorite charity were voted.

It was suggested that any member having a question or problem of GMC or Section business contact a member of the Board of Directors so that arrangements may be made to attend a meeting.

The next meeting is planned for Fri., Jan. 7, 1972.

W. Churchill Scott
Sec.-Treas.

SHOPPING NOTES

Have you seen the "Tea Kettle" brand dehydrated foods in Kings? Just add boiling water and let stand 5 min. Another good place to shop for hiking and camping supplies is at Dakin's in North Ferrisburg, Vt. (No, your editors do not get a percentage!!! Just want to pass the word along.)



MOKĒ & BLAZES

Vol. 24, No. 2 - KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Apr.-June, 1972

COMING OUTINGS

Saturday, Apr. 1, 9 a.m. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station, drive to White Rocks. From there our hike leader, Kathy Hayes, knows the way to Green-wall shelter. On the guide book map it looks like a steep climb to the Long Trail and then East to the shelter. Estimated total distance is 3 mi.

Saturday, Apr. 15, 9 a.m. Meet Lloyd and Betty Weeks at the firestation for a climb up Snake Mt. in Addison.

Snake Mt. is located about 1 1/2 mi. from Rt. 22A in the town of Addison, Vt. Hikers will follow an old carriage road by easy grades up the south west side of the mountain about 2 mi. to the site of an old hotel. From the bare ledges at the summit there is a spectacular view of the flat Champlain Valley with Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks in the distance.

Two small ponds may be visited on the mountain top. Interesting plant life may be seen here including a profusion of Trailing Arbutus.

This mountain is near the flyway of the Canadian Geese. These birds may be observed at the Dead Creek Waterfowl Area immediately below the mountain.

Sunday, Apr. 30, 1 p.m. Meet at the fire station, drive out the Cold River Road to the East side of Round Hill. From there we hike up the hill to the Fuchsite location near the summit. This mineral is a form of fine grained muscovite, or mica, solidified in rock form and stained a lovely green by chrome. Slices of this rock are translucent and light showing through it is a beautiful emerald green. Jim Frink will lead this hike.

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. Meet at the firestation. Ben Rolston will lead this hike and take us to Vermont's highest waterfall, in the Manchester area. We will also explore further downstream.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 27, 28, and 29. We have been invited by the College Alumni Hiking Club of New York City to join them on their Memorial Day Weekend backpacking trip on the Long Trail from Arlington Westwardsboro Road to Vermont 9, Section II in the Long Trail guide book. For further information, see page 2. We certainly feel honored to have received this kind invitation.

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NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE AND

Sunday, May 28, 1 p.m. Meet at the fire station and drive to McLaughlin Falls on the Wheelerville Road. Betty Roulrier will lead this hike. She knows the owners of the property and will secure permission for us to climb down to the foot of the falls and walk down the gorge as far as possible. No more than a two-mile total hike, but beautiful scenery.

13 Dennis Place
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Nov. 19, 1971

Smoke & Blazes Editor
2 Hill Place
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

As president of the College Alumni Hiking Club of New York City and as a member of the Green Mountain Club, Killington Section, I would like to invite the members of your club to hike with us on our Memorial Day Weekend trip. It is as follows:

May 27-29 Backpacking on the Long Trail from Arlington Westwardsboro Road to Vermont 9 Section II in the Long Trail guide book. Food will be provided by leaders if a \$5.00 deposit is sent to them two weeks in advance. We will meet Vermonters on Saturday May 27 at 9:00 a.m. at Woodford State camping area off Vermont 9 or at the trail parking lot on the Arlington Westwardsboro road at 10:30 a.m. Leaders: Jeannette Brown, 13 Dennis Place, Summit, N. J., 07901, 201 277-6412; and Linda Rozpewicz, 562 W. 193 St., New York, N. Y. 01140 212 928-9155.

We hope that you could put this in either the next issue of Smoke and Blazes or the April issue or both. I hope that some of your members will join us. The leaders are both working on our End-to-End badges and we run several trips during the season to Vermont for this purpose. We hope to go on a GMC trip. We almost went on one this year but we got rained out in New York. Happy hiking.

Sincerely yours,
Jeannette Brown
President

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.

Sunday, June 11, 9 a.m. Meet at the fire station. Churchill Scott will lead this climb to the summit of Mendon Peak. Total distance about 5 mi. This will be one of the most adventurous hikes of the season.

Perhaps it would be best to first ask Craig Perkins if he thinks the snow is all gone, for he surely must have many stories to tell of the last hike planned there for a May 2nd.

It is suggested that sturdy footwear, heavy clothing, extra sweater or jacket, and two hearty meals be carried, for this will cover a fairly long distance and much bushwhacking.

A number of routes have been offered. Hike from Gov. Clement to Tamarack Shelter, then cross-country over Little Killington to the summit of Mendon Peak. Or ride the lift, then hike past Cooper to Tamarack. Or ride up the Rooney Mill trail from Brewer's Corners as far as possible past "Stove Pipe" city, up the log slide to the ridge between Little Killington and Mendon where rumor has it there are lumber jack shelters that were never uncrated. Also, this area is historically more interesting.

Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. Meet at the fire station. George Perlstein will lead this climb to the summit of Shrewsbury Peak. Total distance about four miles. I do not know the approach to this peak. Many of us have long wanted to get to the top of both Mendon and Shrewsbury, and here's our chance!

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THE LONG TRAIL NEWS for February was mailed Feb. 13. If any section member has not received a copy, please contact W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, so the records can be corrected.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR SMOKE & BLAZES IS June 15, 1972. Mail to Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield,

The latest Board of Directors' meeting was held at Mr. Jim Frink's home on Feb. 11, 1972, with 10 present. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Weeks were guests.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. President Secor said the main club will look into the suspension bridge over Mill River and report to the section later.

Directors' Meeting - Cont'd.

Betty Weeks reported on the Trustees' meeting and said there were many favorable reports on the well kept trails and shelters of the Killington Section for which we can thank the many workers we have. She also reported that section dues to the main club were set at \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for juniors.

We do not need the Long Trail Patrol to work in our section this season. Herb Ogden moved and Betty Weeks seconded that the Killington Section can take care of its own trails and shelters this season.

The following list of officers was approved:

Pres. - Ray Secor

V. Pres. - Jim Frink

Sec.-Treas. - W. Churchill Scott

Committee Chairmen:

Trails - Wilbur Weston

Shelters - Herb Ogden

Outings - Jim Frink

Social Director - Kathy Hayes

LTN Reporter - Kathy Hayes

Smoke & Blazes - Frances Roberts

Mr. Weston spoke of the slow and time consuming job of preparing Long Trail News for mailing. A number of questions were raised about the duties of Gardner Lane.

Herb Ogden discussed the duties of Robert Jeffors, caretaker, and it was voted to hire a caretaker for the 1972 season. He also spoke of the work on Clarendon Shelter, and its success in keeping the area clean.

The outing schedule was completed and ready to be printed.

The Board of Directors want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Frink for their hospitality in making this meeting very enjoyable, and our thanks go to them.

ANNUAL MEETING - KILLINGTON SECTION

The annual meeting of the Killington section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church rooms.

There were 36 in attendance as compared to 18 last year and about 12 in 1970 when it was held in conjunction with a sugar on snow party.

Among the out of state members were Miss Helen Bailey, Charlestown, N.H., Ben Rolston, Schenectady, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Palen, Hurley, N.Y., who stayed at Sunnyside over the weekend.

After the meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Ray Secor, and the Secretary and Treasurer's reports read and approved, Herb Ogden began the committee reports. As chairman of the Shelter Committee, he spent a very busy summer. Pico was completely renovated. A new metal roof; new stove, carried by Ray Secor from Pico Junction; one window entirely replaced; foundations dug out and creosoted. During the season, Mr. Robert Jeffors was employed as a caretaker there with very favorable results. Occasionally he visited Cooper and Tamarack.

The dumps at Pico and Killington were smoothed over and obliterated again to implement our Carry In-Carry Out program which seems to be working well.

During May a big work party visited Clarendon and made an open-front shelter out of it. They removed the front wall, stove and windows, and creosoted it. For many of the old timers who have spent a lot of cold but enjoyable activities there, it was a hard thing to do, but the results have made it well worth while.

Ray Secor reported for Mr. Weston on Trails. The entire section was worked on this year, plus a day's work at the Swinging Bridge, where next year even more work must be done. Also, after many long months of discussion the trail was moved from Mr. Pluss's land, and now as we go north from Rt. 103 we follow the old Town Road past the Crown Point Road marker to Clarendon Shelter.

There were no reports from the Smoke and Blazes editors, or from the Long Trail News reporter.

Betty Weeks discussed the past four Trustees' meetings. These have been mainly taken up with the increased cost of running the main club and why they must ask for more money from the sections. Many members offered a number of different suggestions. After it was noted that the dues increase to the main club would not begin until 1973, it was voted to keep our dues the same this year and ask for contributions. Herb Ogden moved to endorse the Board of Directors' proposal of \$2.00 for adult dues, \$1.00 for dues of spouse, \$1.00 for single junior, \$1.00 for senior members of 65 or over, and no charge for family junior members. Betty Weeks was instructed to convey this recommendation to the Trustees' meeting on Feb. 5.

Annual Meeting - Cont'd

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Jim Frink led a very lively session on the new hike schedule. Many new places were suggested and leaders were obtained. The schedule will be drawn up completely at the next Board of Directors' meeting. At the request of many members we hope to keep within the boundaries of Vermont for there are many new mountain trails to climb.

Herb Ogden spoke about snowmobile legislation and a motion was passed for the Board of Directors to endorse the proposal of Ben Hoffman's ad hoc report on snowmobiles.

The new members of the Board of Directors voted upon at this meeting are Bob Rothenmeyer and Janet Martin, replacing Bob Herrmann and Vera Perkins.

Following the business meeting, George Pearlstein showed his slides on the outlying trails of Vermont, and after seeing such beautiful sights as these, it is easy to see why everyone says, "Let's hike in Vermont!"

As every year, the evening was concluded with a wonderful buffet of cakes, cookies, pies and other goodies. Our thanks are again given to the ladies for an enjoyable treat.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott

HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

"Wes" Weston will very soon be tackling the trails in our Killington Section. All who are willing to help clear are urged to call him at 775-2132. You will be welcomed with open arms, a beaming smile, and perhaps even with pruning shears.

TAKEN FROM THE REGISTER--SUNNYSIDE

Oct. 16, 1972. Peace, love and responsible freedom to those who trudge.

Joel and Linda Wilcox,
Rutland, Vt.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE is Thursday June 15. Please get copy to Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, on or before this date. No reminder calls will be made, so it's up to the members what will appear in "Smoke and Blazes." Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Call 885-4157.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, 1/1/71		\$2417.51
INCOME:		
Dues	195.00	
Interest	95.72	
Gifts	62.00	
Guide Book Sales	10.00	
GMC Patch Sales	10.00	
Total		<u>372.72</u>
		2790.23
EXPENSES:		
Trails and Shelters	306.57	
Smoke and Blazes	74.02	
Killington Section Patches	64.64	
To Main Club (Dues, Guide Books, Patches)	63.63	
Gifts (T.N.Assoc., Valiquette, Isham Mem.)	60.00	
Outings	58.55	
Postage	31.29	
Flowers (Mrs. Roy Buchanan)	21.70	
By-Law Meeting Expenses	15.64	
Annual Meeting Expenses	15.54	
Telephone	3.85	
Misc. Expenses	38.29	
Total		<u>753.72</u>
Cash on Hand, 1/1/72		<u>\$2036.51</u>

SUNNYSIDE HIKE - Dec. 19, 1971
By Ann Reynolds

Hoping to see some of our old Rutland hiking buddies, my husband, two sons and I set out for the Sunnyside hike on the last Sunday before Christmas. Imagine our surprise upon arriving at Sunnyside to find that four of the 11 people there were also from Springfield, thus accounting for more than half the group! In addition to our family there were Lloyd and Betty Weeks and Dick and Fran Roberts of Springfield, plus Doc and Kay Howard, Ray Secor, Jim Frink, Mauri Winturi, Frederica Welch and Bob Rothenmeyer.

Although snow was on the ground, there was hardly enough to warrant the use of snowshoes, and most of us left ours behind in our cars. The hike into the shelter is such a short one that we scarcely needed the hour or more of relaxation and eating that we enjoyed, but the cozy warmth of the cabin was not conducive to moving back outdoors.

Eventually we stirred ourselves and trod quietly through the snow to the clearing overlooking the city of Rutland. We were assured that on a clear moonlit night the lights of the city could be seen distinctly, but this night was overcast and not moonlit, so we just had to use our imaginations. After singing one or two Christmas carols (after all, the writeup said we would), we hurried back to the shelter, as the wind was becoming sharp. There were no unusual occurrences on this outing -- it was just the pleasant, easy, companionable sort of hike that made us wonder why we (and you) don't do it more often!

TRIP TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT

By Doris Newton

The date was January 23, but it seemed as though we had moved up two months and reached the end of March. Brooks were running, snow melting, and sun dodging in and out. Everything was all the more enjoyable after the dark and unpromising skies of early morning.

After going around to North Shrewsbury to avoid the icy hill, Cathy Hayes, Sherry, Chris and Andy, Doc

and Kay Howard, Jim Frink, Ray Secor⁵ and Doris Newton walked in from the usual parking place. The road was packed hard enough by snowmobiles to make snowshoes unnecessary. A fire was soon going, the coffeepot steaming, and the usual pleasant social time in progress. Halfway through lunch along came Mauri Winturi from Fitchburg, Mass. Before the hike was over he had been signed up as a Killington Section member rather than a member at large. Wouldn't it be great if we could add a new member on every outing?

We shouldn't neglect to mention "Abigail" Hayes and her side-kick "Cindy" as also among those present. I think I heard a murmured suggestion that a beautiful St. Bernard like "Abby" might be trained to carry that little barrel when she came along. Now, that would be an idea, wouldn't it? The only regret of the day was that even more folks weren't along to enjoy it.



Well, I guess the Green Mountain Club is going to the dogs! That was what I thought when I saw five dogs jump out of cars ready to go hiking up to Little Rocky Pond on Feb. 19. Fourteen people showed up at the corner store in East Wallingford accompanied by five dogs.

In spite of a raging bizzard we had a pretty good turnout. Everybody, including the dogs got into two scouts and a jeep and headed up the Wallingford Pond road. Pretty soon we realized we were on a road that hadn't been plowed. The jeep had a hard time backing out so Grampa Weeks thought he would get out the easy way. He gave it the gas and ended out worse off than the jeep. After much digging and pushing we finally got the scout out.

Since we couldn't drive to our destination, we started snowshoeing up the road. The wind and the snow hit us in the face as the storm got wilder. After about two miles we found a place to eat lunch by a brook. Even with a good fire, our sandwiches froze to our hands.

Since the storm was so bad, we decided not to go any further. We

fought the wind back to the cars.
Everyone made it back on his own
except one dog. Rusty gave out and
Grandma had to carry her in her pack.
We all had a "barking" good time!

By Kevin V. Abbott
Junior Member, Age 11



ASCUTNEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
(KILLINGTON SECTION)
ASCUTNEY MOUNTAIN HIKE-WINDSOR TRAIL
SNOWSHOE HIKE
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1972

By Jane E. Denman

We assembled at the base of the Windsor Trail on Mt. Ascutney Saturday morning, March 4, under sunny skies. With a hard packed snow base, we decided snowshoes weren't necessary. We carried them over our shoulders just in case the snow was deeper further on.

The ascent was a steady steep climb up the side of a ravine through which tumbled a mountain stream covered with snow and ice. We paused to view the valley and distant mountains behind us at Gerry Falls, the half way point of our hike.

A short distance beyond the falls we left the rim of the ravine and crossed a smaller stream where there was open cold water for drinking. The trail doglegged to the right and into small soft woods in which we arrived at the shelter where hot soup, tea, coffee, and cocoa awaited all who came up the trail. The cozy fire welcomed and warmed us while we ate and rested. Eight members and two dogs of the Killington Section made the hike. The three children in the party received a free chance on a pair of snowshoes to be given away at the end of the season by the ATA. Approximately thirty-five hikers made the trip during the day. A few ventured beyond the shelter to the top of the mountain.

The hike down the mountain was un-

MYSTERY HIKE - Jan. 8

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By Churchill Scott

After a number of years' lapse, a mystery hike was held. We must have lost our touch for everyone seemed to complain that by the time we reached the parking area the destination was no secret.

The day was cold but clear and sunny, and a deep blue sky prevailed. We drove to a snowmobile parking area south of Woodard Res. on Rt. 100. After walking up a winding unplowed road toward Northam about one mile, we turned left and followed a lumber road to Tinker Brook Shelter.

This camp is located in an evergreen grove overlooking Tinker Brook, and in warmer weather would be a very enjoyable spot.

After a quick lunch and a losing effort to keep warm, we started for home making plans for another mystery hike which will remain a mystery until the destination has been reached.

Dr. Howard and his grandson, Rusty Nickerson, met the group as they were returning, and hiked back to the cars together. It was good to see so many young folks along--Sherry, Andy and Chris Hayes, Betsy, Nancy and Tommy Martin, and Rusty.

CLARENDON LODGE TO FOXLOT FARM

By Dorothy Kirk

Some of the dozen hikers who walked into Clarendon Shelter on Saturday, February 5, had nostalgic thoughts for the old Lodge. The transition from Lodge to Open Shelter was beautifully executed, but the temperatures were low, and no one appeared enthusiastic about the change! After the gathering and sawing of wood, building a fire, and heating the water fetched by our hike chairman through a hole in the ice, and pretending to heat ourselves, we ate a rather quick lunch and drank hot coffee (the only hot thing about the day). Several of the party started a short distance toward Foxlot Farm, but soon returned. Later in the week Jim Frink started out alone for the Farm, went some distance but did not reach it. Betty and Lloyd Weeks were the leaders, though Betty had to attend a directors' meeting. A solitary out-of-state hiker who appeared at the shelter was eventually persuaded not to continue on a very obscure

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes that will be sent to the 1971 membership list. We would like to remind people of the financial notice included in the hike schedule for 1972, this being, "The Section has incurred a Financial Deficit of several hundred dollars for each of the past three years. We have a deficit budget for this year. Dues will have to be increased in 1973 but they will NOT go up this year. Dues are now Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each adult member and Fifty Cents (50¢) for each Junior member under 18.

Dues are now payable and should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

To avoid a Deficit this year, contributions in excess of dues are badly needed. Many members have already sent in contributions of from three to ten dollars (\$3.00 to \$10.00). Any financial help you can give to your Section will enable it to continue its reputation for the best overall maintenance on the Long Trail.

Below is a list of members of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc., as of 15 March 1972.

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ODE TO THE COUNTRY ROAD

By Ralph W. Seager

My old roads now are blacktop and concrete;
 I cannot feel the country through my feet,
 Or know its shadowed breeze upon my skin,
 Remembering where woods once crowded in
 To watch with green eyes what was going by;
 Now all that's left is road--and open sky.
 I miss the quiet, cool, receptive clay
 That caught my print, springing me on the way;
 The dust beams walking up the slanting stair
 As leaves slid down the banisters of air.
 Bulldozers gouge and steel blades cut straight through;
 No sudden turns--no unexpected view
 Of doe and fawn, or paisley pheasant's brood
 To grace and color rural solitude.
 I see my hills knocked down, my valleys spanned
 Where roads once fitted kindly to the land.



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COMING OUTINGS

Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station, Rutland. To Shrewsbury Peak. We drive to Northam Park in North Shrewsbury and take the 1.8 mile trail to the peak, returning the same way. G. Perlstein, Leader.

Sunday, July 9, 9 a.m. Meet at fire station. To Bromley Mt. Drive to Peru via Manchester and Manchester Depot. Take US Forest Service Road #21 to Mad Tom Notch. Hiking distance over the mountain to Vt. 11 is 3 miles. Leader, George Reynolds.

Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. Meet at fire station. To Blue Ridge Summit. We drive to Tall Timber in Mendon and take the blue blaze trail to the summit. Jim Frink, Hike Leader.

Sunday, August 6, 1 p.m. Fire station. To East Mountain. Go to Loveday's Camp on the Notch section of the Wheelerville road west of McLaughlin Falls and take the trail from there to the summit. This will be the first annual East Mt. hike in honor of one of our

finest members, Harold Valiquette. This hike will be led by T. Valiquette. Harold left us on October 4, 1971.

Saturday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. Fire station. To Mt. Moosalamoo. Drive to the power station on the road from Forest Dale to Lake Dunmore, walk up the penstock to the Silver Lake road, follow the road to the trail, and from there to the summit. Jim Frink, Leader.

Sunday, September 10 (Note date change) 1 p.m. at fire station. To Bald Mt. Sixtieth anniversary celebration. See inside for details. Leaders, J.&J. Martin.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m. Fire station. To Somerset Reservoir. 1 or 2 days. Drive to Bennington, then east on Route 9 to Searsburg. At a point a short distance east of Searsburg an access road goes north to a camping area south of the reservoir. There is another camping area near the north end of the lake. This can be a hiking, camping, and canoeing weekend, or it can be a day trip. Leaders, F.&R. Roberts.

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. Fire station. To Merck Forest. 1 or 2 days. Drive to Manchester Center and take Route 30 northwest through South Dorset and Dorset. Turn left at East Rupert and take the road toward Rupert. Shortly on the left at the top of a hill is the entrance to Merck Forest with 26 miles of trails to choose from during one or two days. "Wes" Weston, Hike Leader.

TRIP REPORTS

Pine Hill Park - On Saturday, March 18, Churchill Scott, Kathy Hayes with her sons, Andy and Chris, Doris Newton, "Wes" Weston, and I met at the fire station and drove to the Rutland Country Club. We did not need snowshoes, and we hiked over to the sixteenth fairway where the trail begins alongside a brook. It was a short but pleasant walk thru the woods to Muddy Pond and then to Rocky Pond. We decided not to return the same way so we walked down the road toward Evergreen Avenue for about half a mile, and then cut into the woods on one of the nature trails that the City Recreation Dept. has blazed thru the woods on the way down to Oak St. in Rutland where the Nature Trail begins. From there we walked north along East Creek to the fifth fairway of the golf club and from there across the fairways to the club house where we had parked our cars. In all we hiked about four miles and enjoyed every bit of it. I even found a Boy Scout knife down by East Creek!
Jim Frink

Snake Mountain - "Rain, probably changing to snow, with the possibility of thunder showers this afternoon"---such was the less than encouraging weather forecast on the day of the Snake Mt. trip. Even so, seven of us turned up at the fire station figuring that all this might hold off till afternoon at least.

At the starting place in Addison we met Mr. Kennedy and son, Michael, waiting, and under the leadership of Lloyd and Betty Weeks, started up the old Mountain Road. This is an interesting survival from the era of "summit houses." As we went up we found considerable snow depth. The

woods looked and felt like winter. The cold wind-driven fog on the summit made the noon campfire welcome; in fact, we were all as close as we could get!

There are still remnants of the old summit house standing, and many other people must have thrilled as we did to the nearly sheer drop of 1200 or so feet to the valley floor, the view across Lake Champlain, which we could faintly see thru the fog, and the Adirondacks, which we couldn't. We were fascinated, too, by the little pond nearly on the brink of the cliff, probably a spring somewhat improved to provide a water supply for the summit house. We hear there is another boggy pond, interesting from a botanical standpoint (when it isn't covered with a couple of feet of ice and snow!)

How many times we said, "We must come again on a clear day!" and, "We must come later when the plants are out." A little detour to the Water Fowl Refuge to see if there were any geese (there were a few) finished the trip. Thank you, Lloyd and Betty, for introducing us to such a new and beautiful spot. Incidentally, those thundershowers never did materialize!
Doris Newton

Round Hill - This was the weekend (April 30) when spring finally came. Twelve of us had a warm and cloudless afternoon for a short but interesting climb up Round Hill. This is the hill with the beacon, just southeast of Rutland.

Jim Frink, hike leader and geologist, showed us a rare deposit of fuchsite, and, thanks to his hammer and chisel, most of us now have a small souvenir specimen of this attractive green stone formed, according to Jim, of mica and colored with chrome. (I think I have that right!) The summit provides a good view of the valley and city, and that intrigued some of our photographers.

It was good to have several hikers along who have not been out with us before, and we hope they will come again.
Doris Newton

White Rocks Picnic Area to Greenwall Shelter - On April 1 several GMC's and friends led by Kathy Hayes (aka

circle starting at the White Rocks Picnic Area. We followed the Blue Blazes up the Keewaydin Trail to the junction of the Long Trail, and then northeasterly to the Greenwall Shelter. Hence we followed the LT to the USFS road and then returned by this road to White Rocks Picnic area access road, completing the circle. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Try it, you'll like it!

But if you're going to try it in the spring, bring your snowshoes. April Fools that we were, not a one of us had thought we would need them (With snow gone for some time in the lowlands who would have thought?). For some of us it was really tough! Take 2 steps and sink 4 feet into the snow. Take a couple more and repeat. We're calling it the April Fool Foxtrot. Some of the lighter people had less difficulty of course. And trying to follow those blue blazes was something else; in several places we lost the trail completely.

We saw what we identified as bear tracks, and all sorts of coon and porky tracks, too. But there were other things in our favor; it was a gorgeous day with lots of sun to set the blue skies off against the white birches and snow, and we enjoyed lunching with our congenial friends at the shelter. (Abby says Matt Eastman's sandwich was just delicious.) Kathy Hayes

Vermont's Highest Waterfall(?) - How to schedule a successful May 13th hike:

1. Schedule it in the dead of winter, at the January Annual Meeting;
2. Ask the weatherman to furnish a warm day; and
3. Ask the sun to shine brightly.

We did, he did, and it did.

A near-record crowd (about 25) assembled at Emerald Lake State Park to pick up the leader (and interrupt him from his fishing). From there, our convoy proceeded to Manchester Depot and the beginning of the Lye Brook Trail.

Up that trail we went--a nice woodland walk over an old road, with reasonably dry footing and a not-too-steep grade. Of course those in the lead occasionally waited for those in the rear to catch up--then started again without giving the latter a chance to catch their breaths.

After about two miles, we turned off the trail and onto the switchback of the old Rich Lumber Company logging

railroad. Even tho we often saw rows of rotting ties, it was hard to believe that almost a half-century ago huge loads of logs were snaked down that railroad.

Negotiating windfalls and wet spots along the uncleared railroad bed, we finally came to the gorge--and there it was! A magnificent waterfall. Not one huge spear of water, but a series of cascades dropping down and down and down. As we ate our respective lunches by the site of the railroad trestle, beside pools of water, it was difficult to see the top of the falls, so hidden by hemlocks and so high above us.

The trip back was just a pleasant walk in the spring forest--with spring beauties, trilliums, dogtooth violets, and other spring flowers. Amid discussions of conflicting names of these flowers, Jim Frink added his valuable knowledge of rocks and minerals, while Rolston and Weeks eyed the various pools along the stream with visions of lurking trout awaiting their lures.

Back at the cars, it was agreed that this MUST be Vermont's highest waterfall. So you may remove that question mark from the title of this article.

Ben Rolston

Trip to McLaughlin Falls and Gorge -

On May 28, eight people met at the Koltonski Fire Station for the hike to the McLaughlin Falls. It was a beautiful day for a hike; the temperature was in the 70's and the sun was shining brightly.

We left the station at 1:00 p.m. and traveled along the rough, dusty Wheelerville Road to the Falls. It was quite a hair-raising ride! When we reached our destination, all of us were quite hungry, so we had a picnic lunch on the rocks beside the falls. It was wonderful to see the water cascading over steep rocks and ledges to little pools below.

After our lunch, we followed an old logging road, overgrown with bushes and weeds, for about a mile. Unfortunately, the road soon came to a dead end, so we turned around and went back to search for a trail leading down the gorge. However, there were no cleared trails, so we went and sat beside the falls. A couple of us tried wading in a pool at the bottom of the falls, but soon decided that the water was too chilly for us, despite the warm weather. It was quite an interesting little

GREEN MT. CLUB OR VT. PARKS DEPT.????

Below are two letters from Herb Ogden. The editors of S&B hope that the many Killington Section members who realize and appreciate all Herb has done for the section will call him or drop him a line and persuade him to reconsider his action.

June 1, 1972

Frances:

Here is a copy of a letter I have sent to Ray Secor. Can you include it in the next issue of S&B?

I think it is important that members of the Killington Section should know that I am withdrawing because of Main Club action, not because of anything that has occurred in the Killington Section.

Sincerely,

Herb Ogden

RFD#1, Windsor, Vermont
May 21, 1972

Ray:

I have concluded, after Saturday's Annual GMC meeting, that I can no longer volunteer my wholehearted services for the Green Mountain Club as a member of the Killington Section. This is not a sudden decision. In recent years it has seemed to me that an unhealthy trend has been strengthening as Sections falter and Main goes "big time." I am inclined, in any such situation, to go either whole hog or get out. I find this trend so disheartening, over a period of years, that I can no longer go whole hog.

As I indicated in my "memo" on Saturday and sought to point up during the seminar, I feel that the present trend can lead only to the Vermont Parks Department. This trend involves standardization of too many facets of trail & shelter maintenance, directives from Main, permission from Main rather than advice, salaried executive secretary, the executive-committee-of-the-executive-committee (Advisory Board?), a stifling of individual initiative and responsibility in the Sections, a position that Sections are creatures of the Main Club rather than the other way around--and several other considerations.

I have, in recent years, spent considerable time and money on the Long Trail as an active member of the Kill-

ington Section, in hopes that my perception of that trend might be clouded. That hope no longer exists. I do not wish to play an active role in the dissolution of the volunteer organization once known as the Green Mountain Club.

Herbert Ogden

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Killington Section will commemorate this important event by turning the scheduled Bald Mt. hike into a celebration. Reservations have been made for Tamarack Notch facilities for Sept. 10, and a dinner will follow the hike--at 6:30 p.m.

Members are urged to bring historic pictures and slides of KS activities and hikes. This should be an evening filled with nostalgia and a well-deserved feeling of accomplishment, as KS is the oldest and most active section in the Green Mountain Club!

ABOUT SMOKE & BLAZES

1. Have we made errors in your name, address, or title (e.g. Miss, Mrs., Ms., Mr., Dr.,) in our latest membership list?
2. Are there families who wish to receive more than 1 copy of S&B?

Please let us know by writing to S&B Editors, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield, Vt. 05156, or to W.C.Scott, Secretary, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

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MENDON PEAK - Trip Report - Sunday,
June 11, dawned cold and clear. This
was the day of the most ambitious bush-
whacking trip of the year and as the
16 of us and two dogs rode up the lift
we enjoyed traveling into the area of
the frost covered mountain peaks. The
view from Killington was beautiful in
spite of the strong NW wind that hurried
us on to the shelter for a few minutes
of rest before we headed for Tamarack.

The advance party had a good fire, soon
coffee was served, and then we all got
out compass and map and started west.
The route led a bit north of Little
Killington into a red-flagged trail.
This took us in the general direction
for some distance, but at last cut north
and down hill, so again we cut cross-
country.

In 1960, our last trip here was quite
open from Little Killington to the last
slope of Mendon with a number of lumber
roads, but now it was an endless woods.
As we started to climb again we found a
faint trail which helped to reach the
first summit where we could see the
ledge on the second summit.

After enjoying the view there for
some time (just the same as 1960,
cold, clear and beautiful) most of
us were ready to call it quits and
head for home, but Jim insisted that
we go a bit farther west and really
stand on the summit of Mendon. It
was well worth the effort for we
could see all of the area not visible
from the eastern ledge.

The return trip seemed to be an
endless plodding succession of trees,
brush and undergrowth as we headed
a bit south hopefully to avoid the
worst slash. At last we came to a
very welcome stream where Ray's
folding cup refreshed everyone's
spirits. Soon after we hit the trail,
about a half mile south of Tamarack.

At the shelter Mauri had already
left so we all rested, and then at
Cooper we all gathered together
again and agreed it had been a rough
day. Around the Juggernaut Trail
and down the work road finished our
ambitious trip.

W. C. Scott

THE NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES
will carry a complete report from
"Wes" Weston, Trails Chairman. In
the meantime, this account by Jim
Frink will give some idea of what
the Trails Committee is doing:

Today, Thursday, June 1, "Wes"
Weston and I started from Sherburne
Pass at 8:25 a.m. and built water
bars; sawed blow-downs and dead
falls; clipped branches from in and
across the trail; picked up all
debris from the trail, and left it
in good condition all the way to
Pico Shelter. We were caught in a
very heavy rain during our walk from
the Junction to the shelter. We
built a fire in the stove and dried
our clothes and ourselves. Had our
lunch in the shelter. We arrived
back at Sherburne Pass at 3:45 p.m.

IN A LETTER dated June 14, "Wes"
Weston did state that temporary
repairs had been made on the bridge
over Clarendon Gorge, and that "At
this point, the trail has not been
completely gone over; that stretch
from Cooper south to Tamarack as
well as the stretch from Cooper to
Pico Camp has yet to be done."

SMOKE & BLAZES

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COMING OUTINGS

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m. at Koltonski Fire Station. Ruth LaBrake will lead this hike since it is at her camp in the area where we will assemble before taking the trail. We drive to Florence and take the road west which leaves the north-south road just south of the underpass. We follow this road to the LaBrake camp and then take the trail to the summit of Fire Hill. On our last hike to Fire Hill we missed the trail to the summit, but Ruth assures us that she has very good directions this time as to which turns to take!

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. at the fire station. Churchill Scott will lead this hike. We will drive to Waitsfield on Route 100 and turn east for about two miles to the trail to the summit of Scrags Mountain. This hike is about four miles total.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. at the fire station. We drive to East Wallingford and go down Route 155 which runs into Route 100. Follow 100 to West Wardsboro and then take the Stratton Mt. road to where the trail begins. This is about a six mile hike, and is led by Wes Weston.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. at fire station. A complete deep and dark MYSTERY. NO-BODY KNOWS!!!

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THANKS, HERB

For more than sixty years, the Long Trail has been a "labor of love" for untold hundreds of volunteers who have worked hard, without monetary remuneration, to keep the Trail System cleared, and shelters built and maintained, for the free use of all who seek a bit of solitude in the wilderness.

Some of these volunteers worked for many years. Some of our present workers have been wielding the clippers and paint brushes for a decade, or two or three decades.

Others contribute their services for a lesser period of time, but with great zeal and enthusiasm, until family obligations, geographical limitations, or other conflicting duties cause their trail-working activities to disappear from the scene.

And other workers are of the short-term, or "one-shot" nature, such as constructing a shelter, or participating in a Boy Scout trail work project.

Whether a person spends only one day of hard work on the Trail or at a shelter, or whether he spends his spare time over a period of ten years or more, this person receives a great deal of personal satisfaction knowing that he has contributed toward the aim of the founder of our Club, James Taylor, "to make the mountains of Vermont play a larger part in the lives of the people."

For about ten years, I was one of these volunteers, working in various areas--Killington Section's part of the Long Trail, within the National Forest (Baker Peak area), the Appalachian Trail east of Sherburne Pass, or elsewhere.

I, too, greatly enjoyed this work, with no desire for remuneration other than the satisfaction of knowing that my efforts helped to make the Trail more enjoyable for others who followed me. It was with deep regret that a physical setback forced me to curtail most of this enjoyable work.

For the past several years, our Killington Section member Herb Ogden put in hundreds of hours of hard physical work on the Trail and at the

shelters. I know that Herb loved this work, as I do, and made his contribution entirely for the benefit of hikers who, I am sure, appreciated all that he did.

Dorothy and I both regret Herb's decision to give up this work. We know that it was a hard decision to make, one that required much thought and evaluation. We respect his decision, without any criticism. We know that he will miss this work just as much as I miss the work that I did, altho we gave up our respective contributions for different reasons.

I trust that other Killington members, inspired by Herb's great devotion to the maintenance of the Trail and shelters, will be motivated to pick up where Herb has left off.

I now wish, through the medium of Smoke and Blazes, to express my personal appreciation of Herb's great contribution to the Killington Section, to the Main Club and other Sections, and to all who use our Trail System and to express my hope that other readers of Smoke and Blazes will also let Herb know that they, too, appreciate all that he has done.

We'll greatly miss you, Herb. We are all richer because you walked with us.

Ben Rolston

REPORT OF TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR 1972 (TO DATE)--Starting on April 10th with the efforts of Jim Frink, the Trails Committee began its season of trail clearing. On snowshoes, Jim worked his way (in 7 hours) from Rte. 103 to Sunnyside Camp clearing brush and removing blowdowns. The next day, Jim and I again tackled the job of clearing, etc., in a sortie from Rte. 140 to Sunnyside Camp. We also snowshoed. A lapse occurred until May 20th when several members of the Section turned out on occasion of GMC Day and worked at clearing; removing blowdowns; blazing and making drainage ditches, and reinforcing steep, dangerous areas such as the Deer Leap Trail.

Subsequently, other parts of the trail were cleared on various dates and with the assist of various members of the Section.

It is doubtful if that part of the trail between the Upper Cold River Road and Clarendon Shelter was completely covered, but hikers met on our part of the trail always exclaimed about how well the trail was kept up.

Through the courtesy of the State Highway Dept., three barrels were set out on the Trail just off Routes 4, 102 and 140, and by periodic check, I found that they were being systematically picked up and emptied. The two trash cans put out on the Upper Cold River Road and the Lottery Road by the Section have been checked out and emptied several times by yours truly, and fresh trash liners inserted.

The overly wet summer was partially responsible for not getting out more frequently to clear trail. The situation with regard to the bridge at Clarendon Gorge is still pending. Temporary repairs have been made on the bridge, and blueprints of its structure received from the builder, Emile Boselli, a former member of the Killington Section. Some members of the C.V.P.S. Corp's engineering department are the individuals who made the temporary repairs, and will shortly be starting on the permanent job of replacing new cables, etc. Within the next few weeks, those section members who can will be asked to lend a hand in helping with the permanent repairs.

Many thanks to the section members and others who have turned out on the various work parties to assist me in the work I had to perform.

Respectfully,
W. F. Weston, Trails
Chairman, Killington
Section, GMC

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TRIP REPORTS

Blue Ridge Mt. - July 22. Robert Carey, Joan Tomasi, Paschal DeBlasio, Kathy Hayes and her three very nice children, Sherry, Chris and Andy, and Matthew Eastman joined me at the fire station at 9:00 a.m. on a beautiful day. We drove to Craigie Perkins' Tall Timbers Camp on the old Turnpike Road in Mendon, and from there we followed the blue blazed trail to the summit. The view was clear and beautiful, and we ate our lunches sitting on the summit rocks. After a short rest, we descended, and all agreed that we had had a very pleasant day.

Jim Frink

First Annual Harold Valiquette Memorial Hike to the Summit of East Mountain -
On Sunday, August 6, at 1 p.m., Harold's good friends started to assemble at the fire station. Thelma Valiquette, of course, was the leader of this hike. There were 26 of us, and I, for one, was delighted that so many turned out to honor a man who for many years was one of the most skilled, best liked, most congenial and hard working members that this club ever had.

We drove to Loveday's Camp on the Wheelerville Road west of McLaughlin Falls and took the trail to a point where bushwhacking commenced! The entire company pushed and broke its way through some very dense brush and bramble, but we avoided the steepest climb by so doing, and everyone reached the summit in good time. Again we had a lovely day and the view of Rutland and the surrounding country is one of the finest to be found in this

area. After a lunch and rest at the summit, Joe Valiquette, Harold's stalwart son, led us down the steep and short way home. This was a fine memorial and we plan to have one every year.
Jim Frink

Hike to Mt. Moosalamoo - On August 20, 1972, five people gathered at the fire station for the hike to Mt. Moosalamoo. We left at approximately 9:30 a.m. to head for the mountain. When we reached the Silver Lake Road, we were joined by two more people.

The weather that day was good; the sun was shining and the temperature was in the seventies. But, unfortunately, the mosquitos and bees were with us. With our containers of OFF and OLD TIME WOODSMAN, we strove to keep them away.

The first sight we saw was the waterfalls near the power line. They were just beautiful! Several of us took pictures.

Next, we began the steep climb to the summit. With Jim Frink as our leader, we hustled right along. We reached the top in less than an hour. The view was just breathtaking! One could see Silver Lake, a good portion of Lake Dunmore, and all of the neighboring mountains. There was clicking of cameras for a time, then we settled down to eat our lunch. We then descended the mountain and headed for home. All of us decided that the magnificent views were well worth the trip

(Unsigned)

Bald Mt., 60th Anniversary Party -
Perfection is the word to best describe Killington Section's 60th Anniversary party on Sunday, 10 September 1972. Weatherwise, it was a crystal clear early fall day, cool but sunny, when Jim Frink rounded us up at the fire station to guide us to Tamarack Notch Camp.

The climb up Bald Mt. proved steep enough to challenge the young, yet gentle enough so that of the 28 starters only one (me) turned back partway. Back at Tamarack, a super supper, prepared and served by the Martin family to over 50 members and guests, was followed by an evening of nostalgic slides and movies to

round out a celebration to long remember.

Bald Mt. climbers, led by Janet Martin, hiked through a mixed forest of huge trees that were, Jan explained, planted many years ago after earlier growth had been cut over. Underfoot, the forest floor was thickly carpeted with ferns of many varieties; sensitive, bracken, Christmas, woodsias, polypodies, grape, maidenhair, and others less easily identified. At the summit were panoramic views toward Pico and Killington, and near the summit was an interesting bog where Jan, Nancy and Carol pointed out the cotton grass and other unusual plants, both native and transplants, growing there.

Meanwhile, back at the Notch, Jack was completing the chicken fricassee (for which Jan had cooked and boned 30 lbs. of chicken ahead of time!), baking the crisply light biscuits served under the chicken, and preparing the equally delectable apple crisp served warm for dessert. A green salad, hot rolls and fluffy mashed potatoes almost completed a delicious supper. Almost, for a surprise addition was a huge birthday cake contributed by "Wes" Weston, its frosting decorated with a pine tree and Long Trail emblem and the dates 1912-1972. President Ray Secor cut the cake with assorted juniors cheering him on, and they and their seniors soon consumed it.

While members from Springfield cleared away the dishes, Jack supplied background music with the accordion that had enlivened so many Killington gatherings over the years. And for all, but especially for those of us who get to Killington outings too seldom nowadays, there was the additional fun of catching up on news of old friends and meeting new ones.

Many familiar faces and trail scenes were identified happily in the slides shown by Jack and by Betty Weeks, and the movies of early intersectional weekends shown by Jim Green.

May this be the start of a second 60 years as productive of happy trails as the first 60 have been!

Fran Green

Somerset Reservoir - The September 16 hike turned into a canoe weekend when three Springfield couples, the Weeks,

Days and Roberts, were the only members to appear at Somerset Reservoir. It "just happened" that they had three canoes with them, so, after Jim Frink dropped by to report that it was raining in Rutland and no one had shown up, the "hikers" packed in their gear and shoved off.

Now, how many hike chairmen have been known to drive 150-plus miles to get word to a group of hikers? That's well beyond the call of duty. Jim came, established that the scheduled event was A-OK, then drove back to Rutland to take care of some things back home. He took time to look around, though, and agreed that the Somerset Reservoir area was a beautiful spot and he'd be back one day.

A strong headwind marred an otherwise ideal fall day, and a 3 to 4 mile paddle into the wind on an open lake can be hard work. But the water and sky were a brilliant blue, the trees along the shores were beginning to turn color, and the setting was one of the few remaining wilderness areas left in Vermont.

By late afternoon, a primitive camping area hove into view. The boats were beached, tents set up, and preparations were made for supper and an overnight stand. In early evening a third-quarter moon brightened, formed a golden path on the water, and stars began to blaze. As the night came on and the temperature dropped, the campers toasted their toes and marshmallows over a driftwood fire----

Now, don't you wish you'd been there?
Frances Roberts

Bromley Mountain Hike - My husband George, son John, and I set out for the Peru General Store on a pleasant Sunday in July (the 9th, to be exact), hoping to find some of our old Killington Section friends ready to climb Bromley Mountain with us. We were surprised at first to see only half a dozen or more strangers, and wondered if we had the right group. Shortly we were joined by Vic Randolph of Wallingford, and his three children, Karen, Allen, and Warren. Then we felt more at home, because we have known the Randolphs

ever since we first met on the Long Trail shortly after each of us had our first child. Which is all by way of saying that we should get out on Killington Section hikes more often and get to know more people!

Those who joined us for the day were Paschal DeBlasio, Madeline Schnabel, Jacob Sherman, Jay Rosinger, Robert Carey, Jean Tomasi, and Matt Eastman. We were almost joined by another hiker --an oversize, four-legged beast. This was a large St. Bernard dog who insisted on climbing in every car that parked in front of the store.

After placing one of the cars on Route 11 and driving the rest of them to Mad Tom Notch shelter, we finally began the actual hiking around 11 a.m. The hike itself was relatively uneventful and unspectacular, for the reason that it was a somewhat overcast day, and we never did have the breath-taking views we expected, even from the Bromley summit. The main thing some of us learned was that you should never wear sneakers for hiking when there's just been a three-week stretch of rainy weather (you remember June, don't you?).

Following a welcome lunch break at the summit, we descended at varying rates of speed, with this writer always bringing up the rear. After reshuffling the cars, we all took leave of each other around 3 p.m., and the Reynolds topped off the day by stopping at Hapgood Pond for a chilly swim. We wished once again that we could join the hikes more often, and will try to dream up some more down this way so we can do just that.

Ann Reynolds

LOOKING BACKWARD

The following excerpts from a 1929 paperback entitled Vermont Lakes and Mountains, published by Capital City Press, Montpelier, may be of interest:

The Green Mountain Club guide book with eighty-six pages of text and maps covers the Long trail in detail, and gives much further information as to cabins, equipment, etc. may be obtained from the Green Mountain Club, Rutland, Vt. for 53¢ in stamps...

care to tramp the Long Trail may secure information...which will enable them to park at the foot of any of these higher peaks, leisurely ascend the mountain for a picnic, enjoy the wonderful views afforded, and return for the night to a hotel or farmhouse in the valley. Some of the railroads have provided special excursions to enable tourists to enjoy hikes over portions of The Long Trail. ...Bus lines enable one to approach the base of several mountains and thus enable the tourist to reach The Long Trail. A combination of steamboat, railroad and bus trips will give a variety of mountain views in Vermont long to be remembered....

The summit of Killington, like that of Mansfield, is a mass of bare rocks. It may be reached by a climb up a natural rocky stairway. The view from the summit, one of the most comprehensive in the entire Green Mountain system, is magnificent, and so extravagant are we in the use of adjectives in every day conversation that no descriptive words are left that are satisfactory or adequate for a scene like this. It is a noble and inspiring scene that greets the eye in any direction....

The Green Mountain Club House, at Sherburne Pass,... is a gift from Mortimer Proctor and his mother, Mrs. Florence D. Proctor. This Lodge, unique and artistic in its design, expresses rustic architecture at its best, is a charming place of entertainment and is patronized by many tourists. There are nine bed or bunk rooms, each accommodating from two to four persons. ...there are baths, telephone connections and all conveniences....The Long Trail passes directly through this Lodge.

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CALENDAR (Details Follow)

Sat., Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.: Killington
Section Annual Meeting

Sun., Jan. 28: Ski or snowshoe to
Gov. Clement Shelter area

Fri., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Directors'
meeting, home of Jim Frink

Sat., Feb. 10: Mystery Hike

Sat., Feb. 24: Daggett Mt., Bushwhack-
ing.

Sat., Mar. 3, 8:30 a.m.: Ski touring
Little Rock Pond from Mt. Tabor

Sat., Mar. 17: Moonlight hike to
Sunnyside

Sat., Mar. 31: Gulf Shelter on A.T.

Sat., Apr. 7: Sugar-on-Snow Party at
Doc Howard's sugar house (?)

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ANNUAL MEETING - 1/27

The Killington Section annual meet-
ing will be held on Saturday, January
27, at 7:30 p.m. The place will be
the same as last year--the Universalist
Unitarian Church vestry. This is
located on West St. across from Movie
Land Theater.

At this meeting three 3-year term
directors will be elected. Retiring
directors are Wilbur Weston, Elizabeth
Weeks and Kathy Hays.

On another page you will find the
Killington Section By-Laws. It is
suggested that the articles pertaining
to Directors be particularly noted.

Refreshments for the annual meeting
are in the charge of Vera Perkins. A
program is in the works.

Although a tentative hike schedule
has been prepared by the Chairman and
the Board of Directors, there are

several spots to fill, so bring along
to the meeting some ideas for
interesting places to go.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER - 1/28

On Sunday following the annual
meeting, members and friends are
invited to meet at the Koltonski fire
station at 9 a.m. for a snowshoe or
ski expedition to Gov. Clement area.
The more ambitious may continue on
past the shelter along woodroads.
The leasers, Dick and Frances Roberts,
have not explored roads beyond the
shelter so cannot give the distance,
but it would appear to be a challeng-
ing trek.

Bring a lunch and dress warmly for
this trip will take a good part of
the day. Hot coffee, tea, cocoa and
soup will be provided by the Club.

MYSTERY HIKE - 2/10

W-h-e-r-e w-e a-r-e g-o-i-n-g,
n-o-b-o-d-y k-n-o-w-s !!! / Only
Churchill Scott. Meet at the usual
9 a.m. at the usual fire station and
Churchill will (hopefully) lead us to
some wintry rendezvous, possibly with
the abominable snowman.

Bring lunches and snowshoes. The
date is Saturday, February 10.

DAGGETT MT. - 2/24

Those who survive the Mystery Hike
may be in condition by the 24th to
bushwhack up Daggett Mt. If Churchill
Scott survives, he will lead this trip
also.

According to a topographical map of
the area, hikers will leave Rte. 4 in
Sherburne Pass (after meeting at
Koltonski fire station at 9 a.m.) and
hike to Willard Gap. They will then
bushwhack in a north-westerly direc-
tion along the height of land over
Dagget Mt. to Elbow Road, a distance
of about two miles. Total hike will
be five miles.

Bring lunches, snowshoes, and wear
warm clothing.

SKI TOURING - 3/3

Dave Govatski and Ray Secor will lead this trip from Mt. Tabor to Little Rock Pond. Please note the different meeting time and place in the information they have furnished:

Walk from Silver Bridge in Mt. Tabor on Forest Road #10 two and a half miles to Black Branch. Cross-country ski to Little Rock Pond and down Homer Stone Brook trail to So. Wallingford. About eight miles. Intermediate skiers.

Meet at Mt. Tabor Forest Service Supply Depot entrance at 8:30 a.m. Bring extra clothing and a lunch. Date: Saturday, March 3.

MOONLIGHT HIKE - 3/17

All Irish and non-Irish are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a hike into Sunnyside Shelter. Meet at Koltonski fire station at 4 p.m. and bring a bag supper. Hot drinks and soup will be provided.

The moon will be almost full, and the view from the overlook about a mile or so beyond the shelter should be soft and moonlighty.

Those who cannot bear to leave after the hike may stay overnight in the shelter or may bring their mountain tents. Be sure to bring breakfasts, down sleeping bags, and wear your woolies.

The trip will be led by Lloyd and Betty Weeks, noted for bivouacking in snowbanks.

GULF SHELTER - 3/31

This trip will take hikers to a shelter on the Appalachian Trail. After meeting at the fire station at 9 a.m., the group will drive to Woodstock, turn north, and take Rte. 12 for three or four miles. The AT junction is not clearly marked, so it is necessary to look closely for the signs. Gulf Shelter will be found about two miles west of the highway on the Trail.

Although Mauri Winturri has not confirmed his leadership at this writing, the Hikes Chairman, the Board of Directors, members and friends of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, and prospective hikers

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all are all waiting with bated breath and crossed fingers for his "yes." We'll see you on March 31, Mauri.

SUGAR-IN-SNOW PARTY - 4/7

Doc and Kay Howard will entertain at this party but details have not yet been worked out. Watch the papers if the next issue of Smoke and Blazes doesn't reach you in time. Circle your calendar.

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DUES HIKE

At the January 1972 annual meeting the subject of increased dues was discussed at length. It was voted to keep the 1972 dues the same but to ask for contributions to take care of increased expenses. However, beginning January, 1973, Section dues to the Main Club have been increased from 50¢ to \$1.50 per adult member and 75¢ per junior member. Because of this higher assessment and greater Section expenses, it is therefore necessary to ask Killington Section members to pay dues this year according to the following schedule:

Adult: \$4.50

Spouse: \$3.50

Senior Citizen over 65: \$2.50

Single Junior: \$1.75

Family Junior: \$.75

Dues should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

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A NEW HANDBOOK, Winter Hiking and Camping, by John Danielson, has been recently published by the Adirondak Mt. Club. The purpose of this book is to help winter hikers, campers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers to enjoy the out-of-doors to its fullest with utmost safety.

It is guidebook size and contains a wealth of valuable information. It was planned and written to fill the need for a basic manual on wilderness excursions during winter conditions.

This book may be purchased at Dakins Mountain Shop in Ferrisburg, Vt., or ordered from the Adirondak Mt. Club, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Betty Weeks

Killington Section
Green Mountain Club, Inc.

* BY-LAWS *

1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, assigned to it by the G.M.C.; to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail.

2. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

3. Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.

4. The activities of the Section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members over 21 years of age. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.

5. The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year.

6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason, shall terminate his membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.

7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, with the last two combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be for one year.

8. The Directors shall elect from their number two Trustees to the G.M.C. In the event that Director candidates

for the office of Trustee are found lacking the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.

9. The By-laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Section members at the Annual Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.

10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board, other than amendment of the By-laws, shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. The Annual Meeting shall be held in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business.

12. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities, publication of a news letter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

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A DIRECTORS' MEETING was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard on Friday, Jan. 5.

It was voted to hold the Killington Section annual meeting on a Saturday so that more out of town members can attend.

Mr. Weston spoke of the site for the 1973 G.M.C. Intersectional, and said that if the Killington Section sponsors it at Tamarack Notch he will need a lot of help.

Betty Weeks announced that her six years as a Trustee expires this May and a replacement should be considered.

The tenure of various directors was questioned, and the Secretary directed to obtain this information.

It was voted that the duties of the Board of Directors be read at annual meeting, and the By-Laws printed in Smoke and Blazes. A hike schedule was discussed and planned.

HIKE REPORTS FOR THE RAINY LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR:

Merck Forest - Sept. 10. Four members of the Killington Section met at the fire station on South Main St., Rutland, to begin the fourth pilgrimage to the Merck Forest domain. Two of us were prepared for the event while the other two members were there out of curiosity and to possibly cheer on the two hardy souls who were to battle the elements and take the hike.

It was raining, and although the papers, TV and other news media predicted clearing by afternoon, the two were not so well treated. It rained all the way to Merck, and after we arrived.

Don Lourie met us at the red barn and wondered where all the others were. From the barn we two, namely Bob Carey and yours truly, donned our packs and made the trek to the camping area with the big fireplace where several of us stayed last year.

All the while the rain poured down and soaked us quite thoroughly. Once, for a space of about four minutes, the sun shone and for a few minutes we were elated. Then the rain closed in again and for three hours we huddled in the shelter hoping it would cease.

We had a lunch of soup and a sandwich. It should be mentioned here that Rascal and Sport also shared our misery.

About 3:30 p.m. we headed back for the barn, stopping on the way to inspect a new shelter on the Mt. Antone Road. It wasn't as inviting as our L.T. shelters, and we gave it up as a bad job and drove back to Rutland.

Driving west on Kendall Ave. we were greeted by the rays of a beautiful sunset. Thus ended the day.

Wes Weston

Fire Hill, Oct. 15 - Hike leader, Ruth LaBrake. Jim Frink, Wes Weston, Rascal and Sport, Bob Carey, Ruth, and three strangers--young giggly girls--made it to one of the small summits on the ridge, but missed the big one. A short but enjoyable hike.

Scragg Mt., Oct. 28 - Hike leader, Churchill Scott. Ed Trzesniowski, Bob Carey, and Churchill, because of the poor visibility and threat of rain, went only to Mt. Cushman. They took

the new return route via jeep road and Old Town Road. No water along the trail, so be prepared next time.

Bird Mountain, Dec. 2 - Hike leader, Churchill Scott. Jim Frink, Mauri Winturri, Bob Carey, Churchill Scott, and fine prospective member John Hughes, drove to a farmhouse east of Bird Mt., hiked up the east side to near the summit, built a fire, had lunch, and returned. Snowshoes all the way, and fine, clear weather.

Two hikes were cancelled--Stratton Mt. on Nov. 11 as it is not wise to be in the woods on the first day of hunting season, and the Mystery Hike on Dec. 10 because of bad weather. So endeth the 1972 season.

Jim Frink

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The following poem reminds the Editors of climbing Mt. Mansfield during August dog-days, carrying a fifty-pound pack:

Red exhaustion rips at your throat
And salt sweat spills off your forehead and mats your eyelids and brows.
And drips on the burning ground
And your legs start to turn to rubber
and collapse like a balloon.
"Pretty soon I've got to rest.
How much farther? What's the good
of this g-- d--- work anyway?"

The long distance runner is paid by
the snap of a white thread across
his chest.
You are paid by the picture at your
feet.

Taken from On the Loose, by Jerry and Renny Russell, p. 49. A Sierra Club Ballantine Book, Co. 1967.

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Deadline for next issue of Smoke and Blazes is March 15, 1973. Send material to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

COMING OUTINGS

Sun., Apr. 1, 9 a.m. Mauri Winturri, Leader. This trip will take hikers to a shelter on the Appalachian Trail. After meeting at the Koltonski Fire Station, the group will drive to Woodstock, turn north, and take Rte. 12 for about four miles. The AT junction is not clearly marked, so it is necessary to look closely for the signs. Park cars on Rte. 12 and walk 2 mi. up to Gulf Shelter. More ambitious may hike further to west on AT. Bring litter bags and pick up trash.

Sat., Apr. 7, 3 p.m. Sugar-on-snow party. Doc Howard, Leader. Meet at the fire station and drive to Doc Howard's sugar house, Rte. 4, Mendon. Look for Ray's Cabins on left, just east of La Cortina Motel. If it should rain, Doc will invite us in his home. However, THINK SNOW!!

Sun., Apr. 15, 9 a.m., Mt. Moosalamoo. Terry Gulick, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Goal: Summit of Mt. Moosalamoo, off the Lake Road, east of Lake Dunmore. A fine network of trails has been developed by Keewaydin Boys' Camp. High points: Beautiful views of Lake Dunmore area, water-sculptured ledges, and a spectacular waterfall near the trail.

Sun., Apr. 29, 9 a.m. Mt. Ascutney, Weathersfield Trail. Judy Geczi, Leader. Meet at the fire station. The Weathersfield Trail takes off from Rte. 131 between Amsden and Ascutney. Watch for sign on L. approximately 3 mi. east of Amsden. The trip leader will meet hikers at this junction. The group will follow dirt road, bearing L. at first fork and continuing on about a half mile to an ample parking area at end of road. Scenic high point is Crystal Cascades, a 70' drop, .7 mi. on trail. A short, steep climb along the edge of the ravine leads to a small bench, the lip of the cascade, for a spectacular view. Total distance

to summit: 2.3 mi., 2 1/4 hrs., 1890 ft. This mountain, a monadnock 3150' in elevation, rises steeply from the valley floor offering wide views of the surrounding countryside.

Sat., May 12, 9 a.m. Work party; Wes Weston, Leader. Meet at the fire station for a work party which will continue overnight and through the next day. Area to be cleared will depend on trails and snow condition. If everyone turns out, we can get the whole trail in our Section done in one weekend. Parts of the trail will be assigned. Come prepared with work gloves, clippers, etc. If you can't spare the whole weekend, come one day. But come!

Sat. & Sun., May 26 & 27 Annual GMC Meeting. Site is East Poultney Baptist Church on Rte. 140. See Long Trail News for details.

Sat., June 2, 9 a.m. Spring Cleaning Work Party, Wes Weston, Leader. Again meet at the fire station. Any work not done by the first work party will be done here. As this is Annual Clean-up Day, bring litter bags. If you can't make the first work party, be sure to come to this one.

Sat., June 9, 9 a.m. Meet Lloyd and Betty Weeks at the fire station for a climb up Snake Mt. in Addison. Snake Mt. is located about 1 1/2 mi. from Rte. 22A in the town of Addison, Vt. Hikers will follow an old carriage road by easy grades up the southwest side of the mountain about 2 mi. to the site of an old hotel. From the bare ledges at the summit there is a spectacular view of the flat Champlain Valley with Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks in the distance.

A small pond may be visited on the mountain top. Interesting plant life may be seen here including a profusion of Trailing Arbutus. Also near the summit is a cranberry bog. Here will be found an acre of open bog mat com-

erised of sphagnum moss. The bog is 33' deep, and is believed to be 9500 years old. It began forming shortly after the retreat of the last glacier. In this area pitcher plants are exceptionally abundant.

This mountain is near the flyway of the Canadian Geese. These birds may be observed at the Dead Creek Waterfowl Area immediately below the mountain.

Sat., June 23, 9 a.m. Stony Brook Shelter, Appalachian Trail. Bettina Roulter, Leader. Meet at the fire station and follow Rte. 4 to Sherburne village in Ottauquechee Valley. Turn L. in Sherburne on a dirt road. Drive 1.5 mi. N. to AT crossing. Distance from road to Stony Brook Shelter is 4.5 mi. This rugged trail leads through a dense forest along a height of land between N. and S. flowing streams. The section typifies the rugged, wild terrain of Vermont forests.

SHORT HIKES

At the Section annual meeting, it was requested that a list of short hikes that can be taken by family groups in the Rutland area be published in Smoke & Blazes. Jim Frink, Hike Chairman, has compiled the following list:

East Mt. (Scheduled Aug. 5)
Johnson Shelter (Scheduled Jan. 5, 1974)
Bald Mt.
Clarendon Lodge
Blue Ridge (Scheduled Oct. 14. Not long but steep.)
White Rocks
Fire Hill
Sunnyside
Pittsford Ice Caves
Pine Hill
Tinker Brook Shelter
Grandpa's Knob
Wheelerville Road
Deer Leap
Round Hill

Some of these may be found in the Long Trail Guidebook, but all are in the Rutland area.

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The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club mourns the passing of Kay Howard, wife of "Doc" Howard, a member of our Board of Directors. We enjoyed Kay's pleasant company on many GMC outings, and on the several occasions when she graciously opened her home for Section meetings. Mrs. Howard died on February 22.

NEW MEMBERS - The following names should be added to the membership list found on the last page of this issue of Smoke & Blazes:

Abbott, Kim - Keith - Kevin, (ALL JR)
23 Pine St., Springfield 05156

HIKE REPORTS

Gov. Clement, Jan. 28. The 1973 Hike Schedule began with a trip to Gov. Clement shelter on Jan. 28. We didn't have to tunnel our way down into the shelter, as predicted in Smoke & Blazes. It just wasn't that kind of a winter.

When Hike Leaders, Dick and Frances Roberts, arrived at Upper Rd. they came upon a traffic jam (on Upper Rd., yet!) so many GMCers had turned out. Twenty-four hikers, representing three states, signed Jim Frink's register.

Although the sky was over-cast, the air was delightful. The trail was on the icy side at first, but with increased elevation the snow became thick and squeaky under foot. Those who brought their X-C skis were glad they had.

After building a fire, carrying water up the steep bank from the brook, boiling coffee and soup, the group settled down to the business of eating lunches and catching up on news.

Most went home soon after lunch, but 7 or 8 hiked on further up the trail for an hour or so. It was one of those days one felt reluctant to end.

F. Roberts

Mystery Hike, Feb. 10. The hike began just as the one a year ago did. Blue sky, bright sunshine, no wind, with the temperature around zero. Only this year the destination was a mystery to more people.

After a ride over Sherburne Pass to 100A, we turned south, and after passing a couple of bigger than life size ice statues, or maybe snow women, we parked opposite and a little north of the entrance to the Calvin Coolidge State Park area. Snowshoes were not necessary as we walked up an old town road with some folks making a side trip to an old granite quarry where Jim gave a very interesting description of the area.

We passed by Whetstone Brook Shelter and continued on for another mile, going up all the way. A couple of ski-mobiles passed, and then all was quiet again. Soon we turned north off the road, and came to Crooked Shelter where a beautiful, quick, hot fire was built. This is the second of three shelters built and maintained by the Vt. Forest and Parks Dept. which form a very interesting area for overnight trips, exploring hikes, and a side trip down to the Farm and Wilderness Camps.

The bright sun made the day perfect, and again we all said, "What can we do to get more folks out with us to enjoy it all?"

Churchill Scott

Daggett Mt., Feb. 24. The day of the third (at least) attempt to climb Daggett Mt. broke clear, cool and calm. This time we decided to approach from the eastern route, and after arriving at Willard Gap we spent some time discussing the best route - to go from that spot, or to have lunch at Johnson Shelter and slab up from there. Finally Willard Gap won, and we took off, switching back and forth, climbing all the way. As we went along the ridge dropped sharply to the south, and a number of good views were obtained of Pico, Killington and other nearby peaks.

At last we all took turns standing on the peak of Daggett Mt. Then a good, hot fire provided water for drinks to wash down our lunch. The way back was much easier, and it was said a lot more enjoyable than making a round trip of it down the west side, which looked very steep. It was a big surprise to see no fresh animal tracks in spite of the very good weather. Mauri, Ray, Jim, Bob, Kim and Churchill were the hikers.

Churchill Scott

Ski Touring to Rocky Pond, Mar. 3. In spite of threatening skies and weather forecasts for rain, Betty Staack, Ray

Secor, and Betty and Lloyd Weeks started up the nearly snowless road with skis and snowshoes for Little Rocky Pond. As we reached the higher altitudes we began to find more snow and could actually ski a little by picking our way through boulders. We arrived at Lulu Tye Shelter just about to eat lunch when Jim Frink, Churchill Scott and Bob Carey arrived. They had come up the Home Stone Brook trail on snowshoes.

We visited, finished lunch, then each party went its separate way. Skiing back out on the trail was much easier, and a good time was made to the cars.

The choices of wax used on our skis were not exactly the best. We could slip back nearly as easily as forward. The consensus was that more knowledge is needed in choosing waxes and applying them.

Let's hope for more ski trips next year as this was a thoroughly enjoyable excursion. The nine miles slid by easily and quickly.

Lloyd Weeks

Moonlight Hike to Sunnyside, Mar. 17. Driving up Rte. 103 to Cuttingsville with rain pouring down and all streams overflowing, we knew that no one would show up for the hike to Sunnyside.

We had planned a moonlight hike and overnight to Sunnyside on March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We had looked forward to spending a balmy moonlight night in our mountain tent with several other GMCers who were planning to attend with tents.

When we arrived at the dirt road that takes us the last few miles, we found barricades across the road and a sign, "MUD, four-wheel-drive vehicles only." Luckily, we were driving the Scout. And MUD was right! Slipping from rut to rut we finally made it to the top of the hill. Donning rain pants and other rain gear, we sloshed through mud and water up past the beaver pond to the camp. The neat, clean cabin with plenty of dry firewood waiting, was a welcome sight. The first robin we had seen this spring was singing in one of the old apple trees nearby.

We had started the fire and got the soup kettle on when Jim Frink, Bob Carey, Wilbur Weston and Rascal (Continued p. 4, col. 2)

DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT - W.C. Scott

The Board of Directors' meeting was held on Saturday, March 16, at the home of Mr. Weston. Present were Janet Martin, Teen Palen, Jim Frink, Doc Howard, Wes Weston, Ray Secor, Churchill Scott. Peter Palen was a guest.

Ray has finally received a report on the caretakers at Pico Shelter for the 1972 season, and hopefully this year there will be a better method of communication so we will know more from the Main Club. More discussion was made about the "Adopt A Shelter" program which Mr. Palen oversees for the Main Club. Miss Mausolff, who is moving closer to Vermont, is willing to have Gov. Clement. Doc suggested that Spring Lake Ranch be contacted about watching over Sunnyside, and Farm and Wilderness over Tamarack. Lyle Van Guilder was mentioned as a sponsor for Clarendon.

Wes made the motion to submit Fred-erica Welch's name as a replacement for Bob Rothenmeyer who has moved to Mass-achusetts and can no longer serve as Director.

Wilman Day's name was mentioned to contact to see if he would consent to act as a Trustee to replace Betty Weeks whose term will expire this May.

Janet Martin, at the request of Mrs. Jean Davis, Director of Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford, spoke about the Pittsford Ice Caves and their popularity with many of the local camps. Their group hopes to create interest and sponsor a number of money-raising affairs this summer to take advantage of an offer to buy an area of land that will provide a right of way and an access to the caves.

Wes spoke again of help needed to run the GMC Intersectional at Tamarack Notch this August. Hike leaders, night enter-tainment, registration, help for TNAFA supper, nurses, sanitary engineers, and a PA System, to name a few.

ADOPT-A-SHELTER PROGRAM - Peter Palen

There has been in existence for over two years an Adopt-A-Shelter Program which was designed to try and get more people involved in shelter and maintenance. Out of approximately 66 shelters, 21 are presently adopted and these adopters have been very faithful about their duties.

Here in the Killington Section two shelters have been adopted. Doctor Howard and Wilbur Weston are the co-adopters of Tucker-Johnson. Miss Anne Mausolff of Northampton, Mass., adopted Gov. Clement in 1971. She had indicated that she wishes to continue in 1973 as she is moving into the area this summer.

Basically an "adopter" agrees to make periodic inspection trips, doing routine housekeeping chores such as sweeping out the floor; if needed, replacing the log book; keeping the foundation porky-proof; packing out any rubbish; and reporting on a regular inspection form any other repairs that may be necessary, such as windows, doors, stoves, etc. A copy of the inspection report form is forwarded to the Section Shelter Chairman. This is most important since regular maintenance time is often wasted finding out what needs to be done. The Section still has the primary responsibility for the shelter.

Would you like to adopt a shelter in your section? If you are interested and would like more information, please contact: Peter C. Palen, Box 163, Hurley, N. Y., 12443, Adopt-A-Shelter, Program Chairman.

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(Hike Report, continued)

arrived. So we had a merry supper party after all!

On the way back down, not by moon-light but by flashlight, we stopped to look at two large trees nearly gnawed through by the industrious beavers of the pond.

Betty Weeks

HIKING COMPANION WANTED for a 1973 hike of the entire Appalachian Trail by an experienced 18 year old girl. Contact: Krisanne Rice, 2FD #2, Stowe, Vt. 05672. Tele: 802-253-4256.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash on Hand 1/1/72		\$2036.51
INCOME:		
Dues	216.50	
Gifts	135.00	
Interest	102.76	
Guide Book Sales	10.00	
Sale of Herb Ogden's Poster	.25	
	Total	464.51
		2501.02
EXPENSES:		
To Main Club	82.50	
Trails and Shelters	54.81	
Outings	30.96	
Smoke and Blazes	43.08	
Postage	31.59	
Annual Meeting	27.20	
Secretary's Expenses	9.35	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1.45	
	Total	280.94
		\$2220.08
Cash on Hand 1/1/73		

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT - W.C. Scott

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Universalist-Unitarian Church meeting rooms on January 21. There were 48 members and guests present making this meeting the largest in the memory of anyone.

John Spencer of Cuttingsville gave a very thorough and interesting talk about the proposed high-tension lines from the Atomic Plant in Vernon. The projected route is over Clarendon gorge in the vicinity of Rte. 103 and the suspension bridge.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Betty Weeks reported on the trustees' meetings. There has been a large jump in membership, so the number of trustees from Members-at-Large is to be increased to four. The Caretaker program will be expanded with one at Pico.

The Main Club has signed a 5-year lease to stay in Rutland. Miss Hinchey will have an assistant to help, and to learn the office routine.

Contributing members will pay \$10.00 for a new category.

No Long Trail Patrol in 1972, but the budget increase of 1973 will provide the much needed work.

The GMC annual meeting will be held at East Poultney this May.

The local Section, in charge of Mr. Weston, will host the Intersectional during the last week of August.

Betty Weeks' term as Trustee ends in May. Wes reported on Trails. Jim Frink's first work party on snowshoes. Sent letter of thanks for trash barrel provided by Vt. Dept. of Highways. Mill River Bridge temporarily repaired. Blueprints received from Emil Bousell. Men hope to repair bridge as soon as possible.

Ray reported on shelters. In good condition. Has received many reports from hikers on pleasant stops at our shelters which they compliment very highly. Gov. Clement will need work. Bunks at Clarendon need some repair.

Frances Roberts spoke on Smoke and Blazes, and how the paper is put together. Would appreciate write-ups on hikes as soon as possible. Other interesting articles are wanted.

Kathy Hayes regretfully submitted her resignation as Long Trail Reporter. F. Roberts will be new reporter.

Teen Palen and Terry Gulick were elected as new directors; "Wes" was re-elected.

Jim Frink conducted an outing schedule session, and many hikes and leaders were added to the 1973 list.

"Wes" spoke of the 1973 GMC Intersectional. J. Martin spoke of Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Assoc. and made the motion to donate a \$5.00 membership which was passed.

Mrs. George Kirk suggested short walks for younger members.

Again the ladies provided a very enjoyable social hour and our thanks to them all once again.

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 Stare, Louis, 9 Angus Ave., Bass River, Mass. 02664
 Walker, Eleanor, 87 Baxter St., Rutland 05701
 Weeks, Lloyd & Betty, 7 Harvard St., Springfield 05156
 Welch, Frederica, Stage Route, Rutland 05701
 Weston, Wilbur & Bailey, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland 05701
 Wilson, Carleton, 9 Harvard St., Rutland 05701
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"We seek the sun. We pursue the wind. We attain the mountaintop, and there, dusted with stars, we say to ourselves, 'Now I know why I was born.'"

Robert Ardrey, quoted in The Descent of Woman
by Elaine Morgan

SMOKE and BLAZES

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COMING OUTINGS

Sun., July 8, 9 a.m. TACONIC CREST TRAIL, George Pearlstein, Leader. The hike will cover about 8 1/2 miles of the Taconic Crest Trail between Petersburg Pass and North Pownal. Although a rather long hike, most of the way is easy going. A side trip will be made to Snow Hole, where snow may be found for much of the year. There are good views into New York State, Massachusetts, and southwestern Vermont. Bring a canteen full of water since water sources are scarce. Fires are prohibited on this part of the trail, so plan your lunches accordingly.

NOTE: On all three of George Pearlstein's scheduled hikes, hikers should bring their own lunches, rain gear, canteens, and other day hiking essentials. There will be no fires built. These trips all offer good opportunities for unusual photos, so bring your camera.

Sat., July 14, 9 a.m. CHATAUGUAY ROAD APPALACHIAN TRAIL, Doc Howard, Leader. Drive to Bridgewater Corners, then go north to Bridgewater Center. Continue driving about 5 more miles on that road. Park cars at the Chatauguay Road where it shows dotted lines on the Guide Map. When the group gets to the crossing of the Appalachian Trail, it's every one for himself--either straight ahead on the Chatauguay Road, left to Stony Brook Shelter, or right as far as anyone wants to go on the Appalachian trail.

Sun., July 29, 9 a.m. BIG BRANCH SHELTER, LT, Ray Seger, Leader. Drive to Danby; proceed up the Mt. Tabor road to where it crosses the Long Trail, and then hike south to the Big Branch Shelter.

Sun., Aug. 5, 1 p.m. SECOND ANNUAL HAROLD VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE TO EAST MT., Joe Valiquette, Leader. We will drive out the Tamarack Notch road, and then the Wheelerville Road to Loveday's camp west of McLaughlin Falls, and take

the trail from there to the summit. This annual hike is in honor of one of the most active and helpful members this club has ever had.

Sat., Aug. 18, 9 a.m. TONGUE MT, LAKE GEORGE AREA, Jim Frink, Leader. The group will drive west on Rte. 4 to Whitehall and Fort Ann, and then on 149 west to Rte. 9N. We go north on 9N to Bolton's Landing and continue north until we see the signs on the right indicating the beginning of the Tongue Mt. Trail. We continue on this trail until we get to the Frenchman's overlook of Lake George. This is a very well kept trail and the view at the end is superb.

Sat., Aug. 25 to Mon, Sept. 3, GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Wes Weston, Chairman. For further information, see separate article in this issue.

Sat., Sept. 8, 9 a.m. SHREWSBURY MT., George Pearlstein, Leader. The hike will cover the 3 1/2 miles between the old Northam Picnic Area and the summit of Shrewsbury Peak, where there are good views to the south and east. The hike can be extended, if there is interest, to Tamarack Shelter on the LT. Also, if there is interest enough, a loop trip can be arranged via other trails leaving the Killington Peak region.

Sat., Sept. 15, 9 a.m. MT. EQUINOX, George Pearlstein, Leader. This hike will use the Burr and Burton Trail to the summit of Mt. Equinox, a distance of about 3 3/4 miles. There are good views from the summit ridge to both east and west. If there is sufficient interest, the return trip can be made via the old carriage road trail to Beartown Notch, and then down the abandoned road back to Three Maple Drive.

Sat., Sept. 22. COVERED DISH SUPPER, Janet Martin, Chairperson. More information is forthcoming as date near

Sat., Sun., Sept. 29, 30. MERCK FOREST OVERNIGHT, Wes Weston, Leader. One day or overnight hike in Merck Forest. Wes will be among the overnighers. The hikers will have a chance to troup through 2,600 acres of field and woodland in the Taconic Mountain Range of the forest. The forest was donated in 1950 by George Merck, a conservationist, in the interest of providing an area for recreation and conservation study. Area members and others interested should meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at Koltonski Fire Station. Those going to Manchester Center will meet the Rutland group at the intersection of Rts. 7 and 30 in Manchester Center at 10 a.m., on Bonnett At.

REMEMBER: MEET AT KOLTONSKI FIRE STATION AT 9 A.M. FOR ALL HIKE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED!!!!

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INTERSECTIONAL NOTES:

Doc Howard tells how to get to Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest Camp in Mendon. "The site of the 1973 GMC Intersectional is Tamarack Notch camping grounds. Many people know it as the Girl Scout Camp. It is about 3 1/2 miles east of Rutland, Vt.

To get there, proceed to the corner of Killington Ave. and Route 7 which is 0.4 miles south of the junction of Routes 4 and 7. You will recognize this corner by the beautiful white marble church. Go east on Killington Ave. 1.8 miles to its end, turn right and you will come to a Y in the road. Take the left and proceed approximately 1 mile to the camp. From the east end of Killington Ave. on you will see GMC directional signs."

Wes Weston suggests we read Intersectional plans that were announced in the May issue of Long Trail News. All details have not been planned as this goes to press, but fliers will be sent out soon.

At the Intersectional there will be need for the services of hike leaders, entertainers, help at the registration table, help with the supper held at the last Saturday night, two or three nurses, a sanitation engineer, the use of a PA system, possibly a typewriter, cash box, etc. Volunteer help will be appreciated. Any member having the

time either for a day or two, or '2 for the week, please get in touch with any of the following: W. F. Weston, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Vt. 05701; Gardiner Lane, Box B, Bolton Valley, Vt. 05477; Alan Mead, 52 Skinner Road, Rockville, Conn. 06066.

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NEW DIRECTOR

On March 10, 1973, the Killington Section Directors, at a regular meeting, elected Mrs. Frederica Welch, Mendon, Vt., a Director to succeed Robert Rothenmeyer who recently resigned.

NEW MEMBERS as of June 20, 1973:

Arnold, Mrs. Shirlee, PO Box, Whiting 05778
Catozzi, Raymond, 103 Bellevue Ave. Rutland 05701
Catozzi, Billy, Joey, Louis (JR) Same address
Klemm, David & Joyce, Woodstock Stage Rutland 05701
Klemm, Matthe (JR) Same address
Maier, Miss Elsie, 280 Fort Washington Ave., New York City, N.Y. 10032
Nolan, Miss Kathy (JR), RD#2, Rutland
Nyiri, Mrs. Anna, Stratton Rd. "
Perkins, Robert & Thelma, 1141 Culligan Blvd., San Jose, Cal. 95120
Perkins, Anne, David, Polly, Tim (All JR), Same address
Staack, Mrs. Betty, Killington, 05751
Wood, Allen W., Bomoseen State Park, Fair Haven 05743

HIKE REPORTS

Gulf Shelter, Apr. 1. Sunday April first was the day for the hike to Gulf Shelter. The skies in Rutland were threatening but we drove to Woodstock and north on Route 12. We drove part of the way up the road to the shelter. Then we sloshed through the mud the rest of the way with Mauri Winturri leading the way. When we got to the shelter the Palens were there. They had spent the night there and had a fire going. Pat Howard had fallen into a pond on the way up so the fire felt good to him.

There was still some snow around the shelter. After we had been there a while it started to rain, making the fire feel good to all. After we

had eaten our lunches, the rain slacked off so we left. There was a good turnout that provided a chance to be with Section members. Let's hope for good weather in the future.

Robert Carey

Mt. Moosalamoo, Apr. 15. Churchill

Scott came to the house at 8:40 Sunday morning, April 15, and asked to see my list of the attendees at the Sugar-on-Snow party last week. He said he could not go on the Moosalamoo Hike but he had talked with Terry Gulick, Hike Leader, and Terry planned to go up the trail from the Keywadin Camp at the north end of Lake Dunmore. I'm glad he told me because I had written a letter to the Herald and the Times-Reporter saying that we would go up from the southern end of the mountain. The Herald, in NOT printing the itinerary or the name of the Hike Leader, which I had given them, saved people here from getting a "bum steer."

Having climbed Moosalamoo every year from 1936 to 1955 and always going up the southern trail, I now know why it is called the "Aunt Jenny" Trail! Terry took us up the northern approach, and while the southern trail is steep it presents no climbing problems. The northern trail, on the other hand, is steeper than steep, and presents a few rugged rock climbing problems. Since these northern face rocks were covered with snow, it made our climb particularly interesting and exciting, for me, at least. Terry and Ray Secor (there were only three of us), being young and strong, took the climb in their stride, but Uncle Jim had to crawl in a few places. Once I chose a route which was possible because I saw a root half way to my objective which I could hang on to and pull myself up. When I got up to the "root" and tested it before putting my weight on it, the root turned out to be a loose round stick and I was really stuck--couldn't go up or back. Luckily, Ray was on top, having gone another route, and was able to reach me a hand to help me up. We chose "routes" because the snow covered the trail.

The trail we used comes out near Rattlesnake Point which presents the best and least obstructed view. Some young friends of Terry's were down on the Branbury Beach grounds using a

"mine detector" to find old coins. 3
Terry flashed a mirror at them and they saw it and flashed back to us.

After a lunch at the look-off, we continued up the yellow-blazed trail and went down the south side. Steep, yes, but no problems. As we passed the Cascades, which were very beautiful because of the volume of water coming down, Ray took some pictures which we may see at some future meeting. Ray pointed out the red blazes he had repainted as part of his job, and the route these blazes took him had him hanging by his teeth in many places. At one point, he had to shinny down a convenient tree trunk with the paint pail (full) hanging from his teeth!!

So endeth a tall tale and perhaps it is just as well that some of our more delicate members didn't attempt it.

Jim Frink

Mt. Ascutney, Apr. 29. On an April Sunday we left for a hike up the Weathersfield Trail on Mt. Ascutney. We met on the Cascade Falls road at the base of the mountain. It was a grey, chilly day but 13 people showed up to marvel at the waterfall and hopefully get a view from the top of the mountain.

We had only one incident on our outing, and that occurred when one of the dogs cut his foot; however, the other 4 dogs made it all right.

The waterfall was beautiful as usual, and many people were surprised that there were falls that large in that area. Near the top we were surprised that there was still some snow.

We ate our lunch at the top although it was cold and windy.

The trip was an enjoyable one and all had a good time. We all thought that Herb Ogden and the Ascutney Trails Association had done an excellent job on this trail.

Judi Geerzi

Snake Mt. and Wildlife Refuge, June 9.

The hike up Snake Mt. was almost a disaster! Twelve hikers left Rutland in three cars on a hot, humid morning. Leaving our cars near a farmhouse at the base of the mountain on the west side, we climbed at easy grades up an old road to the summit, hurrying to keep ahead of the mosquitoes and black

flies! About half way up it started to rain but subsided before we reached the top. We ate lunch on the edge of the cliff at the top near the ruins of an old hotel. The usually fantastic view was disappointing due to the humidity. Young botanists in the party enjoyed identifying the variety of wild flowers native only to rocky locations.

After visiting the tarn on the edge of the cliff we descended to a side trail which led to Cranberry Pond. Mauri Winturri left us here to go on down the mountain.

We had all looked forward to seeing Cranberry Bog which is one of our most interesting natural areas. After skirting a large beaver pond which had inundated the trail, we continued on to the pond near which we knew the bog was located. While Lloyd scouted for the bog, the rest of us waited near the pond admiring the quantities of pink moccasin flowers that grew everywhere. The search for the bog was abruptly terminated when we realized that three young people in the group, thinking that they were on a trail which led back to the cars, had wandered down an old wood road. Another girl, trying to find them, did not return.

All young people were finally located at the base of the mountain. Three had come down on the east side, the other girl had wandered back over the top and finally reached the trail down.

This experience only emphasizes the necessity for everyone in the hiking party to stay with the hike leaders, and never go ahead!

A week later, Betty and Lloyd Weeks and their daughter Judi returned to the area to locate the bog. We found it, not more than fifty feet from Cranberry Pond. It is about an acre in size. This beautiful area is a mat of quaking Spagnum moss ringed by tall spruces. Pitcher plants in blossom grew so thickly everywhere that it was impossible not to step on them. Sundew and other bog plants were interspersed with blossoming sheep laurel.

Hopefully, we'll all make it next time!

Betty Weeks

Mountain Bars

2 cups crushed vanilla wafers
1 1/2 cups finely chopped nuts
2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 pound finely chopped dates
1 cup finely chopped dried apricots
1 cup seedless yellow raisins
2 tbs. light corn syrup
6 to 8 tbs. honey
1/2 tsp. vanilla or maple flavoring
enough water to bind together

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Add liquids and knead to mix. Press and shape into small log rolls about 2 by 5 inches. Roll in powdered sugar and wrap in plastic. Store in refrigerator until ready for use.

Molasses-Nut Bars

1/2 cup molasses, 1/2 cup honey or 1/4 cup of each
1 cup powdered milk
1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
1/2 cup raisins

Mix all ingredients together and turn onto wax paper sprinkled with powdered milk. Knead and add more powdered milk until mixture loses its stickiness and is the consistency of pie dough. Pat down until 1/2 inch thick and cut into sticks. Wrap in plastic and store in refrigerator.

HIKING TIP

The last thing to put in your pack before starting on a hike is a plastic flask of drinking water. If it has been placed in the freezing compartment of the refrigerator about 24 hrs. it will be a solid chunk of ice.

On the trail it gradually melts, providing a supply of ice water for several hours.

Water expands when it freezes, so leave some air space in the flask when you put it in the freezer.

Darwin Benedict
Delmar, N. Y.

Note: The above items were taken from issues of Wilderness Camping published by Fitzgerald Communications. Albany, N. Y.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Sept. 15. Send to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

SMOKE & BLAZES

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COMING OUTINGS

Sun., Oct. 14, 9 a.m., Blue Ridge Mt., Betsy Martin and Vera Perkins, Leaders. Those (and there are many) who are familiar with Craig Perkins' "Tall Timbers" property off Rte. 4 east of Rutland, know where to locate the bordering Blue Ridge Mt. However, meet at the Koltonski Fire Station in Rutland and go with the crowd.

Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. Leader: Virginia Day. Locate Little Rock Pond on Division IV LT map, and then plan to go to this scenic area. The trees may have shed their leaves by then, but plenty of color will be under foot. Meet at the fire station for an autumn hike.

Sat., Nov. 10 (?), 9 a.m., Stratton Pond, East Arlington. Leader: Peter Palen. Please watch the papers. This date may be changed because of the opening of deer hunting season. This popular spot is located on Division III LT map. Again, meet at Rutland's Koltonski Fire Station.

Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. Pico Peak. Bob Carey will lead. Be prepared for a snowy climb up a mountain that misses being a 4000 footer by only 33 feet. Join the hardy climbers at the fire station in Rutland.

Sat., Dec. 15, 9 a.m. Christmas Party. Leaders: Y'all!! Sunnyside LT Shelter (Div. V map) will be the setting for an early Christmas Party. If snow conditions allow, bring snowshoes or x-c skis. Take a break from the holiday rush. Rally at the fire station.

Sat., Jan. 5, 1974, 9 a.m. Doc Howard will start the New Year off right by leading a hike to Johnson Shelter, (Div VI LT map). Meet first at the Koltonski Fire Station equipped for snow.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT, KILLINGTON SECTION - Sept. 25, 1973.

Considerable work has been done in our section this summer. Starting from Route 140 north, maintenance, etc. has gone as follows:

The trash barrel at 140 has been checked and the trail cleared of blow-downs, etc., to Sunnyside. Teen and Peter Palen dug a new outhouse hole at Sunnyside, and moved the outhouse onto it; the stove pipe was replaced; floor repaired; and Lynn Eaton from Spring Lake was persuaded to adopt the shelter, and has since checked and cleaned it regularly.

"Wes" Weston and Ray Catozzi re-routed the trail around the washed out bridge over Clarendon Gorge, and put up signs soon after it was disabled.

The Army Corps of Engineers were contacted and agreed tentatively to rebuild the Clarendon Gorge bridge next summer, and the Flood Relief people were contacted, and \$2,500 was lined up to pay cost of materials, etc. The bridge project was then was then turned over to the main club,

Sandy Stare, Churchill and Kim Scott and myself put new roofing on Clarendon Shelter--one really hot day! Bob O'Brien checked and cleared the trail from Clarendon Shelter to the Lower Cold River Road.

Mrs. Forrest at the Lower Cold River Road had been complaining for years about hikers going through her yard. A short relocation was done here to everyone's satisfaction. Rob Carey, Pat and Paul Howard, John Braddock and myself did this job.

Rob Carey, Pamela Kerstner, Mauri Winturri and I spent days clearing and brushing the trail from the lower to the upper Cold River Road. It really needed it! At Gov. Clement Shelter, Teen and Peter Palen dug a new hole and the outhouse was moved onto it. The legs of the picnic table had been torn off and this was repaired. Mauri

Winturri and I did this job. From here to Tamarack, the trail was cleared and several wet places were bridged with split log bridging. The Farm and Wilderness people were contacted and they assumed responsibility for the care of Tamarack Shelter--a job they had been doing anyhow.

Sherburne Corp., the State of Vermont and the Green Mountain Club have all had a hand in watching out for Cooper Lodge. Much "Tourist Trash" has been carted out. A new backhouse was built at Cooper. From Cooper north the trail was relocated to the west to avoid the ski trails. Two hundred thirty feet of split log bridging was put over boggy areas between Cooper and Pico.

Close contact was kept with Tim Sorrow, the Caretaker at Pico Camp. He dug and built a new outhouse there, and did many minor repairs as well as clearing trail to Sherburne Pass.

North of Sherburne Pass, yours truly cleared trail from Willard Gap to

ucker-Johnson. A work party of the Killington Section dug a new outhouse hole here and moved the outhouse on it.

In addition, multiple visits were made to various shelters where registers were replaced and general policing of the camps was done. Mauri Winturri was particularly active in this field. Many others aided in various ways in our section maintenance, and to them I am very grateful. Believe me, all this work took a great deal more time and effort to do than it does to tell about it!

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Howard
Trails & Shelters Chrm.
Killington Section, GMC

NEW MEMBERS - To Sept. 14, 1973:

Codman, Edwin & Clare, Church Hill
Woodstock, Vt. 05091 (NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS)
Eldridge, Mary, 273 West St., Rutland
Fellows, Ann, 6 Circular St., Springfield, Vt. 05156
Kerstner, Pamela, RFD Cold River Rd.
Cuttingsville, Vt. 05738
Kruesi, William (JR), RFD Wallingford, Vt., 05773
LaBlanc, Mary Ellen, RFD E. Wallingford, Vt., 05742

Miles, John, 122 Harrington Ave.
Rutland, Vt. 05701
Silman, Jeffrey L., 21-30 77th St.,
Jackson Hgts., N. Y. 11370
Van Wyck, Florence, RFD Wallingford
Wheeldon, Jack G., 42 Main St.,
Greenwich, N. Y., 12824
Wyman, Mr. & Mrs. William, RFD#2,
Brandon, Vt. 05733
Wyman, Lorelei (JR) Same as above

HIKE REPORTS

Taconic Range, July 8. On the Taconic Crest trail hike there were only the leader, George Pearlstein and two others and one car. The group hiked to Carmel Camp, lunched, and then went on to Wetmore Gap where sites for a new shelter were marked out just east of the LT. On return trip, climbed the fire tower on summit, but hot, humid weather cut visibility to zero.
Chruchill Scott

Chatauguay Road, July 14. On the day of the Chatauguay hike, which was called off due to the June flood, Mauri Winturri, Peter Louras, Bob Carey and I drove to Rte. 103 trail crossing, looked over the swinging bridge remains over Mill River, drove to Sunnyside to check on the shelter, back to Mill River to take some photos, then on to Gov. Clement where the two upper bridges were washed out, all the time with two additional hikers packed in Mauri's "Bug." At Gov. Clement the six of us tried to move the toilet building but could not. On the way back to the car we made a side trip to the side of Herb Haley's farm where the Main Club annual meetings were held in the dead of winter.

Churchill Scott

Big Branch Shelter, July 29. On Sunday, twelve people met at the fire station at 9 a.m. and drove to the parking place on the Mount Tabor Road where the new LT heads north from the road. We walked up to where the new LT comes into the road from the south and then followed the trail to Big Branch Shelter beside the stream.

Doc Howard and Mauri Winturri drove up to where the old LT crosses the road and walked down to the new trail near the shelter.

After lunch, Churchill Scott and some of the others, walked up the old LT to Old Job Shelter. The new trail takes a more interesting path to Baker Peak and Griffith Lake.

The return trip along the trail made us wonder about the old road that used to run along Big Branch and which crossed it seven times before the flood of 1927 washed out all the bridges.

Our peerless leader, Ray Secor, never showed up. Those who went besides myself were Churchill Scott, Bob Carey, Anne and Mat Ulenski, Kenny Fulling, Kathy and Konrad Kruesi, Mauri Winturri, Doc Howard, and Peter and Chris Louras.

Jim Frink

East Mt., Aug. 5. On Sunday afternoon, a group gathered at the fire station for the Second Annual Harold Valiquette Memorial Hike to East Mt. Thelma Valiquette donated the red bunting and the cord for a new flag at the summit, just as Harold used to do. Joe Valiquette led the hike and it was mostly bushwhacking up and down, although there were some sections of trail available. A good time was had by all and those present were, besides myself, Thelma Valiquette, Sophie Connors, Elsie Maier, Bob Carey, Mildred Kramer, Robert Kramer, John C. and Mat Ulinski, Kenny Fulling, Joan Kramer, W. F. Weston, (and Sport), Churchill and Kim Scott, Jack and Tom Martin, Joe, Tom, Mary Ann Valiquette and John and Ronnie Rorison.

Jim Frink

Tongue Mt., Aug. 18. On the Tongue Mt. hike, Mr. Frink was unable to lead because of a wedding engagement. As there were no cars, he took the group to the upper Cold River Road for a hike to Rte. 103. The trail was in very good shape due to a lot of work done by section members under the leadership of Dr. Howard. Clarendon Shelter was clean and neat with a new roof put on in August.

Churchill Scott

Shrewsbury Mt., Sept. 8. Eight GMC's climbed Shrewsbury Mt. on a predictably

(but unpredicted) rainy Saturday. Rain pelted us and wind belted us with increasing nastiness as we neared the top. We chickened out from the lunch-at-the-top ritual, and ate sandwiches with numb hands in an almost sheltered spot halfway down the mountain. Let's schedule Shrewsbury for a sunny day next year. It's a good climb and has promises of excellent viewpoints. Those of us who had never climbed it agreed we'd like to try it again in good weather.

Frances Roberts

Mt. Equinox, Sept. 15. On Saturday Bob Carey, Lon Catozzi, Carol Chapman (a teacher at VTC and probable new member) and I were just about to leave the fire station at 9:15 when our peerless leader, George Pearlstein, arrived. (He also arrived a few minutes after we had left for Shrewsbury the week before, and that's why we never saw him on that hike.) We drove to Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester where we met a young man from Chester, Bob Piper, who climbed half the mountain with us and then turned back.

It was raining practically all the way up, but the three and a half mile climb is so steep, and we were so heated, that most of the rain evaporated as soon as it hit us. (We still got pretty wet.)

At the summit the restaurant was open and there were hot chocolate and cold drink machines. After a short rest, luncheon, and a playful episode with a handsome young thoroughbred German Shepard, we made short work of the long descent.

Jim Frink

Covered Dish Quorum, Sept. 22. Not much to report on pot luck--small crowd--damp, cold weather. Nineteen were there, I believe. Eats were good as always. The Junes were with us as Mr. June was up for the trustees meeting. They had camped at Gifford Woods the night before. Enjoyed the fireplace and blazing logs from last winter's blowdowns. Perhaps a special mailing should go out for this if we do it another year as this size crowd hardly justifies the rental of Tamarack Notch kitchen.

Janet Martin

Merck Forest, Sept 29, 30. On Saturday Churchill and Kim Scott, Bob Carey and Jim Frink met at the fire station. At the Grand Union, we had encountered Wes Weston who had previously stated he would be unable to go. However, he said that Janet Martin had called him saying she could go provided she could leave at 10 a.m. Wes said he just might take Janet down at that time.

The four starters from Rutland drove down because I assured Bob Carey that the Springfield group would surely be there and he would have company for his overnight stay. Bob's father drove away happy that Bob would have transportation home on Sunday.

Upon arrival we found that parking was allowed only at the edge of the Merck area--we had to walk up to the barn. From there we hiked to the Lodge and waited there for a while for the Springfield group to show. But they didn't. Then we bushwhacked down to the lower four shelters and built a fire in the fireplace of the big one. We boiled a pot full of water and walked around to visit the other three shelters. They were all occupied by packs of the Boy Scout "Phanton Patrol."

After we had finished lunch, the following group arrived from Rutland: Wes Weston; Jack, Janet, Tom, Betsy, Nancy and David Martin; Vera Perkins; Dorothy Kirk; and Sport and Rascal, Wes's dogs.

Bob Carey found that Tom and Betsy Martin were staying overnight so he had the company he wanted. After making the supplies available to the late group, Churchill, Kim and I packed up and took the Schenk and Old Town Roads to Antone summit, and then back to the car and home. It was a beautiful day and a very enjoyable walk in the woods. A fine view from the top.

Jim Frink

from the fireplace. The thermometer which Bob carried registered 38 degrees when he awoke in the morning. They report a much clearer day than Saturday and they had some beautiful views.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1973 INTERSECTIONAL

This year's Intersectional was a tremendous success with a record-breaking turn-out. A complete write up by Chairman Wilbur Weston will appear in the next issue of Long Trail News.

Wes Weston adds to the above: Bob Carey, Hike Director Exceptional for the Intersectional, stayed over night at Merck Forest along with Betsy and Tommy Martin who slept in their mountain tent. Bob started the night in the loft of the shelter with the large fireplace, but ended up on the table; he was smoked out by the smoke

SMOKE & BLAZES

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COMING OUTINGS

Sat., Feb. 2, 10 a.m. MYSTERY HIKE, Doc Howard, Leader. Meet at the Koltonski Fire Station warmly dressed and equipped with lunch, snowshoes or skis. Doc guarantees a warm place to eat lunch but it may be chilly en route. Hot coffee, tea and cocoa will be provided by the Club.

Sun., Feb. 17, 10 a.m. Gov. Clement Shelter, Dick and Frances Roberts, Leaders. Rutland area people meet at the fire station and join the leaders at the junction of the Long Trail and Upper Cold River Road (Division V Map). This area is good for x-c skiing as well as for snowshoeing, so bring along your choice. Also bring your lunch. The Club will furnish hot coffee, tea and cocoa.

ANNUAL MEETING

Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at the CVPS meeting room. This is located on the corner of Maple and Grove Streets in Rutland, and the Club has been asked to use the Maple St. entrance.

The agenda includes election of three 3-year term directors, retiring directors being Ray Secor, Churchill Scott and Jim Frink.

Hike Chairman Pro Tem, Churchill Scott, will welcome suggestions for hikes. (Please see tear section on last page.)

Changes in by-laws have been discussed by the directors, and a committee will be formed to work on possible revisions. One suggestion is to change Article 7 (Killington Section By-laws will be found on another page in this issue) to allow election of officers from Section membership at the Annual Meeting. If any member wishes to make this or any other changes in the by-laws, please bring them in writing to the meeting on February 1.

Refreshments are in charge of Janet Martin. Please call her at 773-8621 and volunteer to bring some type of dessert.

DIRECTORS MEETING

The Killington Section Board of Directors held a meeting at Trinity Church on Thurs., Jan. 17, 1974. Present were Jim Frink, Terry Gulick, Dr. Howard, Janet Martin, Churchill Scott, Ray Secor, Wilbur Weston, with Frances Roberts and Betty Weeks sitting in as representatives of Smoke and Blazes.

Terry discussed briefly Pres. John Nuffort's appreciation of volunteer help and the concern of the Main Club to keep lines of communication open. The president asked for information about historical background of sections relating to Main Club on various areas of non-communication. Terry also spoke of last Trustees' meeting. The GMC Annual Meeting will be held in Bennington on May 25-26. Jay Section (a new one) has been accepted and will maintain the northern end of the Long Trail. It has been suggested that a historical record be made of each section. The Swezey tract has been transferred to the USFS with the request the shelters be named William Douglas and Mr. Swezey. Peggy Pons is to resign as editor of Long Trail News.

A date and place for the Annual Meeting was picked and Janet Martin offered to have charge of refreshments. The Board of Directors set-up was discussed at great length and many pros and cons were offered. Terry suggested that anyone having suggestions on the by-laws bring them in writing to be presented to the Annual Meeting.

"Wes" Weston asked about dues set-up and the increase of our section dues have helped to pay for the jump in Main Club dues, so it is suggested that they stay the same for 1974. "Wes" also explained the resolution to vote in an executive secretary (a salaried position) which will be brought up at the next Trustees meeting. This also will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Gardner Lane, Presidential Assistant, has been invited to our Annual Meeting to explain the duties of the new executive secretary. We hope for a good turn-out for this meeting.

W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas.

Killington Section
Green Mountain Club, Inc.

BY-LAWS

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1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, assigned to it by the G.M.C.; to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail.

2. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

3. Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.

4. The activities of the Section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members over 21 years of age. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.

5. The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year.

6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason, shall terminate his membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to the approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.

7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, with the last two combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be for one year.

8. The Directors shall elect from their number two Trustees to the G.M.C. In the event that Director candidates

for the office of Trustee are found lacking the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.

9. The By-laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Section members at the Annual Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.

10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President, or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board, other than amendment of the By-laws, shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. The Annual Meeting shall be held in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business.

12. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities, publication of a news letter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

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Peter Palen

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Allen Wood

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE AND BLAZES is March 15. Send to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt. 05156

Blue Ridge Mt., Oct. 14. The hike up Blue Ridge provided one real thrill for some of the hikers. Weatherwise the day was not just what we could have ordered for this fall hike which can be so gorgeous. It was cloudy, cold and windy. Just how windy we didn't fully realize until we reached the top. Here we had in addition to the wind some slight precipitation closely resembling snow.

However, there were 11 starters up the mountain. Doc Howard was on hand to start us off and hike for a short distance. Doc's four legged friend hiked with us all day and we returned him to Doc on our way home.

Arriving on top, we found a somewhat sheltered spot for lunch and surely appreciated the hot coffee the first arrivals had ready.

We didn't linger on top. Four of us started down immediately after lunch, which we will always regret, and the others soon followed.

The second contingent were the lucky ones. As they stopped to greet Churchill who was on his way up, they spotted three bears ambling through the woods! Nancy Martin was able to snap a picture which unfortunately didn't show them too clearly due to distance and intervening trees. This incident was really the high point of the day.

We met Wes Weston with Rascal and Sport before we reached the clearing, stopped to say "hello" to Mary and Craig Perkins, and were soon joined by the rest of the group. So ended another good Killington Section hike--always interesting and always fun.

Vera A. Perkins

Little Rock Pond, Oct. 27. Twenty-two people and four dogs attended the hike to Little Rock Pond with Elizabeth Weeks as substitute leader for absent Virginia Day. Seventeen of us followed the old East Wallingford-Wallingford Pond Road to the Long Trail across and along the Homer Stone Brook to Little Rock Pond. The remainder followed the Long Trail south and met the rest of us at the newly located Lula Tye shelter for lunch. On the return trip we stopped at the new location of Little Rock Pond shelter. The original shelter on the island in the pond and

the bridge were removed when the shelter was relocated some distance from the pond. Weather was cloudy and cool with some sun on the return trip.
Allen W. Wood

Stratton Pond, Nov. 10. Jim Frink and one other lady hiker met leaders Peter and Teen Palen in Arlington 10 A.M. on a cold, grey, windy day. By the time we drove up the mountain to our starting point on the new LT relocation it was nearly 11 A.M. We had a very muddy hike in to the Pond with frequent snow squalls. After some effort we managed to get a fire started from wet wood as there was no dry wood at the shelter. While we were enjoying hot soup, Ray Gecor and Anne Boucher arrived to swell our number to six. After lunch we started promptly back as it was extremely windy and cold. The walk back was slippery on ground turned white with snow.

Peter Palen

Pico Peak, Dec. 1. The hike to Pico Peak showed that one never knows how many will show up for a hike. December first was a dull, cloudy day. Despite this, eight hikers, including myself met at the fire station. It was good to see some new people, including Janet Gustafson. Paschal DeBlasio came, also. On the way up, we stopped at Doc's and met Mauri Winturri.

There was just a dusting of snow on the ground when we started the climb. Soon we gained enough elevation to be in an area in which the trees were coated with rime ice. It looked like a winter wonderland.

At the junction, we split up. I led one group to the summit and Jim Frink took the others directly to the camp. We expected them to have the fire going and the water hot. When we arrived at the camp, after a pretty good view at the top, there was no fire. The wood on the ground had gotten a thorough soaking before it froze, and the standing dead wood was coated with rime ice. There was no dry wood in the shelter.

While we were looking for dry wood, three more hikers arrived. They helped us look for wood. After about an hour (and several tries) we did manage to get a fire going, despite all the adversities. After some time, with the water still cold, we decided to leave. Some

hikers had brought thermoses of -4- coffee and these were generously shared. All in all it was an enjoyable hike, even though it wasn't on snowshoes.

Robert Carey

Christmas Party, Dec. 15. The Christmas party this year is a little difficult to describe. Fifteen attended; all had a good time; it was noisy; there were lots of goodies, like cakes, cookies, candy, etc., that were generously passed around, and the hot drinks furnished by the Club really hit the spot. There were at least three non-GMC members as guests who seemed to be having a ball. Annie Boucher was there way from Springfield, Mass.

A group hiked to Spring Lake clearing over to the parking space, in the morning, and in the afternoon a group staked around the beaver dam. We tea drinkers sat close to the stove. I believe this is an ideal set-up for a hike--short for us old folks, with lots of space and trails for further excursions for the more ambitious.

Again let me emphasize--don't let winter discourage you from a hike. With clothing we have today they can be most enjoyable and comfortable.

One disappointment was that more did not attend. We missed the Springfield, Mass. crowd. In talking it over later several of us came to the conclusion that Sunday afternoon would be a better time for future Christmas parties.

Harold Howard

Johnson Shelter, Jan. 5, 1974. This hike fell on a beautiful sunny day with fresh sparkling snow underfoot, but at a depth to permit us to walk in without snowshoes.

On our way up to the starting point we stopped in at Doc Howard's for a warming cup of coffee which was a wonderful eye-opener and also primed us for the very cold morning.

Attendance was on a 3 to 1 ratio--15 adults and 5 dogs! We think an award for the member who travels the furthest and most often should go to Mauri Winturri of Fitchburg, Mass.

The last few hikes we've had very reluctant fires but fortunately, this time (at an open shelter in winter) the GMC pot boiled by lunch time and we sure enjoyed the warmth of a roaring

fire. Everyone seemed to have had a good time and on our return trip several of the younger members took the long way back around Deer Leap.

Poem for the day:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
We all enjoyed
Weston's hot stew.

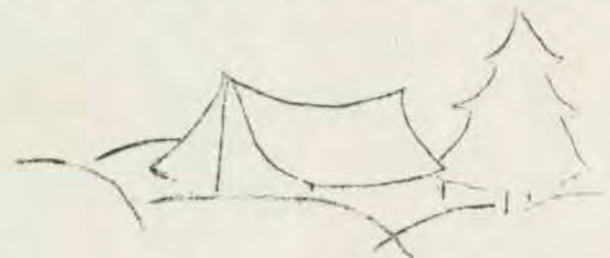
Diana Conlon

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Killington Section members might be interested in what the Connecticut Section schedules for winter hikes: Jan. 18/19. Peter Dabbs is working on a Winter Backpack in New Hampshire, hopefully on the Lafayette Ridge... Feb. 8/10. Weekend at Derrybrook, Vt....

Feb. 16/17. Beginner's Backpack... into and out of a campsite where we will tent and climb... We will help you rent or borrow needed equipment.

Three additional less ambitious hikes were planned for January and February. Winter camping sounds great to your editors. Any takers? Let us know at the Annual Meeting.



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FORCUPINES

My father-in-law, age 87 and a Vermont farmer all his life, looked somewhat askance at me when I suggested that porcupines did quite a lot of damage in the woods. He promptly told me that the amount of damage they did didn't amount to a row of fiddlesticks. On my property here in Mendon there are three porcupine dens which I have observed closely for over eleven years. This, together with my 65 years, much of which has been spent in the woods of our beautiful state, brings me to the same conclusion--the damage they do is negligible. One

observation I have made is that they -5-
gnaw mostly bent, short, scrubby trees
that aren't going to make it anyhow.
Rarely have I seen where they chewed
on a good, tall, healthy tree.

You will hear farmers say, "I wish
they'd kill off every last deer."
They nibble on the crops. Bears kill
a sheep or a calf once in a while,
hawks kill an occasional chicken. Owls,
bobcats, wolves, and foxes kill our
small game. Of course, the law says
we can shoot raccoons, rabbits, par-
tridge, skunk, squirrels and other game
so we do it---do not the powers that
be sanction it? Sure, we're holier than
thou--we're within the law! Try to
think of a species of animal that
somebody doesn't want to eradicate.

Now, Mr. G.M.C.'er, don't you think
it's about time we changed our tune
regarding "Porkie?" Sure, he's a
prickly old thing and he chews on our
precious shelters, but which is more
important, a fellow mammal or our
shelters? Often he is the only wild
creature of any size that we see while
hiking. So, let's find some other way
to protect our shelters and leave our
spiked friend alone.

Harold Howard

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TAKEN FROM AN AUDUBON NATURE BULLE
TIN:

HUMAN ENGRAVINGS

Evidence of serious damage by the
highest of all living forms is shown
....This organism has two legs,
two arms, and a highly developed brain
which should inform him that this
National Park is the property of every
one. Only by consideration and pro-
tection...will we be able to preserve
the beauties and wonders of the area
for the future. Destruction by human
is one of the worst problems in the
preservation of our National Parks.
Moral: do not cut on the trees!

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There is a pleasure in the pathless
woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore
There is society where none intrudes
By the deep sea, and music in its roar

I love not man the less, but nature
more,
From these our interviews in which I
steal
From all I may be, or have been before
To mingle with the universe, and feel
What I can ne'er express, yet cannot
all conceal.

Lord Byron

Tear off and bring to Annual Meeting or send to Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.,
Rutland, Vt. 05701

Suggestions for 1974 hikes: _____

Are you willing to lead a hike? _____ If so, what date do you prefer? _____

Name _____ Tele. _____

Address _____

SMOKE & BLAZES

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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sun., Mar. 31, 10 a.m., Clarendon Shelter, Lou Catozzi, Leader. We will meet at the Fire Station and then drive to the LT crossing at Rte. 103. The hike in is .8 mi. Others may go farther.

Sat., Apr. 6, 1 p.m., Sugar-on-Snow Party, Harold Howard, Leader. We will meet at the Fire Station before going to Doc's. We will get snow, somehow! Plan to come and have a good time.

Sat., Apr. 20, 1 a.m., Haystack Mt., Churchill Scott, Leader. Meet at the Fire Station. We drive on Rte. 30 to a side road about 1.7 mi. north of Pawlet. Then drive another .7 mi. From there we hike about 2 mi. to the summit. There should be good views of Lake St. Catherine and the area. We will return the same way.

Sun., Apr. 28, 10 a.m., Mt. Aeolus, Mrs. George L. Kirk, Leader. After meeting at the Fire Station, we drive to the E. Dorset area and hike 4 mi. Hopefully there will be some early spring flowers.







WORK PARTIES: Sat., May 4, May 18, and June 22, all at 9 a.m. For each of these meet at the Fire Station. Harold (Doc) Howard will be the Leader. He will decide what work is needed most at that time. Let's have everyone out to keep our reputation for the best Trail maintenance.

Sat., May 11, 9 a.m., Cantilever Rock, Meet at the Fire Station. Kim Scott is the Leader. We drive to Mt. Mansfield at the Underhill State Camping Area. Then hike the Cantilever Rock Trail to Cantilever Rock. Round trip distance is 3 mi. This should be an interesting hike.

Sun., June 2, 9 a.m. White Rocks, Judy Geczi, Leader. Meet at the Fire Station. Drive to Wallingford Gulf. This is a good hike for those who do not like to go on long hikes.

Sun., June 16, 9 a.m. Pittsford Ice Caves with Burlington Section. Meet at the Fire Station. Then drive to Pittsford to meet members of the Burlington Section. This is a short hike, about 1 mi. each way. The caves will be cool, with ice and snow. Let's have a good crowd to meet the Burlington Section.

Bob Carey, Hike Chairman

COME  *  *  *  *  *  COME

to the special meeting of the Killington Section, GMC, on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 117 West St., Rutland, to discuss the question of an Executive Secretary and to vote on a donation to the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund. It is expected that Mrs. Jean Davis of Betsy Gax Camp will be on hand to discuss the latter.

ATTEND ATTEND ATTEND ATTEND
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PORCUPINES

You have made a brand new john
And stood it on a nit
And staring down into the yawn
You are very proud of it.
But when you pass that way again
The hole is getting bigger
A porcupine, with no disdain,
Has attacked it with some vigor.
Now I'll fix your wagon, you decide
And with a club you lay in wait.
There was nothing to it, you confide,
As Porky met his fate.
Hang by the tail, you foul ingrate,
For all to see and know
That porcupines who desecrate
Are going to have to go.

Remedies: Creosote. Keep your dog tied. Good housekeeping. (Turn to p. 2 for source and background.)

TREASURER'S REPORT
W. C. Scott

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Cash on Hand 1/1/73

\$2220.08

INCOME:	Dues	363.75
	Interest	105.21
	Gifts	30.00
	Guide Book Sales	6.00
	Covered Dish Supper	5.00
	Herb Ogden Poster Sales	.40
	Total	510.36

510.36
2730.44

EXPENSES:	Dues to Main Club	134.25
	Trails & Shelters	73.08
	Smoke & Blazes	52.00
	Fred A. Field Shelter Ins.	41.40
	Postage	32.70
	Outings	30.66
	Flowers for Kay Howard and	
	Heart Fund Contribution (Mrs. Stare)	28.10
	Sugar on Snow Party	24.83
	Annual Meeting Expense for Church	20.00
	Covered Dish Supper	14.75
	Telephone Expense	9.59
	Secretary's Expenses	7.21
	Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Assoc.	5.00
	Total	473.57

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Balance 12/31/73

(Continued from p. 1) The poem "Porcupines" was sent in by Mason Ingram, Editor of the Pioneer Valley Section, GMC, bulletin Trail Windings, and is a response to Doc Howard's article in the last issue of Smoke & Blazes. In the accompanying letter Mason explained, for him was the one that is enclosed.

The editors of Smoke & Blazes are pleased to hear from other GMC bulletins, especially in support of such eye- and mind-opening commentaries as Doc Howard's.

Doc's views on the porcupine may well exemplify the kind of rethinking all of us may be compelled to face as man's progress continues to advance in the face of ever increasing danger signals. The outdoors cannot be at one and the same our cathedral and our playground.

A few years back we observed our first Earth Day here in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Pioneer Valley Section was asked to put on a display. I contrived a "Problem Wildlife Survey" with the point that we ought to try more to live with our problem wildlife. One of the incidents that prompted this interest was a public hanging we had of a porcupine at Congdon Camp the previous October. Naturally, Porky was one of the creatures featured in my display. The card

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KILLINGTON SECTION DIRECTORS' MEETING

A Board of Directors Meeting was held on Wednesday, Fe. 20, 1974, at the home of Wilbur Weston. Present were Frederica Welch, Vera Perkins, Janet Martin, Thelma Valiquette, Wes Weston and Churchill Scott. Dr. Howard was absent on account of illness, and letters were received from Teen Falen and Terry Gulick expressing their regrets for being absent.

The following officers were chosen:
President - Wilbur Weston
V. Pres. - Frederica Welch
Sec.-Treas. - W. Churchill Scott
Committee Chairmen:
Trails - Paul Howard
Shelters - Dr. Howard
Outings - Robert Carey
Membership - Thelma Valiquette
Entertainment - Janet Martin and Vera

Wes spoke about setting a deadline on payment of dues, mentioning the by-laws of the Conn. Section. It was suggested that our dues stay the same and that as the Treasurer must report and pay assessment to Main Club for each member by April 1, a member shall be dropped if dues are not paid by April 1 of each year.

In order to cause less confusion, it was suggested that the Section's annual meeting be held on the third Friday of January each year and that it would be listed on the fall and winter hike schedule as the last activity.

We hope to put in the next issue of Smoke & Blazes a request for more hike leaders and more suggestions for places to go on our next schedule.

Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Frederica Welch, to contribute \$5.00 to the Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Assoc., and it was approved.

It was suggested that stamps be purchased for one year's postage on Smoke & Blazes to eliminate one step in preparing the mailing.

Paul Howard offered to make placards for each shelter inviting persons to become members of the Killington Section. We want to thank him very much for his offer, but after much discussion it was felt that notices attached to the front of the shelter registers would do as well.

Thelma Valiquette led a discussion on the duties and work of a Membership Committee.

Frances Roberts shall be asked to have dues notice outlined in black for emphasis.

Directors' Meeting notices shall be sent to Smoke & Blazes.

Trustees shall vote as directed by the majority of section members.

A special meeting will be held on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 117 West St., Rutland, to discuss the question of an Executive Secretary which was tabled at our last regular meeting. And also, we hope to have Mrs. Jean Davis of Betsy Cox Camp discuss the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund.

A motion was made by Janet Martin and seconded by Fredrica Welch to make a donation to this fund. The amount is to be decided by the Section members.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary, K.S.G.M.C.

NOTE: The Resolution Page 3 regarding the acquisition of an Executive Secretary is printed below in order to familiarize Section members with the question to be voted upon at the Special Meeting on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 117 West St., Rutland.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Executive Secretary of an organization receives, reads, and answers most of the mail; works in the nerve center of the organization; sees and counsels various visitors; often supervises all publications, and in general directs much of the activities: and

Whereas an Executive Secretary usually remains in office for years while the elected officers come and go: and

Whereas an Executive Secretary is apt to become the dominating force in an organization and such would radically change the tradition and character of the Green Mountain Club: and

Whereas the expense of the office would necessitate continued and concentrated effort to recruit new members and other sources of income, thereby creating a larger, unwieldy organization with huge budgets: and

Whereas the extra work of the President that has occurred in the past few years could be handled by one or two competent regular secretaries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Killington Section go on record as being opposed to any change in the by-laws of the Green Mountain Club which would create a position for an Executive Secretary.

(The above Resolution was discussed at the Killington Section annual meeting on Feb. 1, 1974.)

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CONGRATULATIONS go to Bob Carey on his spring and summer hike schedule. However, Bob is sending out an S.O.S. for more hike suggestions and leaders for the remainder of the year. His address is 78 Church St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, Tel. 775-5720. MORE HIKES, MORE LEADERS. MORE HIKES. MORE LEADERS.

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Feb. 1, 1974, at the C.V.P.S. Corp. meeting rooms. There were 43 members and guests present.

Pres. Secor opened the 62nd (we believe) annual meeting at 7:15 p.m. with praise for the good job that Frances Roberts, Editor-in-Chief, and Betty Weeks have done on Smoke & Blazes.

Terry Gulick gave a report on the Trustees' Meeting. Also explained that new-comers do not know the location of the Koltonski Fire Station where our hikes begin. This should be clarified in hike notices to the paper and in Smoke & Blazes.

It was suggested that letters of appreciation be written to Peggy Pons who is resigning as editor of The Long Trail News after many competent years.

Jim Frink spoke on outings he has chaired, and how well his hard work has paid off in larger attendance.

Miss Hinchey, Corresponding Secretary of the GMC, was introduced.

The terms of Jim Frink, Ray Secor and Churchill Scott as directors ended, and Vera Perkins, Thelma Valiquette, and Churchill Scott were elected to serve for 3 years on the Board.

Richard Roberts suggested that a nominating committee be appointed, and this will be followed at the next meeting.

Terry Gulick introduced Gardiner Lane, Presidential Assistant, who spoke about the GMC, its growth and increasing problems as years go by. An estimated 50,000 hikers annually use this public service; 10,000 Guide Books sold; there are over 3,000 members-at-large, and half of the LT is on Federal or State Land. These were the highlights of Gardiner's talk. Mr. Lane has spent much time in obtaining land acquisition agreements with private land owners, and this is now nearly finished.

Ray discussed a resolution on an executive secretary. Wes read same, and spoke at length about it. Betty Weeks suggested we go slow on the matter for the Club has grown greatly and it is difficult to find a person willing to do the work for free. Terry added that we may not be able to find a president who will serve without remuneration due to the large amount

of travel and paper work required.

Ray received many reports of poor trail conditions due to the Club's worry about other subjects than trails and shelters. Old time members are becoming disillusioned and turning away.

Wes Weston stated that he does not favor a big push for large membership and the accompanying increase of dues due to increased budget and inflation. He spoke of the dual responsibility of Clarendon Bridge, and the importance of replacing it soon.

Lloyd Weeks made a motion to table the resolution, and it was seconded by Peter Palen. The motion was carried. It was suggested that a job description be written up for an executive secretary.

Gardiner Lane conveyed a message from the Burlington Section for a joint hike to the Pittsford Ice Caves, and the date they suggested was June 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20. It was followed by a pleasant social hour in charge of Janet and Vera. This hour is the most enjoyable part of our annual meeting, and it should happen more often. Our thanks again to all the ladies.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary, K3GMC

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DUES	DUES	DUES	DUES	DUES
Dues are payable on or before April 1 and should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. The dues are:				
Adult		Spouse		
#3.00 Section		\$2.00 Section		
1.50 Main Club		1.50 Main Club		
\$4.50		\$3.50		
Family Jr.		Single Jr.		
\$0.00 Section		\$1.00 Section		
.75 Main Club		.75 Main Club		
\$.75		\$1.75		
		Senior Citizen		
		\$1.00 Section		
		1.50 Main Club		
		\$2.50		
DUE APRIL 1	DUE APRIL 1	DUE APRIL 1	DUE APRIL 1	DUE APRIL 1



SCENE AT GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER, FEB. 17, by LLOYD WEEKS

HIKE REPORTS

Tinker Brook Shelter, Mar. 2. There were 15 hikers, including myself. The road was closed to traffic so we had to hike from Rte. 100. Of course, we had planned to, anyway.

The weather was nice, but not much snow. At the shelter we built a hot fire and had hot water within minutes. The shelter is in a very beautiful spot, with the pines, but it is quite a drop down to the water in Tinker Brook.

We returned the same way, and all agreed that it was a good outing.

Robert Carey, Outing Chairman Sunnyside, Jan. 19. Lou Catozzi, Bob Carey, John Braddock and I departed about 11 a.m. for an overnight hike to Sunnyside. We found the camp in good order, with ample firewood. The weather turned out to be beautiful, and snow was plentiful. Mid-afternoon brought a group of 9 Boy Scouts and their leader from the Brattleboro area. This made a total of 14 over-nighters, a bit crowded to say the least, but a bunch of happy kids.

In the morning the Scouts left and we had only a matter of moments to tidy up the camp before the GMC hikers were scheduled to arrive. By the time they

--Churchill Scott, Doc Howard, Wes Weston and others--did arrive, we had the "old" coffee pot on and water hot for drinks. With side hikes, hot drinks, sandwiches and good conversation, a good time was had by all.

Paul Howard

Northam to Plymouth, Mar. 16. Wet snow and wind greeted the 13 hardy souls that gathered by the Fire Station. After a bit of discussion we all drove to Plymouth with the plan to spot a couple of cars. The conditions were so bad that by the time Plymouth was reached we parked at Round Top and hiked from there.

After crossing Great Roaring Brook we found a sheltered spot for lunch in some evergreens. As most of the group then wanted to hike a bit farther, we continued west. At two and a half miles, according to Mauri's pedometer, we turned around and retraced our steps.

The drive home was an ordeal, but as soon as Sherburne Pass was reached the snow changed to rain. Hopefully we can take this walk again as this is a very interesting and historical area.

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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., July 6, 9 a.m., CHATAGUY AREA,

Dr. Harold Howard, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Drive to Bridgewater Corner and then north to Bridgewater Center. Continue on that road for about five miles until the road is no longer drivable. Then start hiking. At the Appalachian Trail crossing those interested may follow the Trail; others will follow the road as far as the group wishes.

Sat.-Sun., July 20-21, LONG TRAIL OVERNIGHT, SMUGGLER'S NOCH TO VT. 15,

Wes Weston, Leader. Meet at the fire station at 9 a.m. on Saturday. This is the only scheduled overnight, and it is a good chance to get some of the Long Trail done. The hike will be about 15 miles, with the distance being evenly broken up by the stay at Whiteface Shelter.

Sat., July 27, 9 a.m., EXPLORATION

HIKE, HERRICK MT., Rob Carey, Leader. This is the mountain to the southwest of West Rutland. There are several promising routes. Meet at the fire station. Drive to West Rutland and then take Rte. 133. Follow this road for several miles to the Town Hall at Ira and turn right there. Follow this road for about 1 1/2 miles. Then start hiking. There should be old wood roads most of the way. Total distance should be 5 or 6 miles.

Sat., Aug. 3, 9 a.m., MT. CARMEL,

Mauri Winturi, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Hikers will take the New Boston Trail (Dir. VI, Lt. Guide) to the Long Trail, then take the spur to the summit. Hopefully, the Boiling Spring will be located.

Sun., Aug. 18, 9 a.m., GRAMPA'S KNOB, Leader, TBA. This mountain is near Proctor. Hiking distance is about 3 miles. There should be good views from the summit.

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We are working on the FALL & WINTER HIKE SCHEDULE and would like suggestions. If you are willing to lead a hike please write to:

Robert Carey, Outing Chrm.
78 Church St.
Rutland, Vt. 05701

Tell where you would like to go and when. If possible, give an alternate date.

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MANY HELPING HANDS

Alerted by Churchill Scott who, the morning of April 10, was notified of some missing hikers following a near 2-foot snowfall, a group of young GMC'ers, Churchill and Terry Gulick met at the Rutland State Police Barracks to prepare to locate them.

Along with members of the Vermont State Police, US Forest Service, and snowmobile volunteers, search parties were organized and located at various points to be taken into the Long Trail between Sherburne Pass and Brandon Gap. One group was set to enter at Sherburne Pass, others were at the jeep road going into Rolston's Rest from Rte. 100, and still others prepared to come in from other side roads, if necessary. Concentrating on the southern portion was the initial goal.

Meanwhile, clouds lifted and a helicopter from Plattsburgh Air Base, retained by our State Police, ended the search by locating the hikers, three 15-yr. old girls from Long Island, who were walking in the Rolston Rest-Noyes Pond area when seen

by the pilot and Joe Sposta of the USFS, who guided the pilot.

According to reports, the girls were not lost, but stayed at Rolston's Rest during the storm. Concern from worried parents brought out the search party. One report suggested that there was reluctance from one girl about leaving.

GMC participants besides Churchill and Terry included Kate Tarbell of Wallingford, John and William Dunkle, N. Y. Section members and two of their friends, all from Staten Island, N. Y. The four boys abandoned a scheduled 5-day, 50-mile hike the day of the storm at Rte. 9 Bennington, because of the deep snow, but not until they hiked 5 miles from Congdon Camp during the storm. Proper preparations and experience prevented any discomforts. Their hike had started Sunday at Blackington, Mass.

Terry Gulick

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CALIFORNIA END-TO-END'ERS

Four members of the California Branch of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club have earned end-to-end recognition for completing their trek along the John Muir Trail in California. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perkins and their children, Polly and Tim, all of San Jose, Calif. Perkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Perkins of Mendon. The John Muir Trail runs for 210 miles through the High Sierra from Yosemite Valley to the Summit of Mt. Whitney. The Perkins's hike was undertaken on four-and five-day trips begun in 1964.

The above was clipped from the Rutland Herald, April 4, 1974, and sent to Smoke & Blazes by President Weston as an item of interest to many members of the Section.)

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HIKE REPORTS

Sugar-on-Snow Party, April 6. About 17 attended and we were disappointed that there were not more. Usually this event draws twice that number. I built a fire up at the sugar house but no one seemed too interested, so we congregated in the house for the goodies. And goodies they were!

We put the syrup on at about 9 a.m. and between Fredrica Welch and Ardelle Blood, the pot was watched with an eagle eye until about 1:30. We had considerable syrup left over and we worked another 2-3 hours and made enough maple spread to fill 10 plastic bowls, all of which now have GMC labels on them. Churchill and I will keep this and we can use it at the covered dish supper or at the next Annual Meeting.

I believe future Sugar-on-Snow parties would attract more people if held indoors in the evening.

Harold Howard, KS, GMC

Haystack Mt., Apr. 20. Eleven cheery souls (with two little dogs belonging to Wes Weston) trekked up Pawlet's "Little Gibraltar" on a perfect spring day.

The old coach road, which used to run almost to the top, turned into steep going after a little bit, but the hike was leisurely and most pleasant for all.

The view from the bald summit, known in the 19th century as one of the finest panoramas in Vermont, was almost hazeless, and included peaks from Pico to Little Killington.

After lunch in the warm, drowsy sun, we picked our way down through the still bare woods and split up. A very rewarding trip!

Zane Rodriguez

Work Party, May 4. The trail was checked and cleared from Sunnyside Camp to the Lower Cold River Road.

Wilbur Weston, Ian Wark and Al Reiner cleared from Rte. 103 via the covered bridge by-pass to Sunnyside.

Churchill Scott and Carl Schmidt started at the Lower Cold River Road and met Mauri Wintturi, Lew, Joey, and Billy Catozzi coming from the Lottery Road. Mauri did considerable blazing.

Yours Truly met the leaders of a Girl Scout troop at Route 140 who were supposed to clear from there north to Sunnyside. The project was called off because of threatening rain. (It turned out to be a beautiful day.) They plan to do that

action on May 18. I had the coffee pot boiling when all congregated at Sunnyside at 1:00 p.m.

On the drive up to the trail south of the covered bridge, we were all treated to the sight of two wild turkeys.

We had a great time and accomplished a lot. We plan to do from the Lower Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter the next time.

Work parties can be fun, you know! Don't let the word "work" scare you!

Harold Howard, Chm.
Trails, KS, GMC

Cantilever Rock, May 11. The Cantilever Rock hike to Mt. Mansfield turned out a few sturdy hikers for a very enjoyable trip.

Louise Mumford, Jim Frink, Bob Carey, Mauri Wintturi, Kim and Churchill Scott arrived at the Underhill State Park area about 11:30 a.m., so it was planned to eat first. Due to a long spell of rain we almost had a repetition of the Pico Trip but after lots of huffing and puffing we had a boiling pot of water.

Jim drove up the old C.C. road to the Sunset Ridge Trail, then an easy walk .5 miles to the C. Rock Trail. Then only .2 miles to our destination, a very spectacular rock formation. A number of pictures were taken and before long we started for home.

Plans were made for a hike (perhaps this fall) for a round trip using the Sunset Ridge Trail, the Long Trail along Mt. Mansfield, Butler Lodge, and Stevensville. If so, we hope to see more interested persons along for the trip.

Kim S. Scott

Work Party, May 18. We had planned to clear the trail from Lower Cold River Road to Governor Clement, however, a couple of days ago Scherwin Start called and said he had cleared that section and except for being muddy, it was in good condition. Many thanks, Scherwin!

The Bucklin trail had had little attention for years, and was considered to be our next most urgent problem. Rob Carey, Douglas Landon, Pam Kerstner, Lew Catozzi and I proceeded

to Brewers Corners. The entire trail was cleared and pronounced in good shape.

Jim Frink was at the fire station to see us off. However, he was headed for the annual Mt. Ascutney hike and regretfully could not join us.

Harold Howard, Chm.
Trails, KS, GMC

Pittsford Ice Caves, June 16. The hike to the Pittsford Ice Caves was a well attended, quite successful hike. It was a joint hike with the Killington and Burlington Sections, and because of the 37 members and guests that attended, I am not going to go into a list of names.

The Killington Section met as usual, at the Koltonski Fire Station in Rutland, and proceeded to Pittsford and the hike up the slope and ravine to the entrance to the cave. The planned meeting with the Burlington Section at the entrance of the State Police Academy in Pittsford could be called the only flaw in the plans. This writer understood that the meeting place was the Police Barracks in Rutland, and led three other cars to that point. After due conversation there, and just plain logic, we decided an error was made and proceeded to the trail to the caves. It was later that I learned that the meeting place was in Pittsford. However, an hour after the Killington Section's arrival at the caves, the Burlington Section hikers began to arrive, well equipped to rope themselves to the lower sections of the caves whereas the Killington members were not so equipped.

Of the 37 hikers, Killington Section was represented with 14, and the remainder from the Burlington Section. The lack of water there eliminated the old coffee pot and hot drinks, but we all had a fine lunch, and between the thermos bottles and Kool Aid bottles that were there, enough liquid was found to devour our sandwiches.

I am sure that Killington Section would have been better represented but for summer commitments that some

of our leading members had. I would call this hike a complete success, and the little rain that fell, I am sure, did not dampen the enjoyment of all.

Paul Howard

Pancake Breakfast, Mar. 23. On a beautiful snowy winter morning we drove to Rutland and picked up Judi before continuing up to Tall Timbers to attend the pancake breakfast. We were surprised to find that we were the first to arrive in spite of our long trip from Springfield. Craig Perkins welcomed us in the recreation hall where we sat around the stove waiting for others to arrive. Soon about a dozen hungry GMC'ers came in carrying all the fixin's for a delicious breakfast. Pancakes, bacon, eggs, fried potatoes and sausage along with good hot coffee, congenial company and Carl Schmidt's wonderful cooking made it a memorable occasion.

After breakfast some of the more hardy hiked or snowshoed up the Tall Timbers road. (Undoubtedly trying to work off all those calories!)

Betty Weeks

White Rocks, June 2. The hike to White Rocks brought out eleven hikers on a beautiful but buggy day. We drove up to the farmhouse at the end of the road and hiked up the Long Trail to Greenwall Shelter where we rested a bit before continuing the climb. The woods were full of spring flowers which some enjoyed identifying.

By the time we reached the turn-off we were so far apart that we didn't realize that some had failed to see the side trail sign and had continued on the Long Trail. We didn't miss the hikers until we reached the view. We were quite relieved when the lost hikers arrived as we were finishing lunch.

Since the bugs threatened to eat us before we could eat our lunch, we ate hastily and hurried back down the trail to the cars.

Betty Weeks

H-E-L-P

Any and all Killington Section adult male members who are willing and have the time to assist in the rebuilding of the Clarendon Gorge Bridge are respectfully requested to contact "Wes" Weston at 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Vt., 05701, or call 775-2132.

It was indicated at the Annual Meeting of the GMC on May 25 that in the interest of safety, the young are urged to remain away from the work of construction. Helpers please indicate when you will be available.

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FIRST PRIZE WINNER

Joe Baxter, 4th grader at Park St. School in Springfield, won first prize in a reading contest, and from a long list of prize possibilities (including a free movie ticket or a free sundae at Idlenot) chose an overnight on the Long Trail. So, your Editors, Betty Weeks and Frances Roberts, took him, along with Betty's grandson, Keith Abbott, to Sunnyside on Monday, June 24.

Joe had a wonderful time, even though it rained almost constantly, and he wants to become a GMC member and go on all the hikes!

Section members might be interested in the situation we found at Sunnyside. Shortly after we arrived a 27-member Boy Scout troop came in. Betty (as a good GMC member and ex-trustee) took the Leader aside and pointed out a few GMC rules, such as no campfires other than in the main fire circle. The Leader said Yes, he had shown the film we put out for youth groups; however, he still was unaware that such large contingents were not encouraged to stay at the shelters.

The boys were great, and the Leader certainly had them well organized. Really, the only complaint we had was that three patrols set up camp along the banks of Sunnyside's water supply. There were temporary fireplaces in that area, and no doubt the scouts

thought it was all right to camp there. Betty and I feel strongly that this area near the spring should be posted and made unattractive as a camping spot. A few boulders strategically placed, for example.

In all, there were 37 campers at Sunnyside, and on a Monday night in June! Luckily, Betty and I both have mountain tents which we could use. Three other parties used the shelter, and the scouts camped out.

Although it is generally believed that most LT hikers are not members, it was interesting to find out that nearly all the hikers we saw on that trip were GMC'ers--including the scouts.

We all had an interesting camrout, visiting with people from Florida, Ohio and Colorado--that's how it is on the LT nowadays. However, somehow large groups of people such as the 27 scouts should get the message that they cannot be accomodated at our shelters.

Frances Roberts

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Harroitt Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Hedrick Cahee, Mrs. George Kirk, Anne Mausolff, Paul and Jeffery Magoon, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roberts, and Mauri Wintturi.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is September 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, by that date. LEADERS, please use the post cards we send you as hike report reminders, and emphasize the importance of sending the material in right away.



MOKE & BLAZES

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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

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HIKE CHAIRMAN, ROBERT CAREY, HAS GONE TO COLLEGE, and your Directors are in the process of assembling a Fall and Winter schedule. Listed below are a few hikes coming up very soon. Watch the papers for more information about them. The complete schedule will be in your hands shortly.

Sat., Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m., MT. HUNGER,
K. Rice, Leader.

Sat., Oct. 12, 9 a.m., SILVER LAKE,
Doris Newton, Leader.

Sat., Oct. 19, COVERED DISH SUPPER.
Watch the papers for time and place.

****MANY INTERESTING HIKEs ARE IN THE
WORKS. WATCH THE PAPERS AND
CONSULT THE NEW SCHEDULE SOON
TO REACH YOU.*****

THERE'S BAR IN THEM THAR HILLS!

Would you like to hear a bear story? Lloyd and Betty Weeks can tell you one.

It seems one dark and rainy night they pitched their mountain tent in the wilds of the Adirondaks, thinking they were alone. They tucked their packs in the tent with them out of the rain, and socked out as soon as they sacked in.

In the darkness before the dawn something woke them up. By the time Lloyd had unsacked and groped out, there was nothing there but the evidence--a knocked-down Space Blanket they had used as a tarp with absolutely, positively, no doubt about it bear-clawed holes in it.

Lloyd reconstructs that the night visitor had slapped at the tarp to get at the food supply--which was in the tent just below--but was frightened off (possibly by a loud snore?).

Well, that's what they get for leaving the Long Trail to hike in the Adirondaks.

F. Roberts

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NEXT SMOKE & BLAZES DEADLINE IS DEC.
15. SEE P. 4 FOR PLACE TO SEND NEWS.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the home of Mr. Weston on Fri., Sept. 20, 1974.

Present were Mr. Weston, Frederica Welch, Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Teen Palen and Churchill Scott. Also attending were Peter Palen, Paul Howard, Mauri Wintturi and Sherwin Start.

Was discussed a letter sent to the Directors during the summer in lieu of a meeting, and the questions it contained. A number of By-Law changes were mentioned. Art. #3 - A. dues shall be paid by April 1. Art. #11 - Annual Meeting shall be held on the 3rd Saturday in January to nominate and elect directors. (Ed. note: It was suggested at the last annual meeting that a nominating committee be chosen so that a slate of officers could be presented at Annual Meetings.) Art. #5 - Length of term of officers should be deleted.

Vera stressed that persons elected to the Board of Trustees should be aware of the responsibility of attending meetings and taking an active part in the Club.

Paul Howard spoke on the following shelter conditions: Tucker-Johnson, good. Pico needs new stove pipe and Pico Ski Area rescue sled moved off roof. Tamarack in good shape. Gov. Clement has new wooden lower bunks. Clarendon is clean and good. Sunnyside needs new floor. It is hoped it will be repaired before winter.

Mr. Start accepted office of Trails Chairman. During the summer he has worked many hours cleaning and improving Trail. Also, he hopes to contact land owners and get permission to run Trail at all hazardous points.

Mr. Weston spoke of danger with new bridge due to the long space between upright cables. The feeling is that some protection to prevent accidents before the snow and ice season begins.

The annual dues were discussed. With receipts and expenses about even, it was considered best to leave them as last year. Also, any dues money received after Oct. 1 shall be credited to the following year.

Janet Martin told of her latest talks with Mrs. Davies regarding the Pittsford Ice Caves Fund. The owner of the property has said that the building is for sale

also, and it is hoped that enough funds can be raised to purchase this natural area and preserve it for the future.

Mr. Start explained the work of the Youth Conservation Corps located at the Mt. Tabor area.

Mr. Weston spoke of discontent and friction between the Main Club and the Sections. He suggested two remedies. 1) Transmit all responsibility to Sections, and when the Sections were unable to deal with problems to ask the Main Club for help and assistance. 2) Pay all dues to Main Club, eliminate Sections and let the Main Club take over all responsibilities. Mr. Weston will draft a letter to the other Sections to get other opinions.

Respectfully Submitted
Churchill Scott, Sec.

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ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, to Sept. 27

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Wood, Allen W., Bomoseen State Park Fair Haven, Vt., 05748

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Tinmouth Channel, June 30. Three canoes and six hardy canoeists met under threatening skies for a canoe trip on Tinmouth Channel. By the time we had reached the launching point at a culvert in the north end of the town of Tinmouth the skies had cleared. At first glance this looked like an unlikely place to launch canoes. To the north the small rocky stream plunged rapidly down hill to become the headwaters of the Clarendon River.

We carried canoes down the steep bank and paddled south in a clear, alder lined stream. Avoiding rocks in the shallow waters, we soon reached deeper, wider stretches where the channel meandered through marshes and old beaver meadows. There are about four miles of canoeable waters here.

Many interesting water plants grow in the shallow waters, and small trout darted to hide in them. Clumps of yellow and blue iris were frequently seen, and yellow pond lilies lined the waterway.

We enjoyed glimpses of an occasional Virginia Rail running through the tall swamp grasses. The views of mountains beyond the marshes make this a scenic trip.

At one point an old beaver dam blocked the way, and we balanced precariously on the top to pull the canoes to the other side.

About noon we lashed the canoes together and ate lunch before returning. Aided by wind and good current, we soon reached the cars at the culvert.

Betty Weeks

Chataguay Area Hike, July 6. On Saturday, July 6, Doc Howard led a hike to the Chataguay Area. We all met at Doc's house and were on our way about 9:30. Albert Reinez, Bob Carey, Roberta and Sherman Start, Carl Schmidt, Louise Munford, Doc Howard and I made up the group.

When we arrived at the Chataguay Area we met some townspeople repairing the road. Some beavers built a dam, and with the help of the flood, forced the water over the road. After watching the road repair crew for a while, we started hiking. We hiked for about 2 1/2 miles. When we stopped for lunch we saw a

beautiful pond.

On the way down we looked through an old house that had burned down to nothing. From there we hiked on the Appalachian Trail and down to the dirt road to where the hike started.

The weather was perfect for hiking and we all had a very good time.

Pam Korstner

Herrick Mountain, July 27. I led this hike and we did not get lost, although we did not get any view from the ridge. We found that it is possible to climb Herrick Mountain, but the chances of a view from it are slim. I think exploration hikes should be considered in the future.

Robert Carey

Mt. Carmel, August 3. This hike was led by Mauri Wintturi. We made good time to the Camp. There we had lunch and the more ambitious then continued to the summit. We had reports that the tower was unsafe, so we climbed it with extreme caution but found it safe. Unfortunately the view was very limited because of incoming clouds. All twelve of us returned from that hike also. R. Carey

Gov. Clement Shelter, Work Party, (Unscheduled), Aug. 10. In less than three hours Wes Weston (Rascal and Sport), Bob Carey, Paul Howard, Jr., Lou Catozzi and I, accomplished a task that should have been done years ago, in this writer's opinion.

Departing from Rutland in a [W] drive pick-up, loaded with pre-cut lumber, nails and tools, at some time after 1:00 p.m., we drove to the shelter, and with the assistance of some willing hikers (there were many on the trail that day) the lumber was unloaded & our work party proceeded to cover the worn-out lower wire mesh bunks with a "platform" type bunk, the popular type in today's hiking.

Wes, Bob, Lou and Paul all pounded nails to their heart's content, while I engineered the job. After the platform was completed, due to weak structure of the upper bunks, and using 2X6's, we reinforced the upper bunks, making them durable for another several years.

We were back in Rutland by 4:00 p.m., very satisfied that the job was done, and all agreed that this was not "labor," but more darn fun than a regular scheduled hike.

Paul R. Howard,
Shelters Chairman

Grampa's Knob, Aug. 18. This hike was changed to Gov. Clément Shelter where we inspected the new bunks. All found them satisfactory. This hike proved that one never knows what to expect on a hike. Just after we left the triangle a bear crossed the road ahead of us. You never know what you might miss if you don't go on the hikes.

Robert Carey

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THE FOLLOWING POEM was sent in to Smoke & Blazes by Paul Howard with the comment, "Although it does not pertain to the GMC, I like it and you may find some use for it in your publication." Many GMC'ers will like it, too.

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your
struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself,
and see
What that man has to say.

For it isn't your parents, your children,
or wife
Who judgement upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in
your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you're a straight-
shooting chum
And call you a wonderful guy;
But the man in the glass says you're only
a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all
the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous,
difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down
the pathway of life
And get pats on your back as you
pass;
But your final reward will be heart-
ache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the
glass.

Author Unknown

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HAVE YOU SEEN the write-up about hiking on the Long Trail in New England Sportsman Magazine, (Vol. 1, No. 2, March/April 1974)? Dexter Goulston tells of a 70-mile trip he took with his son and a German Shepherd in September of 1972. The blurb introducing the article makes this statement. "The 'Long Trail' between Mt. Horrid and Camel's Hump is famous for its porcupines, history wonderful scenery and not so reliable weather." Several colorful photos illustrate the article.

In his story, Mr. Goulston describes the painful results of a dog/porky encounter while on the Trail. In this same magazine, (published two years too late to help the Goulstons) is an article about the many uses of baking soda, including that of aiding in the removal of quills from a dog's nose. According to the author, Robert I. Ward, a mixture of 1 cup of vinegar and 2 tsp. baking soda applied gently on the quills at 3 ten-minute intervals will soften the lime and calcium composition of the quills and make them shrink. You can then remove the quills with very little discomfort. With so many dogs bounding along on our GMC hikes, it's good to know about this. An emergency supply in one's day pack might well be worth packing.

F. Roberts

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Dec. 15. Send news or items of interest (how about a "SWAP" section?) to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, by that date.

Smoke and Blazes

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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sun., Dec. 29, 4:00 p.m., MOONLIGHT

HIKE. Our annual moonlight hike to Tucker-Johnson Shelter is always a big favorite. Let's try to get a large turn-out and hope for clear, cold weather to enjoy a full moon. Meet at Koltonski F.S.

Sat., Jan. 18, ANNUAL MEETING, 7:00 p.m. SHARP. Details elsewhere

Sat., Jan. 25, 9:00 a.m., PINEY HOLLOW, PLYMOUTH AREA. This area has 3 open-front shelters ranging from 1 to 5 mi. distant, so everyone can have a choice of hikes in addition to other interesting spots to visit. Meet at Koltonski's.

*****Sun., Jan. 12, 9 a.m., PUDDLEDOK SKI TOURING TRAILS, GRANVILLE GULF, Betty Staack, Leader. This area is located off Rte. 100 between Hancock and Warren. The brochure states that there are 3 1/2 mi. of marked trail suitable for ski touring, and trails difficult or requiring caution are designated. Most are on relatively rough terrain and should have good snow cover to avoid accidents and/or damage to equipment. Meet at Koltonski F.S.

Sun., Feb. 9, 9 a.m., GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER, Dick & Frances Roberts, Leaders. Rutland area people meet at the fire station and join the leaders at the junction of the wood road leading to Gov. Clement Shelter and the Upper Cold River road. Bring x-c skis or snowshoes. We have usually found a well packed snowmobile track to walk on as well.

Sun., Feb. 23, 9 a.m., NORTHAM PICNIC AREA. Lloyd & Betty Weeks, Leaders. Rutland area people meet at the fire station and join the leaders in North Shrewsbury where the Upper and Lower Cold River roads branch off from the road leading to Shrewsbury Peak. Bring

x-c skis or snowshoes, or just walk along a well-packed snowmobile track about 2 1/2 mi. to Northam Picnic area located at the base of Shrewsbury Peak trail. At this area is a large shelter with an indoor fireplace

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ANNUAL MEETING

Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 7 p.m. sharp, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church on West St., Rutland.

The agenda includes reports of officers and chairmen; amendments to By-laws (details elsewhere in this paper); election of directors, (retiring directors being Janet Martin, Harold Howard, and Fredricka Welch); discussion of what is expected and length of term of directors; refreshments; movie short on Clarendon Gorge Bridge, 16 mm.; square dance called by Louis Rousseau

Transportation to the Killington Section Annual Meeting will be provided if necessary by the following members. It will be appreciated if you will contact individual nearest you: W.F. Weston, 48 Edgerton St., Rutland, Tel. 775-2132; Jim Frink, 60 Litchfield Ave., Rutland, 775-4925; Carl Schmitt, 73 Edgerton St., Rutland, 773-6990; Rachel Charland (office) 775-4725; Carl Parsons, 170 Stratton Rd., 773-3621; Betty Weeks, 7 Harvard St., 885-2731, Springfield; Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Pl., 885-4157, Springfield.

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Article V of the By-laws of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc., reads as follows:

"The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served

two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year."

The proposed change, approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the voting members, would delete the second sentence. The article would then read,

"The term of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year."

Article XI of the By-laws reads as follows:

The Annual Meeting shall be held in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business."

The proposed change, also approved by the Board of Directors for consideration would be the insertion of the words "on the third Saturday," and the By-law would then read,

"The Annual Meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in January to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and Trustees, plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business."

These proposed changes will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, January 18, at the Universalist,-Unitarian Church in Rutland.

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TREASURER'S NOTICE

There must be many small outstanding bills, such as for postage, telephone, supplies and gas that have not been submitted to the Treasurer yet. Please turn them in as soon as possible to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701, so they may be included in our 1974 expenses.

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NEW MEMBERS to Dec. 10, 1974

Bell, Bennett, Billings Ave., Rutland
Biddiscombe, Robert, 152 Pearl St. "
Billings, Mary, P.O. Box 903, Rutland

Parsons, Carl, 170 Stratton Rd., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Van Luven, Daniel, 44 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Fitzgerald, Mr. & Mrs. Brian T., R.F.D. Florence, Vt. 05744

HIKE REPORTS

Mt. Hunger, Oct. 5! Located east of the Green Mts. is the Worcester Range. It stretches from Mt. Elmore, near Morrisville, south to Waterbury. Mt. Hunger is situated in the middle of the Worcesters, rising to an elevation of 3539 feet.

Three early risers, Mrs. Rachel Charland, Mauri Wintturi, and Lou Gatozzi met my father, Donald Rice, and me early Saturday morning in Waterbury. A short drive followed which brought us to the base of Mt. Hunger. The trail rises steadily for roughly 2 1/2 miles, paralleling a stream. A short distance from the trail a small but beautiful waterfall greets the inquisitor's eyes.

The summit is rocky, open, and supplies a near 360° view. Unfortunately, Saturday wasn't a sparkling, clear day. A haze had muted the clarity of view. To the east, the White Mts. rise. Mt. Washington, barely visible, was white capped. The Green Mts. lay west of us, stretching in an endless conglomeration of ridges and valleys. Autumn dressed the nearer slopes in rich yellows and golds.

A stray white Huskie pup, begging for a free handout, reminded us of Mt. Hunger's reputation; our growling stomachs told us that it was time for lunch!

Descending was much easier and a delight. Many leaves had already dropped. Their scuffing and rich odor brought us to the realization that fall had quietly slipped in and was discreetly slipping away.

Rachael, Maurri, and Lou joined my family for an informal dinner in Stowe. Many a tale was told, which topped off a warm and relaxing day.

I'd be more than willing to lead another hike--perhaps in the spring. Perhaps Lou, Maurri or Rachael can entice more of you up!

Krisanne Rice

Silver Lake, Oct. 12. Five adults and Mr. Schmidt's delightful two year old made the trip to Silver Lake--the little girl via back pack. By spotting a car at Lake Dunmore we were able to make the circle from Route 73 down by the Falls of Lana, always worth a visit.

It was interesting to find that the path from Rte. 73, unsigned and unnamed last summer, now has a Forest Service sign at the road and has been named the "Leicester Hollow Trail." This trail follows a narrow valley well supplied with large boulders--a more attractive route than the route from the parking lot off the Goshen-Ripton Road. The trail from Lake Dunmore has also been graded. The only "fly" in the day's ointment was the car, that, in spite of signs and gates, had managed to get in with a camping party! I wonder if they felt the heat from our combined heightened blood-pressure!

In spite of the car, though, it was a very pleasant trip to a very scenic area.

Doris Newton

Covered Dish Sumner, Oct. 19. The sun-
ner was held this year at Tamarack
Notch. It being a cool day and the
cabin being already warmed up for Girl
Scout training, it was held in the
Rotary Cabin--a bit snug but certainly
more comfortable than the fireplace
could have gotten the Lodge in a couple
of hours.

A few hearty souls came early and
took a hike along a beautiful old road
high above the east side of the Cold
River which came out at an old favorite
--McLaughlin's Falls. We wished there
had been time to poke around some old
farms along the way--a row of maples
along the road were estimated to be
60-100 years old. We returned to camp
by the Wheelerville Rd. past a small
old cemetery dating back about 100
years when this land was all small hill
farms--just before the great migration.

When we arrived back at camp, most of
the others had arrived, the food was
spread before us and all enjoyed what
had been provided by the various
people. It is continually a source of
amazement to me that we end up with as
well balanced a meal with so little
coordination--but we always seem to!

The Bennett Bells were welcome old
faces that we hadn't seen for some
time.

Janet Martin

Old Baldy, Nov. 2. Page 3
This mountain, located in the
Curtis Hollow area south of Bridge-
water, got its name from the fact
that during the 1870-80 sheen raising
period the whole mountain was bare.
As years went by the forests grew back
and now from the valley the summit
looks completely covered.

On a cool, clear November day, Carl,
Mauri, Rachael, Anna, Harold, John
Hughes and Churchill started our hike
with very little knowledge of what to
do or where to go. With a lot of
discussion, help from the topo map
and advice from a friendly logger,
we went the right way. As we passed
what we thought was the last water
another lively discussion about stop-
ping for lunch ensued. Some said, "No
coffee, eat at the top," others, "Let's
have coffee." Also would we get too
lazy after lunch and not be out of
the woods by dark. Finally, coffee won.

After lunch we continued on a wood
road, and only about the last half
mile was bushwhacking necessary. As
we broke out on the summit it was
open, with grass and ledge combining
to give a 360° view. Mt. Monadnock,
Ascutney, the main Green Mt. Range
were all visible.

A steen drop along an old stone
fence soon brought us to the wood
road and our cars.

It would be more enjoyable if more
folks were able to go on these trips
and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine,
but we can always hope that as time
goes by our section will be better
known.

According to the topo, an approach
from the east would be about 1 mile
with an 800' rise in elevation as
compared with 1 3/4 mi. and 1200' rise
the way we went. It will be interest-
ing to explore the eastern hike next
time.

Churchill Scott

East Mountain, Nov. 10. About 50 hikers
led by Joe Valiquette hiked East Mt.
in Mendon and placed a flag on the
summit in memory of Harold Valiquette
who was a very active member of the
Green Mt. Club. East Mt. was said to
be his favorite spot.

A motorcade of about 10 cars trans-
ported the group up Killington Avenue
and around the mountain to the east
side. The climb was fairly easy and

we made it to the top in about an hour. Although the valley was hazy the view from the summit was beautiful. Below us we could see all of Rutland area, and off in the distance the Adirondacks.

The hike took about 2 1/2 hours in all with time out for coffee and a snack. All in all it was a fine day and everyone enjoyed the hike.

We were very pleased to find an article and pictures of our hike in the Vermont Sunday News dated November 24.

Eileen Valiquette

Mt. Independence, Nov. 22. Five members met at Koltonski's fire station and later drove to Mt. Independence entrance for a hike. Some snow had fallen so it wasn't easy to follow the various routes, yet we were able to find the monuments and the Horseshoe Battery site. Members enjoyed their lunch at the edge of Lake Champlain. While coffee boiled some of the members read about the background of the historical site --the book was Mt. Independence, by Joseph Wheeler. A new book will be forthcoming which will contain additional historical facts about this side as well as marked trails.

Rachael Charland

Fox Lot, or A Tale of the Three Little Kittens, Dec. 7. It was good to see Mauri here at the park to lead the hike up to the Fox Lot. Mauri, Harold, Pam, Carl, Jim, Rachael, Wes, Carol and Churchill spotted cars at the Rte. 100 crossing, drove up Lincoln Hill past the Adams farm where we saw the large vats to be used on the Saltash Mt. maple syrup project which will be one of the world's largest.

We parked on the Lottery Road, walked past the Shrewsbury Town House, or Poor Farm, and to the height of land. Here we turned west, bushwhacked about 1/2 mi. passing by many tracks (deer, rabbit, fox, bobcat, porcupine and numerous smaller game). At last we broke out to an open area where a beautiful view was obtained. To the south, Stratton, Dorset, West Herrick, Handley, North Bloodroot, and Carmel could be seen.

A long, hard cross country walk finally ended on the Ezra Oliver Road about Clarendon Shelter. Some detoured past an old family burial ground, the Adams homestead, a dam and mill site.

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After eating a late lunch in company with a group of boys and leaders from Gardiner, Mass., we headed for home.

The last carload took time out to visit the new bridge over Mill River and one can ask this group more about the parable of the Three Little Kittens, if interested.

Churchill Scott

KILLINGTON SECTION HISTORY STARTED

Efforts to compile historical information on the life of the Killington Section began at a December meeting with Past President Craigue Perkins, his wife Mary, Sec.-Treas. Churchill Scott and Trustee Terry Gulick during which recollections and questions were listed. The gathering was in response to G.M.C. Historian Ralph Bryant who is coordinating work on a History of the Club and its Sections.

Armed with Craigue's complete set of Smoke & Blazes (Sept. 1947-Dec. 1974), his guide books and notes, Terry has the awesome task of putting together material for inclusion in the G.M.C. History. Needed still, however, is documentary or first hand knowledge of the Section's origins and early years (1912? to 1917 or later).

Anyone having information, papers, and interesting stories about the Killington Section may correspond with Terry Gulick, RFD 1, Springfield, or Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland.

Possibly the story of the Blue Triangle Camp and its travels will be included as well as mention of the famous coffee pot and the debate between the "scourers" and "non-scourers."

Terry Gulick

KILLINGTON SECTION TRAILS REPORT

During the summer our entire section was checked by various members and pronounced in good shape. The opinion of many hikers was obtained and found favorable as were many notes left in registers. Several called it the best maintained section

in the state. The following are from my notes.

April 20, 21. Mauri Winturri checked trail and painted places from 103 to Beacon Hill.

(Work parties on May 4 and 18 have already been reported on in Smoke & Blazes.)

The trash barrel at the Upper Cold River road was checked and emptied a number of times. Seems these barrels are always full.

May 26. Sherwin Start dug a new out-house pit at Tucker-Johnson and between 5/30 and 6/5 he checked and cleared trail from Sherburne Pass to Cooper Lodge.

On July 3, 14, and 15, Ardell Blood and I checked the trail from Sherburne Pass to Tamarack Shelter, and then the Shrewsbury trail to Northam. This latter trail needs some clearing, but the Farm and Wilderness Camp have assumed responsibility for this area.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Howard

OUTING SCHEDULE, SPRING & SUMMER, 1975

Although we have had a number of offers to lead hikes, we hope to have more folks willing to take us to new areas. Suggestions have been made for 3-day weekend End-to-End trips, hikes in the White and Adirondack Mts., and even up to Katahdin and Baxter State Park.

Let's all come prepared to discuss the possibilities at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES IS MARCH 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield Vt., 05156, by that date.

The following letter from Frank Bequart, 44 Bertwell Rd., Lexington, MA 02173, should be of concern to Section members.

"I thought that you might be interested in my experience in hiking the Killington Section in late May of this year particularly in relation to your article in the last Long Trail News. Three boys and myself hiked from Mad Tom Notch to Sherburne Pass on May 24 through 27 of this year. On the way we ran into a large number of Boy Scouts. At Gov. Clement Shelter we found the Shelter completely full of Scouts and had to camp outside. Apparently this appearance of the scouts is a yearly event (or so I gathered from the leaders I talked to). One group starts at Sherburne Pass and heads south and the other starts just south of Greenwall and heads north. They all met in the middle (probably about 20 of them) at Gov. Clement Shelter. The scouts were from somewhere in New York.

Other than the fact that they planned their trip so they totally overloaded one shelter, I had no real complaint about them. The boys seemed pretty well behaved and the leadership okay (although I would have had more leaders per group.) I just felt you should be aware that this operation goes on in your Section over Memorial Day weekend.

Let me add that we found the trail in good shape and very easy to follow in your Section, particularly the reroute over Killington.

We need your help to plan activities for the coming year. Please fill out this form, tear off and bring to the Annual Meeting or send to Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

I am interested in taking part in the following: (Please check)

Hikes _____ Work on trails and shelters _____ Social Events _____

Suggestions for 1975 hikes: _____

Are you willing to lead a hike? If so, what date do you prefer? _____

Name _____ Tele. _____

Address _____

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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., Mar. 29, 6 p.m., SUGAR-ON-SNOW
Universalist-Unitarian Church. Watch papers for details.

Sat., April 12, 9 a.m., ECHO AMPHI-
THEATER, Anne Mausolff, Leader. Meet at the fire station. Anne has offered to lead this hike to an interesting area on the old Elbow Road that few people know about. This may be the mud season, so let's wear appropriate footwear and warm clothing, and bring a good lunch.

Fri.-Sun., April 25-27, JAY PEAK AREA,
Kim and Churchill Scott, Leaders. This is a trip planned to help End-to-End hikers get over the northern part of the Long Trail, especially Wes. If too much snow, there are a number of lower areas to cover. Let's have a good turnout.

Sun., May 4, 10 a.m., WALLACE LEDGE,
Robert Gibbs, Leader. This is a new area for most of us, and Mr. Gibbs states that very interesting rock crystals and spring flowers should be found. This is an easy walk with good views of the Taconic Mts. and the Adirondacks. Meet first at the fire station.

Fri.-Sun., May 9, 10, 11, DERRYBROOK.
Hopefully, we shall have a sizeable turnout for this three-day Killington Section affair. For those who have not been there, you are in for a treat and the experience will be well worth the trip. It was voted at our Section's Annual Meeting to assess each person for each day they attend, \$1.00 per day to cover rental expense. A committee with helpers will prepare and serve all meals, and it was also agreed at the Annual Meeting that the cost of the food to each individual will be based on the number of days attending or

meals eaten. To help us plan for this event will you please fill in the form AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE no later than May 1.

Sat., May 17, 10 a.m., WORK PARTY,
Sherwin Start, Leader. There is so very much to do in the spring in order to get the trails and shelters ready for the hiking season that Mr. Start will need all the help he can get. Let's all of us get out and do just as much as we can. Volunteers should meet at the fire station.

Sat., May 24, G.M.C. ANNUAL MEETING,
Waterbury, Vt.

Sun., June 8, 8 a.m., ABBEY POND,
Anne Hoover, Leader. This area was in the news recently because VELCO wanted to develop it. An easy 5.5 mile hike. Miss Hoover has kindly offered to lead this hike (a joint-one with folks trying to form a Breadloaf Section). Many folks have suggested joint hikes with other Sections, so now is a good time to see if we can really put this into practice. Let's have a big group go to Abbey Pond, meeting first at the fire station.

Sat., June 14, 9 a.m., VERMONT'S
HIGHEST WATERFALL, Lye Brook Trail,
Rob Lacey, Leader. Rob will be home from college by this time and he has offered to lead us on a repetition of the first hike he went on with the Killington Section, so we must all help him celebrate. Hikers should meet at the fire station.

Sun., June 29, 1 p.m., WALLINGFORD
POND, Wes Weston, Leader. Watch the papers for details on this hike as the date approaches.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following the annual meeting on Jan. 18, a meeting of the Killington Section Board was held at the home of

the past president, Wilbur Weston, and the following officers were elected for 1975:

Pres., Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland

V. Pres., Ian Wark, Woodstock Stage, Kay's Cabins, Rutland

Sec.-Treas., W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland

The first action of your new officers was to set up a new hike schedule for Spring and Summer, 1975. We wish to thank all those who made suggestions. In fact, we had so many good ideas a few will have to wait for early fall!

On the new schedule you will note that we have tried to have a variety of activities, old favorites and some brand new ones.

One innovation was to schedule two shorter Sunday afternoon hikes. Another was a three-day backpacking trip for aspiring end-to-enders. Also scheduled are three day-trips to complete definite sections of the Long Trail.

You will also note that from mid-May to mid-June we have indicated work parties between scheduled hikes. We hope if you are available to work on any of these dates that you will contact either Sherwin Start (Tel. 775-3193), Trails Chairman, or Paul Howard (773-3948), Shelters Chairman. We must depend on you, the members, to carry out this necessary work.

Please note that current (1974) memberships are considered delinquent after April 1, so won't you send your dues in to Churchill right now while you are thinking about it--it's so easy to let it lapse!

Janet Martin, Pres.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mt. Club was held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 1975, at the Universalist-Unitarian Church. In spite of a hard mid-winter blizzard, a total of 35 people attended, including members from Clarendon, West Pawlet and Springfield.

Pres. Weston opened the meeting with a word of appreciation for the large attendance in spite of the very poor weather.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports

were read and accented with the provision that \$65 of Smoke and Blazes expenses be carried over to 1975 for that amount was spent for supplies to use during the current year.

Trails Chairman, Sherwin Start, reported that all trails are in good condition and that he has received many reports that our Section has excellent trails. He stated, however, that a few spots could still be improved.

Pres. Weston suggested that whenever committee chairmen need help with various projects, they should not hesitate to ask other members for assistance.

Lou Catozzi read a very complete report of maintenance work done by Shelter Chairman, Paul Howard, who was unable to attend due to his doctor's orders.

Janet Martin spoke for the Entertainment Committee, mentioning their work on Covered Dish Supper, Sugar-on-Snow Party, and Annual Meeting.

Thelma Valiquette told of the Membership Committee's work in sending out a dues reminder on April 1. Wes suggested that it be done again.

Frances Roberts, Smoke and Blazes editor, expressed thanks for the many contributors, and stressed the importance of meeting deadlines.

Mr. Weston spoke about the attempt of the Main Club to take over the business and affairs of the Sections. He also reported on the construction of Brugmann Bridge and the difficulty of obtaining a protective fence.

Richard Roberts suggested a By-law change to appoint a nominating committee six months prior to the Annual Meeting. This will be recommended by the Board of Directors and submitted next year. Betty Weeks agreed to chair the Nominating Committee.

Jim Frink made a motion to delete the second sentence in Art. V of the By-laws. Janet Martin seconded and it was so voted. This will allow directors to serve more than two terms.

The By-law change to call the Annual Meeting on the third Saturday in January was discussed. This change was not voted affirmatively as it was decided that publication of the Annual Meeting date in the Fall and Winter Schedule would give sufficient advance notice, and allow more flexibility in

calling a meeting in case of inclement weather.

Pres. Weston read a letter describing the charges, facilities, and activities at Derry Brook, located near Londonderry, and it was decided to schedule a weekend trip there on May 7-9.

Terry Gulick spoke about the proposed history of GMC being compiled by Ralph Bryant and the part each Section must take in writing up its own history. He told of looking over the complete set of Smoke and Blazes issues that Craigie and Mary Perkins possess along with many old Guide Books. He also asked for more information about the Tin Shelter on Killington Peak, Blue Triangles history, and how our Section got its name.

Pres. Weston discussed the New England Trails Conference to be held Sat., Apr. 5, at Worcester, Mass. George Pearlstein explained about this good opportunity to learn more about other New England Outing Clubs, their aims and objectives, and to view various exhibits.

Betty Weeks submitted the names of Janet Martin, Paul Howard, Sr., and Ian Wark to serve on the Board of Directors. Janet will be serving a second term; Paul and Ian are replacing Frederica Welch and Dr. Howard. Richard Roberts seconded the nomination and it was passed.

Pres. Weston spoke of the Channel 3 news film of the Brugmann Bridge dedication which we had hoped to show.

He also spoke of the great amount of time and effort given to the job of being president of our Section. In conclusion, Pres. Weston was given a standing ovation for the very good work he has done during the two terms he has served as president.

The ladies deserve our thanks for the tasty refreshments and an enjoyable social hour. Entertainment followed with Mr. Louis Rousseau calling square dances and polkas.

Churchill Scott
Sec.-Treas.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

A Board of Directors meeting was held of Feb. 8 at the home of Wilbur Weston. Present were Mrs. Weston, Ian Wark, Paul Howard, Janet Martin, Vera Perkins and Churchill Scott. Cynthia Keyes was

a guest.

Discussion was conducted about the proposal by Richard Roberts to amend the By-laws in regard to nominating candidates for the Board of Directors, i.e., to appoint a nominating committee. Janet Martin made a motion, seconded by Vera Perkins, that a nominating committee of three members be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve for one year.

Wes spoke of the advantages of trying to find a few minutes at the Annual Meeting for all directors to get together and choose officers so they may be announced.

It was voted to donate \$10 to the Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Association and to submit to the Association the names of editor of Smoke and Blazes and the Secretary-Treasurer for inclusion on their mailing list.

First Aid supplies were discussed, and it was finally thought best to put together kits of our own. Cynthia Keyes donated a very sturdy and suitable metal container.

Wes mentioned a rummage sale as a possible way to make money. He also spoke of having someone act as custodian of supplies and equipment.

Ian Wark distributed copies of Killington-Pico newspaper, published every other week with news of interest to everyone. Ian suggested that in line with the appeal by Wes for more publicity for the GMC and Killington Section, that we submit articles to this newspaper explaining our history, aims and activities.

Wes spoke about the increasing pressure of the Main Club to run the affairs of the Sections, giving such examples as the Mill River Bridge incident and the withholding of information regarding a caretaker at Cooner Lodge.

Also, he said that Mrs. LeBlanc is concerned about having snowmobilers cut brush and limbs to build bridges in the old Buffum area with the resulting possibility of flooding in the spring.

A deposit has been made for Derry Brook outing on May 9-11, and Cynthia Keyes has offered to cook and purchase supplies with help from others. It is hoped that we can follow the example of our past Winter Weekends with work details set up for cooking, setting

tables, serving, cleaning up and washing. It was suggested that an advance be made for food to take advantage of sales. Also that the deadline for reservations be May 1 with a form printed in the next Smoke and Blazes.

The meeting was adjourned and a very pleasant social hour followed with Mr. and Mrs. Weston serving many delicious snacks. Once again we are very grateful for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

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Dues are payable on or before April 1 and should be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. The dues are:

Adult	Snouse
\$3.00 Section	\$2.00 Section
1.50 Main Club	1.50 Main Club
\$4.50	\$3.50

Family Jr.	Single Jr.
\$0.00 Section	\$1.00 Section
.75 Main Club	.75 Main Club
\$.75	\$1.75

Senior Citizen
\$1.00 Section
1.50 Main Club
\$2.50

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THANKS

We all want to thank Miss Eleanor Walker for the gift of a number of copies of the Long Trail News issued during 1941-1945. These are in the form of a booklet about 5"x6", with a number of photographs. It is very interesting to see the changes throughout the years of the LTN.

Also, thanks to James Frink we have a pair of asbestos gloves which will always accompany our "Old Faithful" coffee pot. These will provide a welcome relief from the burned fingers, scorched mittens and frayed nerves of the past.

Cynthia Keyes must also be thanked for her gift of a new coffee pot which could almost be a sister to our old one for its color, size and style are almost identical. We only hope that it will cover as much ground, last as long and be able to tell as many stories. Records indicate that the old pot was purchased at W. C. Landon's, Nov. 4, 1938, for \$1.50.

W. Churchill Scott

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our Section expresses appreciation for donations from Mr. and Mrs. Edna Cahoe, Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Day, Mrs. Harriot Bryant, Miss Doris Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts

HIKE REPORTS

Moonlight Hike, Johnson Shelter, Dec. 29. The moonlight hike to Johnson Shelter had few things going for it, but no one seemed unduly disheartened. Two different times to meet at Koltonski's Fire Station were publicized, 4 p.m. in the newspapers, and 7 p.m. on the Hike Schedule. The result was that one group started in just as the earlier one arrived back at the parking area. This was o.k., though, because the night was cold and raw, and the total number couldn't possibly have kept warm around the fire.

Amazingly enough, the timing was right for those going-inners and coming-outers who otherwise might have collided on that overcast night. Anyone who has tried to X-C ski on the Long Trail in the dark can appreciate that.

What all this points up is the fact that when we go out on Killington Section outings, we have fun, in spite of nor'easters (and we've hiked in them), peculiar tasting water (and we've drunk it), smoke in our eyes, and moonless "moonlight" hikes. The only thing that isn't fun is when no one turns out for them.

F. Roberts

Puddledock Ski Area, Jan. 12. Puddledock Ski Touring Trails in the Granville Gulf State Reservation on January 12 saw 13 hikers-skiers-

snowshoers travel along the unplowed road past beaver ponds and deer winter yards. At Kendell Brook a bonfire was built, the coffee pot was suspended from a tripod over the fire, and soon hot chocolate, coffee and tea combined with good conversations and reunions. Carl Parsons and Phil Woodbury renewed their acquaintance from the 1930's when they were members of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Betty Staack

Piney Hollow Area, Plymouth, Jan. 25. Jim Frink, Lou Catozzi, Bob Biddiscombe, Rachel Charland and Churchill Scott, all hardy souls, gathered at Main St. Park in spite of freezing rain and forecast of worse weather. Harold Rogers arrived with word of Rte. 7 north closed and a 25-car pile up over Sherburne Pass. Guess that was too much for Harold.

After a long discussion, we decided to find a geological formation on Boardman Hill. Jim drove us all over the Hill, down to Chinnenhook, down Walker Mountain, along the West Creek road almost to Wallingford where Jim pointed out a very pretty ice mountain made by a stream from a broken water pipe. By the time we arrived back in Rutland, the rain had stopped and Rte. 4 opened.

We drove to Plymouth but soon the rain began again, and increased as the day wore on. Parking at the old CCC area, we walked up the Whetstone Brook road for one mile to the shelter, and soon we were enjoying a good, hearty meal and hot drinks.

After a short trip to a surface granite quarry which furnished stone for the Smithsonian Institute, we returned to the car, pretty well soaked to the skin.

Even though the weather was poor, everyone had a good and enjoyable day, and already we are looking forward to the next hike.

Churchill Scott

Gov. Clement Shelter, Feb. 9. We all met at the intersection of a wood road and the Upper Cold River Road. We hiked, snowshoed and skied to the Gov. Clement Shelter. Six of the group of 18 were on cross country skis and they went on ahead and went a few

miles beyond the shelter, then back to the shelter.

Six of the group were on snowshoes and the third group of six hiked. Due to the packing of the snow by many snowmobiles, the trail was in excellent condition for all types of locomotion.

Despite the lack of water because of cold, it was necessary to melt snow to make the coffee, etc., and it took a relatively short time to get plenty of hot water. Firewood was scarce because of 18" to 24" of snow cover.

Everyone had a good lunch standing around the fire, and all seemed to enjoy the hike very much.

Carl O. Parsons

Northam Picnic Area, Feb. 23. In spite of threatening skies, 23 ski tourers, snowshoers, hikers, and one dog made the trip from North Shrewsbury to the Pavilion in the Northam area of the Coolidge State Park.

Leaving our cars at the sand pile above Pierce's store, we were surprised to find the road plowed about a mile further. Skiing was good on the snowmobile trail from there to the shelter. Even the skiers had to hustle to keep up with Jim Frink on his snowshoes.

Soon a roaring fire was melting snow for coffee in the new coffee pot. The large shelter with stone fireplace made this a very comfortable place for a group of this size to eat lunch. All too soon the snowshoers and hikers from Rutland headed back down to their cars. Twelve adventuresome skiers from the Springfield area continued on trusting to compasses and maps to find their way down an unexplored route. Leaving the road on a snowmobile trail we skied up and down over moguls for another 2 1/2 mi. before coming to the old Northam-Plymouth Road. The trail led through mixed hardwoods over the shoulder of Burnt Mt. The old road was smoother with several brisk down hill runs. After another 2 1/2 mi. of easy skiing we arrived at North Shrewsbury. Pleasantly tired after our 8 mi. ski tour, the cars at the sand pile were a welcome sight.

Betty Weeks

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Killington Section members as of March 10, 1975:

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This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes to be sent to 1974 members. Please notify W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland 05701, if changes should be made in any of the above names or addresses.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is June 15. Send news to Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Place, Springfield, Vt., 05156, by that date. Would you like to have a "Swapper's" column for hiking equipment? Let us know. Have you read any interesting books or articles of interest to hikers? Send in a review. We're looking for ideas and suggestions. Feel free to send them in.

TREASURER'S REPORT
W. C. Scott

Cash on Hand 1/1/74

INCOME:	Dues		\$2256.87
	Interest	366.00	
	Gifts	95.12	
	Herb Ogden Poster Sales	35.25	
		.10	
	Total		496.47

2753.34

EXPENSES:	Trails & Shelters	167.22
	Smoke & Blazes	57.74
	Outings	110.61
	Main Club Dues	109.50
	Donations	55.00
	Postage	52.60
	M. Hinchey Day	20.15
	Special Meeting (Resolution)	20.00
	Annual Meeting	19.29
	Telephone	10.17
	Secretary's Expense	8.23
	Historical Committee	2.50
	Total	

633.01

\$2120.33

Balance 12/31/74

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HIKE DATA

Churchill Scott has come up with some interesting Killington Section statistics dating from Aug. 18, 1974 to March 8, 1975, or from the beginning of our new register.

Number of hikes: 15
Total miles hiked: 55
Total number of hikers attending: 225

From available figures, it appears that the number of hikers from the Rutland area is about double that of hikers from outside Rutland.

In the next issue of Smoke & Blazes, Churchill plans to list hike destinations for the past 10 years or so to get ideas for the Fall and Winter Hike Schedule.

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DERRY BROOK WEEKEND

(See first page)

Please fill in the following form and return to either W. F. Weston, 48 Edgerton St., OR to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt., 05701, NO LATER THAN MAY 1. Derry Brook is located near Londonderry.

I/We shall attend the Derry Brook Hike.

No. of persons

I/We shall arrive:	Fri. 5/9 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.
	Sat. 5/10 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.
	Sun. 5/11 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.

I/We shall leave:	Sat. 5/10 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.
	Sun. 5/11 at	_____ a.m.	_____ p.m.

Signature

Address

Tele.

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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., July 12, 9 a.m., BRANDON GAP TO MT. CARMEL, W. Weston, Leader. Let's all support Wes as he hikes this section of the Trail. With this and the next one, he will have covered all the way to Bolton Lodge. This is not too hard, so all should try to go.

Sun., July 27, 9 a.m., MT. CARMEL TO SHERBORNE PASS, Janet Martin, Leader. Janet has offered to take time out from her busy summer schedule to lead this hike for all aspiring End-to-Enders, so let's all show our appreciation.

Sun., Aug. 10, 7 a.m., CLARK BROOK TRAIL TO RTE. 125, Betty Staack, Leader. Please note the starting time, 7 a.m. (Suggested by Betty for we have a job to spot cars and hike.) Betty will lead if she is back from her trip abroad with her husband, Jim. When she gets to Boyce Shelter, Betty will have completed her End-to-End, so let's see how many can be on hand to congratulate her.

Sun., Aug. 17, 1 p.m., BUTTERMILK FALLS, Anna Nyiri, Leader. Anna has suggested that although Rutland area people will meet at Koltonski Fire Station as usual, others may wish to meet near the Branch Brook Restaurant at the junction of Rte. 103 and 100 North. She also suggests that hikers wear or bring sneakers for walking in the brook! This is a very pretty spot to visit for a short afternoon walk. The cool water, the falls, and many wild flowers should make this a pleasant trip.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Directors met at the home of Janet Martin with Judi Butterfield, Janet Martin, W. Churchill Scott, Sherwin Start, Vera Perkins, Ian Wark, Wes Weston and T. Valiquette present.

Janet Martin brought before the group the latest information on the Pittsford Ice Caves. She suggested asking the Trustees to make a donation to the Fund. \$28,000 is given as the price, now, which includes the house. Sherwin Start suggested buying the house first to obtain a parking area and as a start for getting the whole area. A motion was made and seconded to direct Trustees to recommend to the Main Club that they donate to the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund.

Mr. Keenan, Municipal forester, states that the Canty Trail up Blue Ridge Mt. has been lumbered, and trees cut within 50' of the trail in spite of provisions in the contract to prevent this. He asked that interested persons write to him complaining of the cutting.

Wes has taken over as quartermaster and is to obtain an overseas packing crate to store material in. Also, he will stamp all tools with KS-GMC and have a sign-out-sign-in log. The urgency of having an adequate first aid supply kit was discussed once more and it was suggested that we try to obtain a belt pack.

Judi Butterfield explained Mr. Peet's caretaker program and how it has enlarged this year. Discussion followed of the Caretaker system in general, and Pico's problems in particular.

The relationship between the Main Club and the Sections was again discussed. Pres. Martin stated that the Main Club is legally responsible, and that apathy and the tendency to let things slide in the Sections are responsible for some of the Main Club's actions. Jan stated that the GMC has grown so much that it can no longer be run as it has been in the past, and each year more and more problems are being discovered that years ago we did not have to deal with.

W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

HIKE REPORTS

Joho Amphitheatre, April 12. Hikers: Mauri Wintturi, Rachel Charland, Churchill Scott, Christopher Mausolff, Betty Ward, Lou Catozzi, Jim Frink, Carl Schmidt, Anna Nyiri, Carl Parsons.

It was a glorious day, mild, blue-skyed. We saw 2 groups of geese honking north, like a delicate string of pearls glistening against light blue velvet.

Since the way had been snow-mobiled all winter, those walking had no trouble. Three went on skis, another was trying out snowshoes made in a do-it-yourself project.

A lovely lunch site beside a rill soon crackled to a well-made fire and each one enjoyed a hot drink of his choice plus other goodies humped in by generous fellow Killington Section hikers.

A couple tested some echoes on the middle pond, but the leader forgot to demonstrate the amazing 360° echoes of the last pond.

Anne Mausolff

Jay Peak Area, April 25-27. Late one Friday afternoon, Pam Kerstner, Lou Catozzi, Rachael Charland and Churchill Scott began what should have been a spring hike on the Long Trail, but due to the big April 2-3 snowstorm, it turned into a mid-winter snowshoe trip.

Making Jay Camp our base, Lou and Pam were let off at the Sargent farm location at North Troy while Rachael and Churchill left the car at Rte. 105. After a long hard struggle to find the blazes due to deep snow and a wet, driving blizzard, we arrived at the height of land. Pam and Lou continued to the car and Rachael and Churchill north to the border. There it was decided to split and Rachael would travel the side trail past Journey's End camp to the road while the rest picked her up at the Sargent Farm. In spite of the utter exhaustion, Lou prepared the most tasty meal that has ever been devoured on the Long Trail.

Sunday, Lou was left at Rte. 105 again where we met Norma Phillips. After attending church, Rachael and Churchill returned to Jay Camp where Pam had decided to stay for the day. Hiking north on the trail, we finally ran out of blazes and bushwhacked the rest of the way to the ski trails on Jay where the wind was fierce and snow flurries

heavy. At last, after a hard, hard struggle, we reached the summit of Jay Peak about 4 p.m. From the ski trail, on the return trip, we found the trail but once again we ran out of blazes, and so began bushwhacking to Jay Camp again.

At last we smelled smoke, next heard a shout from Lou who had caught up with us, leaving Norma at Shooting Star Shelter to return to the car. We finally arrived at camp, had a bite to eat, packed up, and left about 7 p.m. with about one gallon of gas. For the next half hour we sweated out finding a gas station until Rachael, with her sweet talk, persuaded a man to fill us up.

Next we visited Rachael's son and family in Derby where they asked us to spend the night, for it was a long way home. We enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Kangas and his huge recreation room. We rolled out our mattresses and sleeping bags, and spent an enjoyable night. Up at 5:30 a.m., we ate and left, getting home around 9 a.m. in time for the kids to get to school.

A few things were learned on this trip. George Pearlstein is correct when he says the Long Trail is not for winter hiking. Also, there are a few people who wear flannel nightgowns and woolen night caps to bed even on the Trail.

W. Churchill Scott

Abbey Pond, Middlebury, June 8.

After a slightly confused start, Jim Frink, Anna Nyiri and Bob Carey representing Killington, caught up with five members of the Bread Loaf Hiking Club.

After a lot of rain during the week, and a prediction of 60% rain Sunday, it was a cheerful hike without a drop of precipitation. The cascades along the trail were also cheerful with a great deal of water coming down the mountain.

First find was a mushroom we think was a Poliporus sulphureus; however, the book said it appeared from August to November. The leader took it home, but was unable to identify it positively so it was not consumed.

A snack at Abbey Pond and we decided to look for an old jeep trail to the S.E. which we found and

continued around the pond. There we found several pitcher plants in flower which was a real treat. It was a fine trip; cool, no rain, and NO MOSQUITOES.

Anne Hoover

Vermont's Highest Waterfall, June 14.
I led the hike on June 14 to Vermont's highest waterfall. There were twelve of us. We had a bit of trouble finding the Lye Brook Trail, but once we got going we had no trouble following it. We followed the Lye Brook Trail for 2 miles, before turning off and following the switchback of the old logging railroad for one half of a mile. Although the turn is not marked, it is not too difficult to find. You can see the logging railroad on your left, up above, before you get to where it crosses the Lye Brook Trail. It looks like a stone wall at first. Where it crosses the Lye Brook Trail, you follow it to the right. The Lye Brook Trail begins at the bridge on the Lye Brook Road, just off the Richville road. (Note: Since the falls are within the Lye Brook Wilderness, you should have a permit.)

The falls were just as spectacular as they were three years ago. We estimated them to be 200 to 250 feet high. After a good lunch and reading the Vermont Life article about the logging rail road brought in by Wes, we returned the same way. All in all it was a beautiful day in the woods.

Robert Carey

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our Section expresses appreciation for donations from Anna Nyiri, Linda Rozowicz, Herb Ogden, Jr., Helen Frink, Mrs. George Kirk, John Nuffort and Betty Staack.

THANKS

Cynthia Keyes has given us a large number of topographical maps which will be a big help in planning a number of our hikes for the coming outing schedule. Our thanks go to Cynthia again.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, June 10, 1975

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- Davies, Jean, Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford 05763
- Fish, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, PO Box 81 Londonderry 05148
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- Gilman, Betty, 212 Adams St., Rutland
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 Wellman, Mary Louise, RFD, Poultney

WORK PARTIES

Information on work parties, scheduled and impromptu, have been phoned in to your Editors. Errors in reporting may be blamed on hasty note taking. Anything serious will be corrected in the next issue of Smoke & Blazes.

Sat., May 17. This scheduled work party brought out 9 people who, reports Wes Weston, cleared trail from Rte. 103 to Sunnyside, and from Rte. 140 to the same shelter. Some blazing was done.

Sat., June 21. An unscheduled, but advertized, work party consisting only of Sherwin Start and Wes, finished the blazing and did some more clearing from RTE. 103 to Sunnyside.

Sun., June 22. Paul Howard called in to report on work done at Pico Camp. It seems that a letter had been received from a hiker complaining about the deplorable conditions at Pico, so an unscheduled, unadvertized impromptu work party took off to do something about it. After contacting Job Brugmann, caretaker at Cooper, Wes, Paul and Patrick Howard and their dog, Rex, and equipment for repair were taken up by gondola from Rte. 4 to the top of Killington. They then hiked from Cooper to Pico where they put in a hard day repairing, checking and measuring such items as the wire around the bottom of the shelter, the stove pipe, door latch, and the john.

Paul feels that a great deal of credit should go to the Sherburne Corp. for the free use of their gondola for both workers and equipment. Their fine cooperation is certainly appreciated.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Sept. 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances H. Roberts, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield, Vt. 05156 by that date.

HIKE DATA

Churchill Scott has sent in a list of places visited and hikes scheduled since Sept. 30, 1967. The purpose of this information is to help in scheduling hikes for the next, and future, Outing Calendars. Members will be surprised, as were your Editors, at the variety and number of places listed.

Abbey Pond	Mooselamoo
Mt. Acolus	Natural Bridge
Mt. Ascutney	Northeast Kingdom
Baker Peak	Mt. Okemo
Bald Mt.	Old Baldy
Big Branch	Pico Peak
Bird Mt.	Pico Pond
Blue Ridge	Pine Hill
Bourne Pond	Pittsford Ice Caves
Brown Bridge	Plymouth-to-Northam
Burnt Rock Mt.	Rattlesnake Ledge
Canoe trips	Robert Frost Trail
Camel's Hump	Rollston's Rest
Cantlover Rock	Round Mt.
Chatagway	Scragg Mt.
Cooper Lodge	Shrewsbury Peak
Cox Mt.	Silver Lake
Clarendon Lodge	Snake Mt.
Daggett Mt.	Somerset Reservoir
Dorsot Cave	Stony Brook
East Mt.	Stratton Mt. & Pond
Equinox Mt.	Susie Peak
Fire Hill	Sunnyside
Fox Lot	Tamarack Shelter
Gov. Clement	Taconic Ridge Trail
Grandpa's Knob	Tinker Brook
Greenwall Shelter	Tinmouth Peak
Gulf Shelter	Tongue Mt.
Handley Mt.	Tucker Lodge
Mt. Hunger	Mt. Washington
Lake Willoughby	(cancelled)
Little Rock Pond	Vermont's Highest
Lye Brook	Waterfall
Morck Forest	Wallingford Pond
Mt. Carmel	Wheelerville Rock
Mt. Herrick	White Rocks
Mt. Mansfield	
Mt. Monadnock	
Mendon Peak	
McLaughlin	



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COMING OUTINGS

Note: Koltonski Fire Station where hikers meet is adjacent to Main St. (Rte. 7) Park in Rutland.

Sat., Oct. 11, 9 a.m., MT. CARMEL TO SOUTH POND, Leader C. Scott will still be employed at Coolidge State Park, so it is hoped someone will offer to lead this hike. A good chance for members to work on their End-to-End Award.

Sat., Oct. 18, 10 a.m., SHREWSBURY PEAK, Teen Palen, Leader. The Palens have offered to come from Hurley, N.Y., to lead this fall hike from the Northam Picnic Pavilion over the peak, down past the shelter where there is a good view and water, to Black Swamp where cars may be spotted, or vice versa. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station.

Sun., Oct. 26, 1 p.m., H.D. VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE, Joe Valiquette, Leader. There is always a beautiful view from the summit of East Mt., so let's all try to make this hike to honor the memory of Harold, and enjoy this fall trip to his favorite mountain. Meet at Koltonski's.

Sat., Nov. 1, 9 a.m., MAD TOM NOTCH TO LAKE GRIFFITH, Leader, R. Charland. Here is a nice fall walk to cover some more of the LT and perhaps a chance to see the location of the Griffith cottage reached by carriage from Danby via the Lake Trail. Meet at the fire station.

Sat., Nov. 8, 10 a.m., PLYMOUTH FIVE-CORNERS, Leader, M. Wintturi. This is an easy walk through an area rich in history of the last century. The distance can be as long as one wishes. Meet at the fire station.

Sun., Dec. 7, TALL TIMBER, MENDON-- SUPPER SOCIAL. Call Vera Perkins, 773-2941, for supper reservations at the home of the Craigie Perkins'. On may come as early as desired, and wal will be made to Blue Ridge, or the Beaver Dam via Elbow Road. Supper will be served at 6 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13, 10 a.m., UPPER COLD RIVER ROAD TO GOV. CLEMENT, Leader, Paul Howard. Dr. Howard and Ordol Blood have just repaired grate and cleaned fireplace of 35 odd years of ashes. One can walk to the camp via the old road or the LT. Meet at Koltonski Fire Station.

Fri., Dec. 19, 6 p.m., MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER-JOHNSON SHELTER, Leader, J. Martin. Note the day of this hike for it was made to take advantage of the full moon. Hikers should meet at the fire station.

Sat., Dec. 27, 10 a.m., MYSTERY HIKE, R. Carey, Leader. Nothing can be written about this hike for only the leader knows the destination. However meet at the fire station.

ERROR!! ERROR!! ERROR!! ERROR in in the Fall & Winter Hike Schedule. The Pot Luck Supper at Tamarack Notch and hike to Bald Mt. will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28. Call J. Martin for reservations, 773-8621.

NIKE REPORT: Sherburne Pass to South Pond, July 27. This hike was scheduled to go to Mt. Carmel, but the group decided this was going to be too much, so elected to go from Sherburne Pass to South Pond and down to the Chittendon Reservoir. Jan Martin, Leader

DIRECTORS MEETING

A Board of Directors meeting was held on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Pinney Hollow cottage of Churchill Scott. Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Wilbur Weston, Sherwin Start, Rob Carey, Sandy Stare, Peter and Teen Palen, the Paul Howards, Jr. and Sr., Mauri Wintturi and his friend were present.

Janet read letters from John Nuffort and Ralph Bryant, former president and current president of the main GMC, respectively, asking if the Killington Section would be willing to take the responsibility of maintaining the Brugman Bridge over Mill River. She also read a letter from Al St. Peter to Pres. Bryant regarding the detailed maintenance work of the bridge. Pres. Martin said she wrote to Al St. Peter and invited him to the meeting so we could learn first hand the work involved, but received no reply and he was not present.

Paul Howard was appointed chairman to head a committee including Rob Carey and Sherwin Start to look into the matter more thoroughly. They will study exactly what is involved in maintaining the bridge if the Killington Section takes over in regards to cost, liability and amount of work. Paul also spoke of water bars and log steps at the bridge which were a big improvement, and as far as he could see no motor bikes had been there.

Janet also read a letter from Hans Frisch asking for at least two persons in each section to act as photographers on section activities so that the Main Club would have an up-to-date file for publicity, news stories and slide collections. Lynee Slushman was mentioned as one and Janet said she would contact her.

Sherwin Start spoke of the very poor attendance on work parties and the fact that it is becoming less and less as time goes on. He listed the many various improvements that should be made through-

out our section of the Trail and on the shelters before winter. Newspaper ads and articles, radio announcements and individual contact were mentioned as some of the possibilities of interesting more people, especially women, who in addition to cooking for the work parties could do many jobs on the trail. He also mentioned the article in the latest issue of the Long Trail News about what a good response the Burlington Section got for workers to help rebuild Puffer Lodge.

The rest of the evening was devoted to making up a Fall and Winter Schedule of outings. This schedule has been printed and was mailed out to all members on Tuesday, Sept. 2. If anyone has not received a copy please notify W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION OF GMC:

Work completed as of 9/8/75.
Blazing from Vt. Rte. 140 to Upper Cold River Road. Clearing from Vt. Rte. 140 to Upper Cold River Road. Thanks to Jeb Brugman, (caretaker at Cooper Lodge this summer) the trail from Cooper Lodge to Pico Camp has been cleared and blazed. Jeb also did a considerable amount of work in starting the Jaugernaut Trail relocation.

More to be accomplished as of 9/8/75
Long Trail/Appalachian Trail to be cleared and blazed from Upper Cold River Road to Cooper Lodge, and from Pico Camp to Sherburne Pass.

We need to do some badly needed drainage work on several sections of the LT/AT and will be getting into some of this work this fall, hopefully!! We are also planning to put some puncheon foot bridges across a few wet areas.

In passing at this time, representing and speaking for the entire membership, we would like to thank any and all parties that so graciously took part in the trail work that was done of the LT/AT on both sides of the new Clarendon Gorge suspension bridge. Thank you!!!

The trail is one of the cleanest of the whole LT. We do, however, need a great deal more help than we have been getting. On the 4 trail work parties we have had only 4 people showed up at the first, and only 2 on each of the other three. We need more help!!!

Also at this time I would like to express my gratitude and that of the Club to Harold Howard and his daughter-in-law, Carla, for their invaluable assistance in helping yours truly in his efforts to keep the refuse picked up. Our hats are off to you. Also, many thanks to Wes Weston, Rob Carey, Mauri Wintturi and Paul Howard for their efforts far above the call of duty.

In parting I would like to make a special point of the fact that I know that there are quite a few persons in the Killington Section that are physically capable of helping us take care of both the shelters and trails, and we desperately need your assistance. For further information call me at 775-3193, or call our Shelters Chairman, Paul Howard, at 773-6070.

One final note. In case you haven't received the new Fall and Winter Hike schedule, we have planned a couple of trail maintenance outings, on Sept. 13-14, and the second on Oct. 4. Please pitch in and show that you really care. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sherwin A. Start
Trails Chairman, KSGMC

CROSS-TALK

July 9, 1975. After I had made arrangements with Frank McCormack, manager of Radio Station WHWB in Rutland, the GMC was slated for an hour's broadcast on a talk program called "Cross-Talk."

Rob Carey, Job Brugman and I reported to the station on the East Proctor Rd. at 9:55 AM. We were escorted to the broadcasting booth by Ed Lloyd and Ed Larson, the MC's where a short discussion was held before going on the air. However, this was completely unrehearsed, but with the ability of our two MC's to properly question us during the program, the talk show went smoothly without repetitious conversation.

We talked about the GMC in general and the Killington Section in particular. Rob did an excellent job in his history of the club and of the Hikes Program and how it works. I was surprised at the knowledge Rob has about the club and his ability to put it across to the listening public. I congratulate him. Job did a fine job in answering questions about the Caretaker's Program, the hikers he had met in his caretaker job, and general knowledge about being out there on the trail.

Rob is an end-to-ender for the Long Trail, while Job is an end-to-ender on the AT trail. I cannot boast on that score, for my mileage on the trail is not too great. Job told of the 86 year old hiker that had finished half the AT last year and was completing the AT this year.

The actual 50 minutes that we were on the air passed swiftly, and with the help of Ed Lloyd and Ed Larson we had no difficulty in producing an interesting program for the listeners, giving the GMC a boost in this area.

The manager of Radio Station WHWB has been very generous and presented us with tapes of the entire program. Any interested parties that would like to hear this program would be welcome to use the tapes. After I am finished with them, the tapes will be placed on file at the GMC main office on Center St., Rutland.

Respectfully,
Paul R. Howard
Shelter's Chairman
Killington Section, GMC

HERBERT G. OGDEN, JR., of Palo Alto, California, has sent Smoke & Blazes a copy of an interesting and controversial letter written by him to the editor of the Long Trail News. Regretfully, lack of space permits us to print excerpts only. Killington Section members should be sure to read the complete letter when it appears in the forthcoming LTN.

What, one may ask, is wrong with seeing the Sections as "participants" in "Main Club" work? Plenty, I think. To begin with, the very words "participants" and "Main Club" imply that the Sections are merely ancillary organizations whose function it is to aid the Main Club. On the contrary, it seems to me that the Club has long derived its strength from the reasonably autonomous functioning of Sections which were free to set their policies and plan their activities more or less as they saw fit, which were free to innovate and get things done on their own, and which benefited from the coordination provided by the President and Trustees -- but these Sections did not allow that "coordination" to become "direction," and they prospered in their freedom.

Now, unfortunately, the Sections seem to be losing their character as decision-making bodies and turning into administrative divisions, serving to implement decisions by Club leadership. To me, this state of affairs is reflected by the idea that the Sections exist primarily to help keep up the trail for the Main Club. The important decisions about the Trail, however, are being increasingly concentrated at the Main Club level. In my own Section this was pointed up particularly by the conduct of the Caretaker program, and, more prominently, by the Main Club's costly reversal of a promising local initiative on the rebuilding of the Clarendon Gorge Bridge after the 1973 flood.

The opinions expressed above are shared by many Killington Section members, and have been stated in recent editions of Smoke & Blazes.

CHURCHILL SCOTT has sent in some more statistics from KS records. Below are the 10 best attended activities in recent years.

2/24/68, Spaghetti Supper at Tall Timbers with 51 present.
3/29/69, Sugar-on-Snow Party, 51.
9/10/72, 60th Anniversary Party at Tamarack Notch with 48 present.
11/10/74, 3rd H.D. Valiquette Memorial Hike to East Mt., 47 attending.
3/30/68, Sugar-on-Snow Party, 45.
6/16/74, Pittsford Ice Caves, 37.
6/15/72, Natural Bridge, Lake Emerald, with 36 present.
12/28/74, Moonlight Hike, Tucker Johnson with 36 attending.

5/15-16/71, Clarendon Remodeling, 32.
7/25/70, Canoe Trip, Florence to Brandon, on Otter Creek, with 25 present.

Churchill concludes that the social activities seem to be the most attractive!

NEW MEMBERS to Sept. 15, 1975:

Abbott, Kevin, 23 Pine St., Springfield, Vt., 05156
Blaskovich, Mrs. W.J., 9 Amhurst Lane, Dearborn, Mich. 48120
Britton, John, P.O. Box 911, Rutland
Chrzanowski, Diane, 79 Plain St. "
Howard, Paul, Jr., 70 Allen St. "

HIKE REPORTS

Wallingford Pond, June 29. At the outset this hike was a problem in frustration. I did not know where I was going. After several abortive attempts to get the proper directions, the ever loyal Churchill came to my rescue. On his only day off he took me to the starting point and I felt better.

From the Koltonski Fire Station, 19 hikers in a 7-car cavalcade drove to Wallingford, then east on Rte. 140 to a turn-off, and to our "jump-off" place.

Soon after we started hiking, we met 3 happy hooligans in a dilapidated pick-up truck transporting 6 or 7 oil drums into the pond area. Their plan was to build a houseboat. At one point they dropped 3 drums and 1 hooligan, but fortunately no one was hurt.

The day was warm and our hiking time was short, about a half hour each way. The pond is located in a rather wild setting with no camps or cottages that we could see. We sat around, nibbled and rapped, and a couple of "Waltons" tried their skills at fishing.

Our visit was cut short by a fishing group that had driven to the pond and whose exit our parked cars prevented.

Wes Weston, Leader

Brandon Gap to Carmel, July 12. On this hot but clear July day, 7 Killington Section members assayed that part of the LT from Brandon Gap south to Mt. Carmel, a 2-mile jaunt.

It began by 5 hikers going to the Gap with Jack Martin to await arrival of the other 2 who spotted cars at the foot of the New Boston Trail. With the kindly assistance of Jim Frink, the 2 spotters were driven to Brandon Gap where they joined the awaiting five.

As the group prepared to start, Jack Martin imparted a bit of sage advice directed to aspiring end-to-enders. He stated that in order to prevent any "gaps" in hiking the entire trail, we should walk up to where the trail crossed the highway from the north side to the south side and cross there. We all complied and did just that. The trail was very level and in good shape so that we jauntily took off at a brisk pace.

We did the first mile in a little over 20 minutes. As the day wore on we tended to wear out, but only slightly. We made one stop for lunch and maybe two for rests. We were too weary to make the climb up Carmel and left it at that. We met some hikers en route and our group opined it was a day well spent.

Wes Weston, Leader

Buttermilk Falls, Aug. 17. Though far from a muscle tingling hike, our Sunday afternoon walk to Buttermilk Falls did get eleven of us outdoors enjoying the rocky scenery of the three unique falls separated from each other by short walks.

This is a cool spot on a hot day, but our day was too cool for sneaker walking in the brook.

Anna Nyiri

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is Dec. 15. Send news to Mrs. Frances Roberts, 2 Hill Pl., Springfield, Vt. 05156 by that date.

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A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume" and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed, and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been.

Dedication

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke and Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

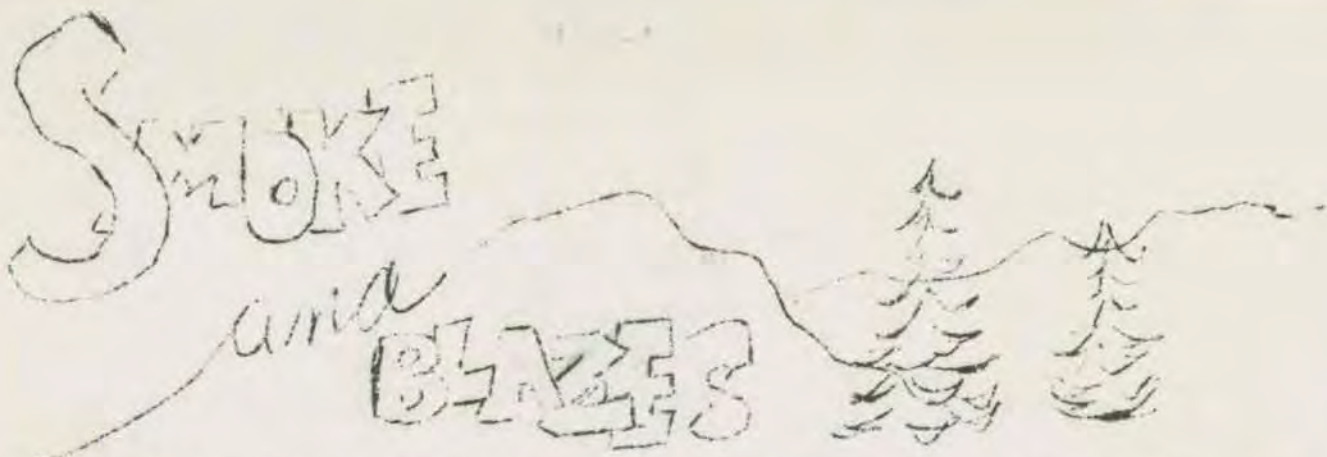
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THE NEW BOSTON TRAIL - Oct. 11, 1975

Since Churchill was still working and Jack and Janet Martin had other commitments for 10/11/75, I agreed to lead the hike for Janet. There was myself and Gregory Bostock, a young man and new member that showed up. ('Twas an overcast, predictably rainy day).

Never before had I gone UP the New Boston Trail, and only ONCE before, many years ago, had I come DOWN it, but I remembered no problem.

We left, in two cars, at 9:10 AM and arrived at South Pond Trail entrance at 9:50 AM. Then we drove the 1.6 miles back to where the power line crossed the road, making the turn-off point from the road out of Chittenden. (This turnoff is not marked and it is 3 miles from Chittenden Corners. This for the benefit of future hikers who will be hunting for the way to the South Pond Trail).

Then we drove 4 miles (Past Mountain Top Inn) and to the entrance of the New Boston Trail.

There is a sign there pointing up a straight, wide, roadlike path into the woods. Never doubting the sign, we took off up this path, and after about a quarter mile we met some hunters who called after us "Going to Mt. Carmel?". Knowing that Mt. Carmel was just a bit north of where the New Boston Trail joins the Long Trail, we nodded assent and kept going on what we had no reason to doubt was the New Boston Trail.

Finally we came to a clearing with many trails leading from it. We cursed the people who had failed to blaze the New Boston Trail and explored several of these trails, all leading to dead ends, in deep woods. Finally we realized something was radically wrong and we retraced our steps. It was raining, everything was swampy and

and muddy. Our feet were soaking wet, and much of our clothes the same. We did not feel kindly toward the people who had failed to blaze the trail.

We got back to a point about 30 yards from our parked car, and noticed an unmarked path leading off our broad highway. We went up this path a way to see what it was, and Lo and Behold about 50 yards in, and out of plain sight of the big road, was a sign indicating that THIS was the way to the Long Trail.

There is no mark or sign at the roadside to indicate that the New Boston Trail makes a sudden departure to the right only about 30 yards from the starting point. We were disgusted, wet and not in a good mood.

We had walked for two hours in the rain and had covered about 5 miles. It was now 12:30 PM, the rain was coming down in torrents, so we swore at the lack of trail markings at the most important point, and decided no more sloshing thru mud and rain that day. WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW !!!

James C. Frink

SALT ASH MOUNTAIN - September 21, 1975

On a very wet day, 10 of us gathered at the Kontolski Fire Station at 10:00 AM and departed for a hike to Camp Flying Cloud, Salt Ash Mountain. This was a brook-like hike all the way to the top. I ate lunch sitting in a branch over a spring spring! Good view toward east and south. Beautiful Fall day. Used by-pass around Flying Cloud Camp on way back and found it dryer although the bottom looked worse when we went up. Found an axe and Can-teen belonging to Saltash Camp.

Tom Martin

PLYMOUTH FIVE CORNERS - Nov. 8, 1975

This historical hike was the longest 4.5 mile trip even the oldest of old timers could remember. It was wonderful to see 32 people in this turnout on a beautiful warm sunny day in the fall.

After parking at the Coolidge State Park picnic area, we walked along an old town road to Plymouth Five Corners. Here we visited the Cemetery, with dates going back to the 1810's. Here, also, are buried ancestors of Newell Briggs, Burlington Section member, who was well known to many in the Killington Section.

At the Five Corners Area, Ray Stoodley gave a very thorough description of the many foundations, including a very interesting Grist Mill, complete with sluice way. He also pointed out low gold and been found in one of two brooks, but not in the other, just a short distance away. All of this, coupled with the early 1900's photos shown by Frederica Welch, made this an interesting spot to stand and try to visualize where the school; the blacksmith shop; and the Hotel, with a Ball Room resting on six foot rubber balls could be located among the now completely foreclosed area.

Heading west and up grade, we came to the Bethany Birches Bible School area, with a beautiful view of the Broad Brook and Hale Hollow Valleys.

Turning north, we passed the site of yet another school and soon arrived back at the picnic area grounds, where Doc Howard and Wes Weston had a fire and hot coffee water waiting for us.

In addition to the weatherman, who was most cooperative, we want to thank Wes, Doc, Freddie, Ray Stoodley and all members of the hike party for making this hike a most enjoyable day.

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Payable on or before April 1, to be mailed or given to W. Churchill Scott, Treas.; his address is 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt., 05701

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1.00 Killington Section
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SPOUSE:

2.00 Section
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SINGLE, JR.

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KILLINGTON SECTION. GMC. By Laws

If you will refer to your copy of the Killington Section By-Laws, please refer to Article 5, and delete the following phrase, and I quote: "A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year". end of quote.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER - Dec. 13, 1975

According to schedule we were to meet at the Kontolski Fire Station on 12/13/75 for a hike from the Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter. Starting time was 10:00 AM, but with some commitments I had, it was 10:10 before I could get to the Fire Station. However, Wes Weston (Sport and Rascal), Sherwin Start, my son Paul Jr., John Braddock and another hiker was ready to leave for the starting point. The above mentioned hikers reached the hike starting point where the Long Trail and the Upper Cold River Road crosses, and the hike was underway. Wes and I decided to hike the "old road" instead of the Trail, while Paul Jr., John, Sherwin and the other hiker used the trail. Our timing was good as both parties met at the bridge where the trail joins the old road at the same time.

The hike to the shelter was uneventful but very slippery, forcing Wes to assist his Sport and Rascal.

After a fire was started and hot water available, to our surprise, five more hikers appeared, who had planned on the scheduled hike but probably due to my tardiness, had departed the Fire Station prior to my arrival. This made a total of 11 members on this hike, to include Churchill Scott and Jim Frink. The former location of "Blue Triangle" camp was located, across the road and near the brook, but few signs of a camp remained. Although on our return to our vehicles, this writer did not veer from the road down, Churchill, Sherwin and others stopped to view an old water-powered saw mill, just to the right of the old road.

It was a gray, chilly day, and footing was poor due to ice, but a good time was had by all on the hike. We found Gov. Clement Shelter to be in excellent condition, although reports of "nonhikers" during the summer months gave our section much concern.

Paul R. Howard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Happy Birthday, 200th. that is
for the United States of America.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please bear with the producer of this issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES. This is the first issue that I have put out, it is the first time that I have used a duplicating machine in many years, and again many years since I have cut a stinzel for a duplicating machine. YOU WILL FIND ERRORS, in spelling, which I am going to blame on typographical errors, and you will find other errors that you may question. I note (and this is most important, that I failed to place the writer of the PLYMOUTH FIVE CORNER'S ARTICLE on page 2. That article was written by Mauri Wintturi, who I feel did a fine job, and my apologizes to him. We hope that our next issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES will have fewer errors, and that you will still find this paper interesting as you did when Frances and Wes were producing it.

Editor

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING - Oct 29, 1975

By request of Janet Martin, President of the Killington Section of the GMC, a Board of Directors Meeting was held at her home on Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vermont at 8:00 P.M. on 10/29/75 to determine certain requests from the Main Club.

The following is the Secretary's report on this meeting:

Janet, Vera, Thelma, Paul Howard, Sr. Paul Howard, Jr. and I were present at this meeting.

Janet spoke about the request of President Ralph Bryant to forward Killington Section History as soon as possible for inclusion in printing of History of the Green Mountain Club. This request was forwarded to Terry Gulick.

Rachael Charland, Paul Howard and Betty Staack were asked to serve as a nominating committee for next year's officers.

"Wes" Weston stated that he sold his mimeograph machine and will no longer be able to print and mail the Smoke and Blazes. His many years of faithful service will be missed and it will be hard to replace him. It was suggested we inquire at the Rutland Business College and Army Reserve Center for quotations on price to print this publication. However, this issue of Smoke and Blazes is being produced by Paul Howard, in an attempt to find if this procedure can be continued within the Killington Section family.

Paul said that due to ill health, it might be necessary to obtain a new Shelters Chairman next year. He has done a very thorough and complete job during the last

few years and we hope he will like continuing his good job come next spring.

He also spoke of the Clarendon Gorge Bridge maintenance, and suggest that due to lateness of season, we could offer to creosote and lubricate the cables, but Mr. St. Peter said he could help only at his convenience and detailed so many minute specifications of maintenance that the Killington Section felt that it could find neither the money or the time to say nothing of the personnel willing to do the work.

Also he told in detail how many members of the Killington Section still feel about how the Bridge rebuilding effort was taken out of the hands of the Killington Section by the Main Club after much of the ground work had been laid and financial aid obtained.

Paul made a resolution: "The Killington Section creosote the bridge, lubricate the cables this season, with the understanding that we do not take permanent responsibility for the maintenance for the bridge beyond this fall. This was seconded by T. Valiquette, passed unanimously.

Wes, through Paul, spoke of old trusses and cables from the former bridge that could be put to use as supports for bridges over smaller streams, and that we could pick-up and store these items for future use.

Teh Officers of Wilson Moving and Storage, Inc., after a request, informed Terry it would be impossible to offer any storage space for material from the Main Club. The reason being, according to Paul an official in that corporation, is the complexity of the now existing storage accounts.

Mauri Wintturi and John Braddock have started to creosote Sunnyside, and Pico could stand a coat this fall also.

Paul asked that we conduct another radio talk show describing the various activities of the local section and the Main Club. (Scheduling for this show is contained in another part of this paper).

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary.

HEAVY TRAFFIC

Janet Martin reports that her son Tom took a backpacking trip with his cousin, Ralph Perkins (Grandson of Creigue and son of Peter) from the Application Gap to Middlebury Gap in the first week of August

of 1975. They met 117 Hikers in their 3 days on the trail, including Ralph Church who has been working on materials for the youth group leaders on hiking the Long Trail. Seventy two of this total they met the first day (Sunday). Didn't realize this was such a heavy use area.

Janet Martin

HELP HELP HELP

We need assistance in making up our next hike schedule. What hikes you would be interested in, where and when do you feel a good hike can be suggested, and would YOU like to lead a hike. Below is a sample questionnaire you could prepare and have ready at the annual meeting for discussion and activating:

LOCATION: _____

BEST DATES: _____ [Hikes are usually scheduled for a Saturday or Sunday]
I would be glad to lead a hike, or will be willing to suggest _____ as a hike leader if available.

Any such suggestions you have, please get the information to W. Churchill Scott at 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701, so we can discuss this matter at the Annual Meeting on January 17, 1976.

CROSS TALK SHOW, Radio Station WHWB

On January 16, 1976, another "Cross Talk Show" will be aired on Radio Station WHWB to bring out the features of the Killington Section and the Green Mountain Club as a whole. On the show, as it is scheduled at this printing, will be Churchill Scott, Sherwin Start and Larry Van Meter, our new Main Club Executive Secretary. This is an unrehearsed program and should prove interesting to all listeners. Be sure to be near a radio for this airing, and we thank Frank McCormack for his giving us an opportunity to put this show on the air.

ANNUAL MEETING, January 17, 1976

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on January 17, 1976, Saturday, Beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 117 West Street, Rutland, Vt.

There are many important items to come before the meeting and plans for our 1976 schedule.

The business meeting will be followed by our usual coffee and dessert. Those who can bring something please call Janet Martin by Friday 1/16 at 773-8621. We thought if people could bring along their

favorite old and new and new Killington Section Hike Slides, we might have fun, historically . . . hysterical review of members, past and present. A projector will be provided, so put your slides in a box and bring them along. Jot down your suggestions now and be ready to discuss the spring-summer schedule.

Janet Martin

NEW HIKES

During 1974-1975 a number of new places were visited and enjoyed. Let's see if we can suggest more for the next outing schedule to be printed.

Tinker Brook Shelter
Northam to Plymouth Road
Chataguay Area
Rattlesnake Ledge
Old Baldy
Puddledack Ski Area
Pinney Hollow Area
Echo Amphitheater
Wallace Ledge
Buttermilk Falls
Plymouth Five Corners

DEER SEASON: Mount Independence - 1974
Fort Cassin, Vergennes - '75

W. Churchill Scott

SMOKE AND BLAZES CHANGES

After many years of cutting stencils, printing and mailing SMOKE AND BLAZES, almost single handedly, Frances Roberts and Wes Weston has felt that it was time to resign and let some of the other folks take over. The Killington Section owes a great deal of thanks to Wes and Frances, for the wonderful job they have done over the years.

Let us hope that the many folks necessary to get out SMOKE AND BLAZES in place of Wes and Frances will be as good, prompt and efficient.

Thanks again Wes and Frances, from each and every one of us in the Killington Section.

W. Churchill Scott

MISTERY HIKE

The intent of this hike was to climb Green Mountain near Little Rock Pond. We got most of the way up the mountain, but not by the exact route intended, making the destination a mystery, to those seven people that came. We went up the mountain from the west leaving the Homer Stone Brook Trail at the bridge, crossing the brook before the Trail does. Due to difficulty

walking (too much snow for boots, not enough for show shoes) we did not have time to get to the summit, but had lunch several hundred feet below the top. All agreed however, it was an enjoyable hike

Robert Carey

O B I T U A R Y

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Adolf Frenkiewicz who recently passed away, at the age of 90, remembering especially her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Valiquette and her grandson, John Joseph and Thomas Joseph Valiquette.

All members of the Killington Section were recently saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of William "Bill" MacArthur of Williamstown, Mass.

The Green Mountain Club has lost a very faithful member, who gave so very much of his time, effort and energy. Bill set a perfect example for all of us to follow with his devotion to the Green Mountain Club throughout his life.

NEW MEMBERS

Berger, Mrs. Jean, 5 Belmont Avenue, Rutland, Vermont 05701

WORK PARTIES NEEDED

Unfortunately, there is a lot of "work" to be done on the Killington Section of the Long Trail by members of this section. We have had work parties advertised in the local media at times that we had work parties, and our turn out has been quite slim. THIS IS YOUR TRAIL, it is set up for your enjoyment and lack of all members to take part in the up-keep of our Trail System makes for bad communications both for the Killington Section and the general public. A work party is and can be fun; blazing, brushing, shelter maintenance to make the Trail System a joy, not a quoted "Freeway", so we can enjoy it. It is fun, the work party, let's see more turn out to assist the shelter's chairman and the Trails chairman.

Sherwin Start
Trails Chairman

Paul R. Howard
Shelter's Chairman

SMOKE AND BLAZES

DEADLINE for next issue is March 15th. Please send all information to Paul R. Howard, 70 Allen Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701. PHONE (Unlisted) 775-2638. The sooner I get the information, the more sure I can get the paper out in time.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I and others of our section have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Larry Van Meter the new Executive Secretary of the Green Mountain Club., a man to assist us as a Section and the Main Club in General. We have found him to be very cooperative with us, willing to take time from his busy day and discuss all matters in his jurisdiction. He is working at the Main Club Office on Center Street with Manerva Hinchey, and Miss Hinchey states that he been most helpful and cooperative in his work in the short time he has been there at his duties. With the changes in Smoke and Blazes, he has offered along with Miss Hinchey to be of any assistance possible in the publishing of this paper.

The Killington Section extends a warm welcome to Larry, and we hope that members will feel free to stop in at the Center Street Office and meet him, and wish him well.

W. Churchill Scott

FORT CASSIN HIKE November 27, 1975

On November 27, 1975, at 9:30 AM, ten members of the Green Mountain Club drove to Flat Rock Parking Area located on the Otter Creek River Road a short distance from Vergennes. Here the group hiked a short distance and found a very old cemetery where one member of our group, Ani Anderson, made two rubbings of two very unusual gravestones. At this point the group divided so as to follow the two roads indicated at this point of the Journey, one of which was bound to be the "tow" road. One group gave up soon and drove to the entrance of Fort Cassin and were quickly joined by the second group. All enjoyed a hearty lunch over a roaring fire along the shores of Lake Champlain. Mr. Goddard and his son of Shoreham Area Joined us and Jim Frink explained the information that we observed. After our lunch, the group proceeded to inspect the peninsula further and amid the modern dwellings, found a cellar hole which now included two caches that might have been used many years ago for ammunitions. Our thanks to Mr. Adams of the Commodore Inn of Vergennes for arranging this hike and we were sorry that due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to join us on our trek. He had planned the hike. Approximately 3 miles of the "tow" Road was hiked.

Rachael Charland

END TO ENDERS

Our best to Betty, even though our scheduled hike with Betty Staack from the Clark Brook Trail to Boyce Lodge to complete her End-to-End fell through due to her vacationing with her husband in Beirut, Lebanon, we are pleased to hear that she finished the Trail.

All of us in the Killington Section say well done, may there be many more miles of happy hiking ahead and we are happy to add your name to the following list of other Killington Section End-to-Enders:

Hedrick Cahee	John Nuffort
Christine Cahee	Herbert Odgen, Jr.
Robert Carpenter	Peter Palen
Robert Carey	Teen Palen
Louis Catezzi	Craigie Perkins
Virginia Day	Mary Perkins
Jeffery Magoon	Vera Perkins
Paul Magoon	Albert Reiner
Ann Mausloff	Ben Rolston
Frances Roberts	Richard Roberts
Linda Rozowicz	Churchill Scott
Louis Stare	Elizabeth Weeks
Lloyd Weeks	Mauri Wintturi

Dr. James H. Howard

If we have missed anyone, let us know and acknowledgement will be in the next issue

W. Churchill Scott

MAD. TOM NOTCH

On November 1, 1975, a beautiful sunny warm day, seven (7) members of the Killington Section together with two visiting hikers, both from Virginia, we gathered to hike from Mad Tom Notch to Lake Griffith, a distance of approximately 8.5 miles. The first portion of the trail was rather steep but was greatly aided by the lovely views and the large stepping stones and logs that indented the path. Six fast hikers made a great fire at Peru Peak Shelter which greatly helped the slower group in cooking their lunch as they arrived not too far behind the first group. No need to "Douse the Fire" as several hikers from Massachusetts came into view as we prepared to leave camp enroute to Lake Griffith. We learned this group had been on the trail for two days and were making Mad Tom Notch for the night. It appears that the U.S. Forest Service are in the process of constructing many thousand of feet of "poncheons" along the route from Peru Peak past Lake Griffith. Ruins of Lake Griffith Shelter could be seen as we jogged along the Trail to the Lake Road. The many look-cut spots made the trip a memorable one for those who had not hiked this section of the Long Trail. I am great-

ful to the following members of the Killington Section for making the first hike I have led this year a most enjoyable one for me, to name, Mauri Wintturi, Jim Frink, Mahlin Haustein, Carl Parsons, Sandi Salaby and Mike Cavalier (from Virginia), Greg Bostock and Churchill Scott.

Rachael W. Charland

COVERD DISH SUPPER - TALL TIMBERS

About 25 people attended the Spaghetti Supper Social at Tall Timbers Field House on December 7, 1975. The Spaghetti and Sauce were provided by Janet Martin (to include Jack), and others attending brought salads, and/or desserts to complete the menu. The Ping-Pong Table was transformed into an excellent Buffet table and a quality, quantity and variety of food upheld the tradition of the Killington Section Suppers.

A few people came early enough in the afternoon to hike the Blue Ridge Trail as far as the Cascades. Here we understand one of the hikers took an unexpected late season swim. Fortunately, Rachael adheres to the Scout motto "Be Prepared" so had a change of clothing in her car.

Except for this minor disaster, all went smoothly and a good supper and pleasant social evening were enjoyed. We just wish more of you had been there with us.

Our many thanks to Craigie Perkins for not only giving us the use of the Field House, but also supplying us with wood and water and warm fires to welcome us.

Vera A. Perkins

THIS IS IT

This is the first edition of SMOKE AND BLAZES to be produced in many years without Frances and Wes, and we hope you find it interesting. As stated before, please excuse the errors, and we hope there will be fewer of them in the next issue. It will make this job much easier if all hike leaders and other members with articles would sit down and type out or write what you have to say as soon as possible after the event. It is a good paper, let's all help in the continuing production of it.

A P.S. = CROSS TALK TIME SCHEDULE

The Show will be aired on 1/15/76, and air time is 10:05 A.M.

The SMOKE and BLAZES



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SUNNYSIDE SHELTER WELL LIKED AS AN OVERNIGHT HAVEN

The following is a letter that was received at the Main Club Office, and I think it speaks for itself:

"Dear GMC: On the first weekend of December, 1975, my friend and I utilized the Sunnyside Camp on the Long Trail. We would like to thank the maintainer of the camp for the beautiful split wood and a very clean cabin. The Long Trail has given my friend and I many enjoyable moments.

Thank you very much for your interest. Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,
Donna Fruscione."

WATER, WATER, BUT NOWHERE TO BE FOUND

Although this happened some time ago, I thought I would like to pass it along to the readers of Smoke and Blazes. On Oct. 26, 1974, a dozen or more hearty souls went on a hike to Rattlesnake Ledge in Fair Haven, Vt. It was a good hike, except for a supply of fresh water. Near the spot that we were to fire up the old coffee pot, the only water we could find was a marsh full of dead leaves, wood, moss and everything else that could have been in it in this wooded area.

It SMELLED, but it was water and we wanted hot drinks. A pot full was scooped up and rapidly boiled for 5 or 10 minutes and although still smelly, brown in color, it was used for our hot coffee and cocoa.

I can not say that all partook of this hot drink base, but the ones that did are still much alive and still getting quite a laugh when we think back at our predicament. THIS IS WANTING A CUP OF COFFEE VERY BADLY.

Harold C. Rogers

A QUOTE (From Reader's Digest)

Motto displayed over the desk of a country editor: "Lord, give me this day my daily idea, and forgive me the one I

MOUNT HANDLEY ON A COLD CHILLY DAY

On January 11, 1976, at 10:00 A. M. the weather was below zero, there was a high overcast and snow was predicted, but nine hearty hikers were at the Fire Station, including Larry Van Meter, the GMC new Executive Director. Also there was Jack Crowther of the Rutland Herald and Peter Patten, a young man who hitchhiked in from Fair Haven to be on our hike.

Everyone almost froze before getting our packs and snowshoes on, but soon warmth returned as we walked up an old road toward the summit of Big Handley. Pete gave us a brief history, it was named after the Handley family. The first Mr. Handley from Great Britain had bought some land on the mountain and to impress his friends at home said "I can not ride around my land on horseback in one day." He didn't explain however, the rocks and ledges that prevented this.

Jack used cross-country skis and did a very good job to get up the hills we climbed and had a fast ride back. He also took a number of photos to be used in the Rutland Herald on winter sports, to include hiking, skiing and snowmobiling.

Soon it was snowing, getting near 12:30 P.M. and everyone was hungry, so, of course, we stopped to build a fire and eat. It did not seem like a good idea, as after eating, everyone wanted to start for home, but due to the cold, snow and poor visibility, I guess it was the right thing to do. It was 2:30 P.M. when the hike ended and all agreed it was a very enjoyable outing. (Jack published the photos in the Sunday edition of the Rutland Herald, 1/18/76, along with a very good writeup). W. Churchill Scott

MOONLIGHT HIKE, COLD BUT ENJOYABLE

Seven brave souls ventured out in 5° below zero weather for a moonlight hike on December 19, 1975. We originally intended to go to Bucken-Johnson

MOONLIGHT HIKE (Continued)

Shelter, but decided that it would be warmer at Sunnyside, a closed shelter. The sub-zero weather may make us sound like real nuts, but once we were on our way it didn't seem to bother, and it felt rather invigorating as we walked along. The most spectacular thing was how brightly the moon shon on the snow. It was really a perfect night for a moonlight hike and it was enjoyed by all of us who braved the cold.

TRAIL AND SHELTER MAINTAINENCE - Progress

On September 13 and 14, 1975, a work party was due to depart from the Kontolski Fire Station at 9:00 A.M. for an overnight at Cooper Lodge near the summit of Killington Mountain.

Those hearty souls that showed were Lou Catozzi, John Britton, Jim Kapitan and myself. We departed for Sherburne Pass on the hour of 9 bells. On the way we met Doc Howard and Mauri Winturri at Doc's home in Mendon. We talked Mauri into taking some pictures of us doing trail maintainence work Thence, we proceeded to Pico Mountain, working with all HEART AND SOUL. We stopped at Sink Brook for a rest and refresher. Because it was near 3:00 P.M., and as Jim and I had not planned to spend the night (due to a forecast of snow) we broke company with Lou and John, and descended to Sherburne Pass, while Lou and John Proceeded to Pico Shelter to spend the night. On our descent to Route U.S. 4, we were greeted with a hail storm.

Next morning, Sunday, 9/14/75 brought both Jim and I back to find Lou and John who were busily sawing and blazing their way back down the mountain. This was just south of Sink Brook, but Jim and I continued up to Pico to make an inspection of Pico Loop Trail. At the summit we made radio contact with interested people then proceeded to Pico Camp, and we rested, then again started down the Trail to U.S. Route 4.

I would like to express to the Killington Section and the Main Club, my appreciation of the work that Lou, John and Jim did on this work party on the week-end. I hope that the future will bring out many more workers to assist on this very important task, Trail and Shelter's Maintainence.

Sherwin Start

JAUGGERNAUT TRAIL

Departing our usual starting point, the Kontolski Fire Station on Oct. 4, 1975, Betty Stacek, Bob and Marge Fish and I were

soon on our way to West Bridgewater. On arrival, we took our saws, clippers, our paint brushes, swizzle sticks and located the Jauggernaut Trail. We then proceeded to delineate it.

Bob (Mr. Limrich as I dubbed him) kept us laughing with his slish of the tongue "Lim Ricks", as we assended the gradual climb up the old road. We found the Trail in need of clearing and brushing to expose the blazes.

The old road is still the Trail, However, it coincides with newly built roads in some places, so be careful to follow the blue blazes, to assure the right path. We arrived at Ghost Camp at 3:00 PM and we went thru the remains and digested (in small gulps) the great archeological wonder of it along with our lunch. We cleaned out the spring from which came the coldest and purest water you could ever find.

We decided to turn back and head down the hill. We did make one re-route about 300 yards long, to the south of the washed out trail just east of the register. We got back to the motor vehicles about 4:30 PM, where upon, I commenced to give a lecture about modern Forest Management to our Betty, Bob and Marge.

The Jauggernaut work party is one outing I will always remember for a number of reasons. Bob Fish's antidotes and Lim Ricks, Marg's sutle but pesuasive, prodding and ambivalence, and not last, Bob's "Jack Benny" jokes, and my clumsy attempts to come back with a punch line. I have had so far, few oppertunities to work with people, who were so willing to do their part and best for the Killington Section. I am looking forward to having this trail work party again soon, and I fully intend to do my best to see to it that it becomes a tradition and inspiration to all those that follow.

On behalf of all dedicated Killington Section GMC'ers who made the ultimate sacrifice this is respectfully submitted:

Sherwin Start

HELPING HAND ACKNOWLEDGED

Although in my rush to get out the last issue of Smoke and Blazes, I failed to, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous help my son Paul Jr. was in the operating of the duplicating machine, sorting, stapeling and address labeling of the last, and this issue of Smoke and Blazes with his help, this job has been much easier for me.

Paul R. Howard, Sr.

TREASURER'S REPORT
W. Churchill Scott
17 January 1976

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1975		\$2,120.33
Income:		
Dues	\$379.75	
Interest	90.21	
Gifts	31.50	
Sale of Patches	1.00	
Sale of H. Ogden Poster	.10	
Total	<u>\$503.56</u>	
		503.56
		Bal. \$2,623.89
Expenses:		
Dues to the Main Club	161.25	
Trails and Selters	122.59	
Outings	104.69	
Secretary Expenses	94.82 *	
Smoke and Blazes	65.00	
Annual Meeting	50.41	
Postage	32.68	
Sugar on Snow	29.50	
Donation to T.N.A.F.A.	10.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$670.94</u>	
		670.94
Balance		\$1,952.95

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1975. \$1,952.95

* Includes \$90.13 for 1M Paper, 500 Envelopes (Short), 500 Envelopes (Long) which will last approximately five (5) years.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott, Treasurer

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NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now that we have the financial report out of the way, let's see what we can do to activate new members. If all readers will stop and think, you may know someone who would like to join. If so, pass along the application below. Idea from: Sherwin Start

KILLINGTON SECTION

Green Mountain Club, Inc.
132 Maple Street Rutland, Vt.
_____ 1976

I hereby make application for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc., and I enclose the annual dues of \$_____, which includes a year's subscription to the Long Trail News and the Killington Section bulletin, Smoke and Blazes.

SIGNED: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

Mail to W. Churchill Scott, at 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

DUES: Adult: \$4.50, Spouse: \$3.50

NEW ENGLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, 1976

The New England Trail Conference will be held at the Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 3, 1976. For more information and pre-registration, send a self-addressed enveloped, stamped, to:

SECRETARY, N.E.T.C., Box 145
Weston, Vermont 05161

Registration is \$2.00, Annual Report \$1.00. The program starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the program is at the GMC Main Office on Center Street, Rutland, Vermont, for your inspection.

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"Wes" Weston

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To contact Paul Howard, Reporter, during working hours, call 773-6070 or 775-0716

OMMISSION:

At the end of the report on the MOONLIGHT HIKE, I regret that I failed to include the writer of that article. This very fine article was written by CAROL MARTIN.

HALF MOON POND

At 11:00 A.M. on February 7, 1976, thirteen of us departed the Koltonski Fire Station for a trek to Half Moon Pond in Hubbardton, Vermont.

Of the 13 hikers, the youngest was six (6) years old. It was a clear mild morning and appeared to be an enjoyable day for a hike. Starting from our parked cars, we traveled a one lane road, but, as the going got rougher, we switched to Snowmobile trails and continued to Half Moon Park - our youngest hiker needing a lift now and then, especially on our return as the weather turned cold and windy.

It was a pleasure to stop at Cindy and Bob's kitchen where we had hot stew, home made bread and hot drinks to warm us up.

At 3:30 P.M. the hike ended and although the sudden change in Vermont Weather is to be expected, all 13 of us enjoyed the wonders of our Vermont outing.

Cindy Gibbs

SID'S ERROR

If you will refer to the current Hike Schedule, for Sunday, August 29, you will see the entry "GMC International". Please delete the word International and insert the correct word "Intersectional". I told Sid, operator of Kopy Kat, and printer of the Hike Schedule, he needed glasses.

Editor

EAGLE SCOUT HONORS:

Condensed from a local news media article of 2/18/76, is the following:

Kevin Abbot, grandson of Betty Weeks, was honored and awarded the rank of Eagle Scout of Troop No. 226 of Springfield, Vt.

Hosts for the award was Eagle Scouts George Lamb, Tom Baldvins, Mark Howe and Dester Hodgeman.

Kevin completed 24 required merit badges and service projects to win this top scout honor.

Kevin and his parents were honored at a dinner in Montpelier, and a citation from Gov. Salmon was given. Coming up for the Troop is a 50 mile hike on the Long Trail.

PAGE 4 WEEKEND ECOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH GROUP LEADERS, CAMP PEOPLE AND TEACHERS

PLACE: Tamarack Notch

DATES: Saturday, May 22 & Sunday May 23

REGISTRATION: Sat. 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Meals Provided, Cost \$14.00

Entire Weekend cost including overnight accommodations. \$20.00

PROGRAM: Saturday: "Playing Tag with Nature", OBIS (Outdoor Biology Instructional Strategies), Acclimitization, Nature Games, Nature Crafts, "Tuning in to Wildlife", Nature Walks, Stream Ecology, Weather Forecasting. Resource people and materials available.

Saturday night and Sunday: Campfire and overnight planning, Night Hike, Sing together; Hiking Techniques, Local History, choice of High-road or Low-road hike of about 3 miles. Individual planning help and evaluation until 4:00 PM Sunday.

Contact Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701, Phone 773-8621 for registration or further information. (Assistant to the Director, Vermont Ecology Course for Camp Counselors, June 12-18; Girl Scout Trainer; Pres. Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club.

Janet Martin

TRAFFIC SURPRISE

Four years ago I hiked from Route 103 to Bolton Mt. In those 10 days I met a scarce dozen others - Mid-August too. The short paragraph in the last issue of S&B shows us drastically the great increase in people hiking and backpacking. We must be concerned, for many of these "Hikers" have little idea of what they are doing, and most importantly HOW they should be doing it.

If anyone wants to see what happens when swarms of people trample a Trail, visit the White Mts. See the stomped over trail beds, huge foot-made mud holes, long stretches of log and rock paths across these mud trails; plastic, candy wrappers, McDonald's cups and trash where floweres should be; camp sites a mucky mush with all vegetation tramped to death.

Let the White Mts. be a warning to us. We CAN keep our trails and camp sites beautiful, but only if we are willing to approach and show others HOW TO.

Ann Mausolff

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SMOKE AND BLAZES:

Please send any news of interest to our members by JUNE 15, 1976. Mail to Paul R. Howard, 70 Allen Street. Rutland.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we have picked our renowned Jim Frink as our personality of this, the first of a new series.

James C. Frink was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and attended schools there through High School. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corps for a period, and went to Syracuse University, class of 1927.

He was employed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation in East Pittsburgh for one year and the New York City Office for a period until 1965, Northeastern Zone Manager, then retired, at which time he moved to Rutland, Vermont.

He first came to Vermont on vacation in 1936, and continued to come each year since then. He had been staying at two cottages built and owned by his wife's father on Lake Dunmore.

Since being in Vermont, he has been a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, Founded the Rutland Rock and Mineral Club, where he served as president for 4 years, and was a member of the Executive Board for a period of 10 years. He resigned this post to find more time for outdoor life and activity.

After coming to Vermont, he met Harold Valiquette who was a very active member of the GMC, and Jim joined the Killington Section. During his membership, he has served as Vice President, Chairman of the Hiking Committee, Director, and has done much in trail and shelter work with other members.

He now lives at 60 Litchfield Avenue, Rutland, Vt. with his wife Ethel, and states that he and his wife are in love with Vermont and that is why they came to Vermont for their retirement years.

Many cheers for Jim from all of us, for on any hike, without Jim, there seems to be something very important missing, we all love him for his energy, his dedication to the Killington Section, and we wish that all shared his enthusiasm in the work and activities of our section.

Editor

LITTLE ROCK POND OUTING

After departing our usual starting point, with many carrying snow-shoes, the conditions made snowshoes almost useless, with cold weather thick crust, which made walking slippery and cautious. Of course Jim Frink was best prepared with his heavy duty ice creepers.

Greg crossed Homer Stone Brook, but with wide, raging currents and slippery

ice covered logs, the most of us were discouraged, and we continued up the old town road toward Wallingford Pond. We met the trail just north of "Aldrich Job" and walked north until 1:15 P.M. For about the first time in memory it was impossible to build a fire. All wood was completely water-logged and ice covered. Sterno and Gas powered stoves gave a bit of hot water.

We continued on past White Rock Mountain where we met some snowmobilers bushwhacking along the top of the ridge.

We walked down the Keewaydin Trail to the parking area where once again Carl was waiting to take the stragglers back to their cars.

This hike is a good example of what Creig Perkins always says, that one must be prepared for any emergency in the winter. We should have had fire starters, or ribbon or stick with us in order to have a good fire and hot meal. Also getting a few miles on the trail in winter may mean walking a number of extra miles. But all in all, we had a good time and proved that it could be done and we are already to go again-- Whenever.

W. Churchill Scott

BOILING SPRINGS, MT. CARMEL

On Sunday, Feb. 15, Nine of us met at the fire station and drove to Mountain Top Inn. We continued down the road toward the East Boston Trail, hoping we could take the Jeep all the way. At the top of the hill, the ploughed road ended, and only snowmobile tracks continued, so we thought it advisable not to take the Jeep any further. We walked to the East Boston Trail and from there took another trail north and east to it's end.

Before going to the Springs, we stopped by the trail, built a fire, using Harold Roger's saw to make a good pot hanger, filled the pot with snow and we continued. Lou Catozzi and his brother Bill, with Dorothy Kirk, stayed behind to build up and care for the fire so it would be ready for lunch.

At the end of the trail, we crossed a deep gorged creek and started bushwacking thru the woods in the direction of the Springs (North-East).

The snow was five feet deep and we had decided not to take snowshoes because we thought there would be a supportive crust beneath the six inches of new snow. There was a crust, but not enough to support a 200 pound man, so, I, as trailbreaker

BOILING SPRINGS (Continued)

It was rugged, but finally John Sch-Immel took the point and saved me from total exhaustion. I called directions to John and we arrived at the Springs shortly thereafter.

The entire water surface, a rough circle about 15 feet in diameter was unfrozen. The water temperature was estimated to be about 50° F. and the bubbling sand-filled water was impressive to watch. The water brought up light sand from the depths. The only place we could reach with my staff was at least five feet deep. It was a dangerous quicksand.

On the way back we passed Lou and Bill who came up to see the Springs. Back at the fire we had lunch and the return walk was uneventful. The 8 mile distance made us REAL TIRED.

Jim Frink

ANNUAL MEETING, KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Saturday, January 17, 1976 at the Universalist-Unitarian Church on West St. Rutland, Vermont.

President Janet Martin introduced our guests, Larry Van Meter, Executive Secretary, and Harry Peet who is in charge of the Caretaker Program.

Paul Howard gave a thorough report on the Shelters. All are in good repair. Have had the usual amount of maintenance work. Jeb Brugmann, Caretaker of Cooper did a good job at both Pico and Tamarack, as well as the general trail portion he had within his boundaries.

Sherwin Start outlined the Trail work. Juggernaut Trail relocation has been dropped. All of the Long Trail has been covered. He spoke very strongly about poor attendance on work parties. Out of a membership of 115, there were times that only 2 would show up on a scheduled work party. We must have more interest in keeping up our Trails and Shelters.

Frances Roberts sent a letter resigning as Smoke and Blazes editor and thanked Paul Howard for taking over and others for the helping her in the past.

President Martin suggested we send a letter of thanks to both Frances and "Wes" Weston for the wonderful work done by them.

Terry Gulick gave a report of Trustee's meeting held earlier in the day. Sweeping by-law changes will be presented at the annual meeting in May. If passed will not be in effect until May, 1977. Worces-

ter Section offers to build a large shelter away from shore of Stratton Pond to replace those at the Pond. Want to discourage wood fires on the Trail, at the shelters and above 2,500 feet.

Breadloaf Section at Middlebury was officially chartered and they extended an invitation to GMC after annual meeting in May.

There was a mis-understanding about the nominating committee and Cynthia Gibbs said it should still be considered and made a motion to keep the idea open and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall be taken up at the annual meeting. Paul seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mrs. George Kirk made a motion to continue membership in Tamarack Notch-Aitken Forest Association and that the Board of Directors consider an additional donation not to exceed \$50.00. "Wes" seconded and it passed.

New hike schedule discussed and hike leaders were requested.

Mr. Weston, Start and Rogers were chosen as directors.

Judi Butterfield resignation and replacement discussed. Sherwin Start is our new trustee.

Larry Van Meter explained Act 250 and it's application to the Long Trail and relocation around Stratton Pond Area.

Sherwin stated we should have a by-law to assure representation at Trustee meetings in case the regular Trustee is unable to attend due to illness or various other reasons.

Wes, Sherwin, Ray Catozzi and Churchill appointed.

Betty Staack expressed her regret at being unable to attend the meeting.

"Wes" explained all of the work he has done as Quartermaster and listed the various equipment we have.

Dr. Howard distributed the Killington-Pico newspaper containing an article and photos of the Killington Hotel of 1880's.

After adjournment the ladies served light refreshments and they were just as enjoyable as ever. Next, slides were shown of back in the 50's and 60's and brought back many pleasant memories of winter week-ends, sugar on snow parties and work parties.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

DEADLINE, NEXT ISSUE: JUNE 15, 1976 -

Let's all get a report in and make it

CLARENDON SHELTER OUTING

Although this old hiker can not do as much as he would like to and used to on the Long Trail, it was a pleasure to get out as leader of the Clarendon Shelter hike on Saturday, February 28. We had a full block full of cars on the starting point by the fire station, with "Wes" Weston delivering the necessary coffee pot and hike needs, and Doc Howard there to see us off. I know that "Doc" would have liked to been with us, but had to return to Mendon for other commitments.

Seventeen of us showed for this hike on a day that was almost perfect for all hiking conditions. Jim Frink made the remark to me that (as we turned off the trail road on the last leg to the shelter) he could hardly beleave that we were already at the shelter, it was that enjoyable.

My two sons, Pat and Paul, and my foster son, John Braddock was well ahead of the "pack" and had a fire started when we arrived, and soon the water was hot and ready for coffee and cocoa.

Harold Rogers and others took side hikes, and as I left early with my sons, I can not report on the return for them, but Churchill told me later it was uneventful and a good hike. The shelter was found in good condition and ready for the next "overnighter" that might come along. Accompanying our 17, was my son's dog Rex Von Salsburg Klessheim, a german shephard, who throught the efforts of Pat, carried the coffee pot on his back, quite confidently.

I wish YOU were there, try to plan on the next one.

Paul R. Howard.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS:

January 17, 1976: A short meeting was held after the Annual Meeting to hear Mr. Peet and Mr. Van Meter outline in detail the Caretaker Program and it's various rules and regulations.

Janet Martin, with reservations, agreed to serve as President of the Killington Section one more year. "Wes" Weston was elected Vice-President, Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Catozzi, Trails Chairman, to succeed Sherwin Start who resigned to take the Trustee position, Lou Catozzi, Shelters Chairman to take the place of Paul Howard, who resigned on doctor's orders.

If new by-laws of main club. GMC are

have only one Trustee. Terry Gulick offered to serve until when ~~and~~ if that happens. Mrs. Judie Butterfield resigned and Sherwin Start was chosen to act as Trustee until May, 1977.

January 22, 1976: A well attended meeting was held at the Martin's house on this date.

Janet read a letter of thanks from a youth group who recently used Sunnyside.

The Caretaker Program was discussed in detail and it was decided that Cooper Lodge would be the best location as it would be possible to visit other shelters from there. Vera moved to donate \$100.00, Paul seconded and it was so voted.

Paul spoke of the great amount of help the Sherburne Corporation was in transporting material up the mountain to the caretaker.

Ray and Lou Catozzi discussed the project of up dating folders of the Killington Section and Lou will contact the Vocational School for information on the reproduction.

A donation to the Tamarack Notch-Aitkin Forest Association of \$50.00 was suggested by "Wes", seconded by Paul and it was so voted. It was noted that we are going to use the facility for a week end and also the covered dish supper in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Sectetary.

PROGRESS ON THE CARETAKER PROGRAM

The GMC's Caretaker Program is rapidly taking final shape in preparation for this coming summer. A total of twenty-two caretakers will be in their locations by the middle of June.

In addition there will be two supervisors and two "replacements" who will fill in for caretakers on their day off or substitute in the event of sickness or other unforeseen problems.

Each year, Harry Peet, the program director and Club Trustee, receives up to two hundred applications for the positions. As a rule caretakers who have worked previously for the GMC are automatically hired, thus intensifying the competition for the remaining available spots. Harry doesn't advertise these positions; almost all applicants learn of the program from other caretakers while hiking the Trail themselves.

Caretakers are responsible for the

CARETAKER PROGRAM, Continued

Conjunction with the section trails and shelters chairman), and for educating hikers in the proper use of the woods and the trail. They also keep records of usage so we can determine if use is still increasing on the Long Trail.

The greatest concentration of the caretakers is in the area of Camel's Hump (4), Mt. Mansfield (4), and on the ponds in the southern part of the state (5). In the Killington Section's portion of the Long Trail, the Section has elected to place a caretaker at Cooper Lodge. Harry has selected Cecilia Elwert of Crescent St., Rutland for that job. Cecilia did extensive hiking in the South while with VISTA in North Carolina and has also climbed in the Tetons and hiked end-to-end on the Long Trail, No. 766. She is a graduate of UVM.

Cecilia is a good example of the highly qualified people the GMC has hired for the summer of '76. Get to know them! Those of you who got to know Jeb Bruggmann last summer know how enjoyable and educational it can be to visit the local caretaker. Jeb will be working at Stratton Pond this summer.

Lodge fees pay the better part of the caretakers' meager salary, and this year the fee will be raised to \$1.00 for non-members and remain at 50¢ for all GMC'ers.

The Main Club would like to thank the Killington Section for its generous contribution of \$100.00 toward defraying the costs of the Cooper Lodge caretaker. This contribution amounts to over half the cost of the caretaker to the Main Club, and in this time of tight money, is especially appreciated.

Larry Ven Meter
Executive Director

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following people are recognized as assistance to the production of this issue of SNAKE AND BLAZES:

Paul R. Howard, Jr., running the duplicating machine and stapeling for mailing. Pat Howard, his brother assisting. Betty Steack, labeling typing, Anne Mansolff, who produced the fine map at the last page of this issue, and of course, all of the writers of articles that has made this issue, I think a very interesting paper to read.

Editor

REMARKS REQUESTED, PROS AND CONS.

We have tried to make this issue of Smoke and Blazes an interesting paper to read. To some, it may be very interesting, to others, may be very dull, however, if any of you have any pros or cons about this issue, jot them down, and let me know, you did or did not like it, It will help in preparation of the next to suit you, the purpose this paper is produced.

Paul R. Howard
Reporter.

LAST MOMENT NOTES:

We regret that we left some names off the END-TO-END list published in the last issue of Smoke and Blazes. The following should be added:

RAYMOND CATOZZI AND WILLIAM DAY.
Sorry fellows.

MAILING LIST:

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes that will be mailed to the 1975 membership list of the Killington Section of the GMC. Future issues will be mailed to the current membership list.

THE ROLSTONS:

A note from the Rolstons, Dorothy and Ben shows that they are enjoying Texas keeping warm during our winter, and I quote: "Just a hello from the Rolston's who are enjoying a 3rd. winter in sunny Texas." end quote.

Paul R. Howard

OVERNIGHT AT GOV. CLEMENT:

Being home from College for a period between classes, Bob Carey and Lou Catozzi decided on an overnight at Governor Clement Shelter. Although I was invited to come along, commitments prevented it, and I offered a ride to the triangle. All reports were that the two, Lou and Bob had a good outing, and with Ray to pick them up the next day, the hiking was from the triangle, in and out. This was the week-end of March 6-7, 1976

LOOK FOR IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

Report on Northham Pkixic Area.
Report on Tamerack Week-end hike.
Personality of the week.
YOUR hike, with comments of interest.

DEADLINE:

Next Issue by June 15, 1976

UNSCALED SKETCH MAP FOR THE NEW BOSTON TRAIL



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MAUSOLFF
FECIT

BOILING
SPRING

HUNTERS
CAMP

OLD
LOG
YARD

TO MT. CARMEL

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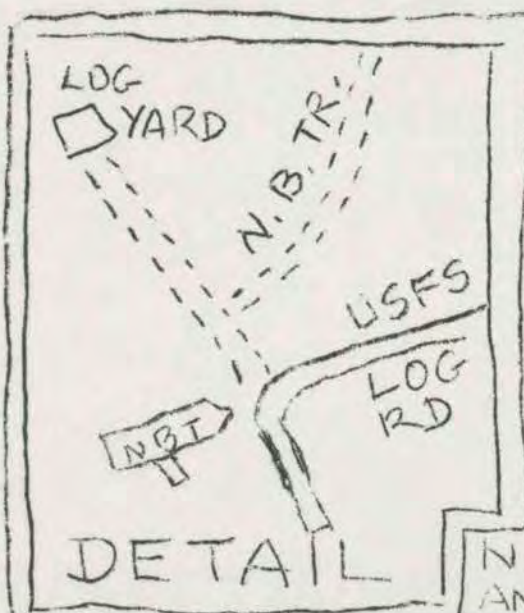
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SMOKE AND BLAZES

JULY 17, 1976

THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL INTERSECTIONAL - Saturday, August 28th. to Monday Sept. 6th.

The 1976 Bicentennial INTERSECTIONAL will be hosted by the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club will be held at TWIN HILLS GIRL SCOUT CAMP in Richmond, Vermont. As your coordinator, the following is printed from a Burlington Section Publication to keep you informed.

TO GET THERE, The following directions are submitted: Take the Richmond/Bolton Exit number 11 off the Interstate 89. Follow US Route 2 east to Jonesville where, opposite the Post Office, you will see a bridge over the Winooski River. (Also the Long Trail) Cross the bridge, then take the second left where a sign directs you to the Chittenden Fish & Game Club. Proceed slowly up the dirt road (A long bumpy hill) for about 2.6 miles. The Twin Hills Road is on the right and a green metal gate is visible from the road. Drive into the camp and signs will direct you to the proper parking area.

AT THE SITE: There are 8 Lean-to's, each capable of accommodating eight to ten people on a first-come first-serve basis. There are no trailer hook-ups or dumping facilities, but there is sufficient room for the trailers. There is a pavilion for rainy day activities and there will be temporary cold showers. Also, lots of tenting spaces. You may drive to your campsite to load and unload, but specific parking areas will be designated.

The cost of the facilities is \$1.00 per person per night or \$7.00 for nine nights at the event. Family rates is \$3.00 per night or \$15.00 for nine nights.

The following stipulations are requested by the Burlington Section: Please NO dogs. Bring your own food, camping gear, stove and utensils, and folding table and chairs. Outdoor fires only in the constructed fireplaces. Also, it is advisable to bring along playing cards, table games, slides & projector, Your hobbies, brag books and auction items.

Dot and Pirk Pirkanen, Phone 863-4775 and Jean and Jack Lance, Phone 985-3715 are the co-chairman of the event and I am sure that

if any Killington Section member wants to offer their services for voluntary work, to assist as hike Leaders, Guides, or for any other job they may have for you, your assistance would be appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. . . .

SUNDAY - AUGUST 29

Folk Dancing with Shari Bergstein

MONDAY - AUGUST 30

Smugglers Notch to Servensville via Butler Trail or via Nebraska Notch Trail, or via Taylor Lodge and Nabrasca Notch Trail
Lee Allen/Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton - Janice Lange/in late morning, Discovery Museum, B. Pondry
Nature Hike and Beaver Pond - Bob Spear
Paul Massie will speak, on Historic Road

TUESDAY - AUGUST 31

Long Trail - Lake Mansfield to Bolton Valley
Work Hike - New Section, Bolton
Rock Climbing - Demonstration Frank Mack
Historic Hike
Family Outing
Slide Show, Frank Mack, Evening.

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

Several hikes for day, Canoe Trip, at night STUNT NIGHT with Ralph Gibbs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

Many hikes, to include Nature Hike and events for children, map and compass orientation. Evening, Larry VanMeter will give talk on the Long Trail, Illustrated.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 1976

Watch the milking at Bushey Brothers' Farm, or your choice of many hikes, in the evening BINGO and/or BARDERSHOP ENTERTAINERS.

THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL INTERSECTIONAL - Continued. . .

The following is a more detailed schedule of events:

SATURDAY, August 28, 1976: Folk Dancing with Shari Bergstein

SUNDAY, August 29, 1976: Long Trail, Smugglers Notch to Johnson (D) - Kenn Boyd
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton - J. Harrington
 Colchester Bog Field Trip & Blueberry Picking - Hub Vogelmann
 Bristol Cave - Dave Bucke
 DINNER - Followed by a Bicentennial Sing-Along

MONDAY, August 30, 1976: Smugglers Notch to Stevensville via Butler Trail or Via the
 Nebraska Trail or via Taylor Lodge and Nebraska trail (D),
 Led by Leo Allen.
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton - J. Lange
 Discovery Museum [late morning] (Child oriented - See & Touch)
 Led by Barbara Fmdry
 Nature Hike and Beaver Pond (E) Bob Spear
 PAUL MASSIE will speak on the Bayley-Hazen Military Road
 and its place in Vermont History (Evening)

TUESDAY, August 31, 1976 Long Trail, Lake Mansfield to Bolton Valley (D) - C. Whitcomb
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail, Bolton
 Rock Climbing demonstration (M) - Frank Mack
 Bayley-Hazen Military Road, historic Hike (M)
 Mt. Elmore Hike and/or Lake Elmore swim, family outing (E)
 Leading: HARRIS AND Jan Abbott
 Buchanan Lodge and adjacent wood roads (E) - Ken Fisher
 FRANK MACK will show slides and talk about his ascent to
 Mt. McKinley (evening)

WEDNESDAY, Sept 1, 1976 Long Trail, Bolton Valley to Jonesville (M) - Tunis Williamson
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail in Bolton
 Mt. Mansfield, up, around, and down west side (D) Ralph Gibbs
 Canoe Trip, Lamoille River (M) - Gretchen Mead
 Exploring Twin Hills Trails for children (E) - Irene Case
 Gregory Field Trip (E) - Professor Charles Doll
 STUNT NIGHT with Ralph Gibbs (Evening)

THURSDAY, Sept 2, 1976 Long Trail, Jonesville to Camel's Hump (down Burroughs Trail
 or to Honeyhollow/Preston Brook)(D) - Larry VanMeter
 Work Hike - New Section of Long Trail
 Nature Hike (hiker's choice ferns, trees, birds, etc - B. Spear
 Duck Brook, children's hike (E) Joe Whitehorn
 LARRY VAN METER will give an illustrated talk on the Long
 Trail (Evening)

FRIDAY, Sept. 3, 1976 Long Trail, Burroughs Trail over Camel's Hump to Montclair
 Glen, down Forestry Trail (D) - John Romeo
 Work Hike on new section of Long Trail at Bolton
 Goose Pond in Bolton (M) - Gardiner Lane
 Bushey Brother's Farm (afternoon) visit to include milking
 time (E)

BINGO and/or BARBERSHOPPER ENTERTAINERS (Evening)
 SATURDAY, Sept 4, 1976 Long Trail, Montclair Glenn to Appalachian Gap or to Birch
 Glen and out via Bean Trail (D)
 Work Hike, new section of Long Trail in Bolton - J. Harrington
 Canoe Trip, Green River Reservoir (M) - Sally Spear
 Mt. Hunger, near Waterbury, with Sterling Section (M) Grittner
 Bristol Cliffs, Buswhack (M) Tunis Williamson
 SQUARE DANCE (Evening)

SUNDAY, Sept 5, 1976

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THE BICENTENNIAL INTERSECTIONAL - Continued

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, Continued. .

SUNDAY, Sept 5, 1976 Long Trail, Appalachian Gap to Lincoln Gap (D) - Jack Lance
 Work Hike, on the new section of Long Trail in Bolton,
 Andy Thoma Leader
 Hike into Vermont's Past, Waterbury Dam area (M) - Joe Frank
 Green Mountain Audubon Nature Center (E) - Bob Spear
 Mayo Trail and Buswhack back to Twin Halls (D) Chris Schultz
 HANS FRETSCH will find out what we know in his nature quiz
 in the evening.

BREAKFAST ----- September 4, 1976

This will be a great event - don't miss it.

Sign up for it when you register. . . .

Please use the following form for your reservation for the DINNER for Sunday,
 August 29, 1976 at 6:00 P.M.

NAME _____

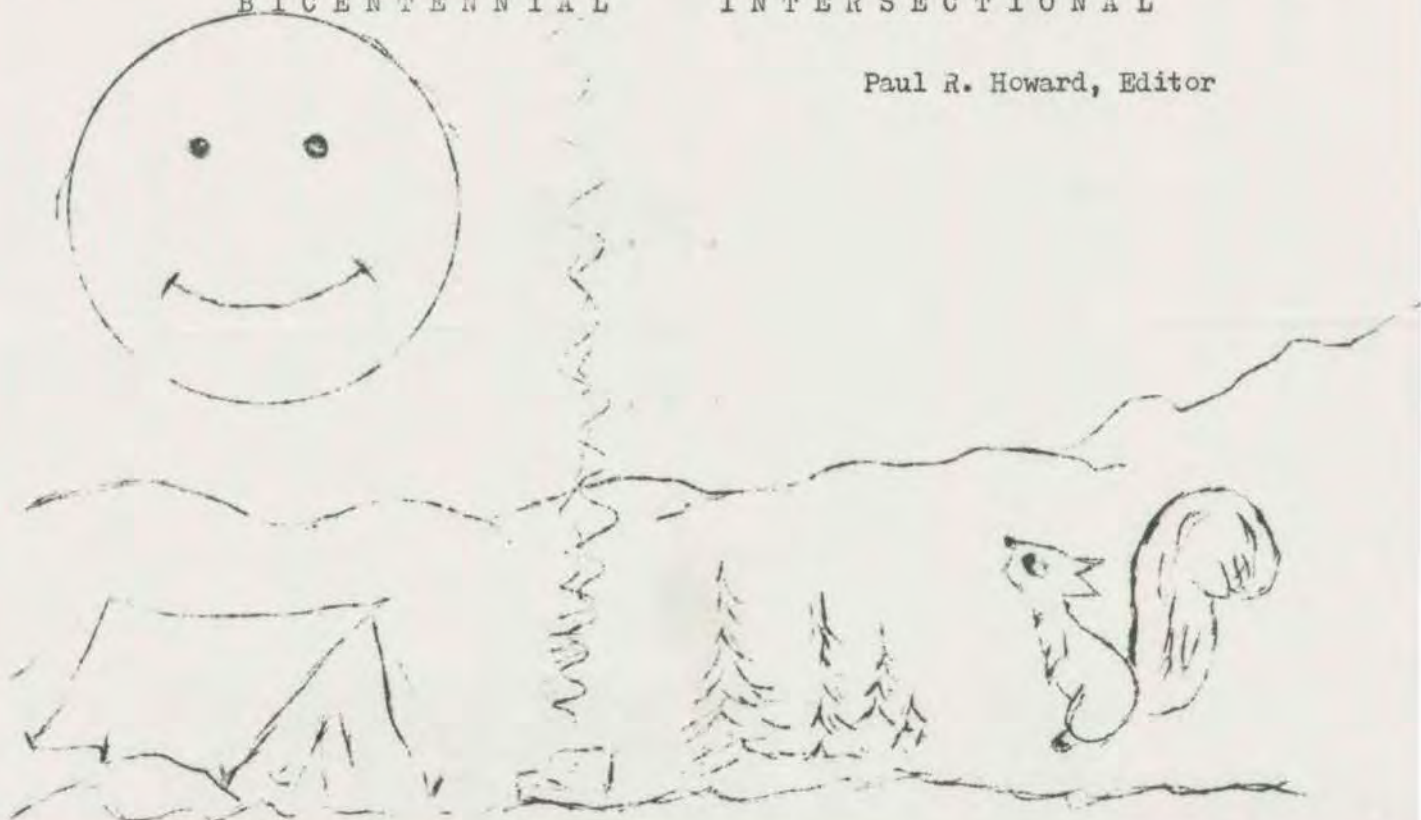
Number of persons planning to purchase dinner tickets _____

Dinner (your chance to escape the heat of your campstove,
 the tin cans in your grocery bag !) will be served at cost;
 payment due upon registration.

MAIL TO: Ron and Dot Nemcsesky
 148 Spear Street
 South Burlington, Vermont 05401

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Paul R. Howard, Editor



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KILLINGTON SECTION LOSS IS THE ARMY'S GAIN

I received a letter intended for all members of the Killington Section from Lou Catozzi who is now serving his country at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. I knew of no other way to get his message to all of you, so I am printing it below in this SPECIAL ISSUE OF SMOKE AND BLAZES for all of you to enjoy.

KILLINGTON SECTION DMC

24 July 1976

Hello,

Sorry I couldn't make the director's meeting but I had to leave for my Basic Training the Sunday before. My father tells me that it was well attended and that a lot was accomplished. I hope the Killington Section continues to have an active "Activities Schedule" as I have enjoyed in the past.

Army life is sort of different than life around Rutland, but I seem to be adjusting quickly, especially to the 110° plus temperature of July in South Carolina. The area is about 10 miles east of Columbia, the Capital of the State. NO hills or mountains to speak of; if it is over 100 feet above the surrounding area it's called a mountain. And I miss the nice cool green hills and the rich brown dirt of Vermont. Around here all there is are Pine Trees and Oak Trees, and lots and lots of hot sand. It gets into everything, your hair, (what's left of it), your clothes, your boots and everything.

On the bright side though, the food is terrific (as some of you know, I like to eat) and to those of you who were in the Army before, that sign is still up there "Take all you want, but eat all that you take".

I am bunked in an Air-Conditioned Modern, three story Brick building that holds five companies, one thousand men in 50 Platoon Dorms. No more double bunks to fall out of, but steel beds with good mattresses. We are not allowed to wear any Civilian Clothes but I've been given four sets of "Fatigues", a set of Kakki Dress Uniforms, and a set of Dress Green Uniforms.

Our Battalion will be graduating from our basic Combat Training on Thursday, September 9, 1976.

I hope to see you in September when, if all goes as planned, I should be home for 10 or 11 days.

Because I hope to hear from all of you, below is my address. See you all in September

Pvt. Louis P. Catozzi
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Co. A, 6th. Bn, 2nd. B.C.T. Brig.
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

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Best Regards,

Lou

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINES:

September 15, 1976
