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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 25th
Madison St; Recreation Center
6:30 P.M.

Yes, it's Annual Meeting time again and we do mean 6:30 P.M. It was decided to try the suggested innovation this year and have a supper in connection with our Annual Meeting. The next question was how and where? Then along came Jan Catozzi and said she'd be willing to put on a spaghetti supper for us at cost. This was too good a proposition to pass up so this is the plan. We will have a Spaghetti Supper at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday evening, January 25th - price not over \$1.00 each; after supper the business meeting and program. All this to take place at the Recreation Center on Madison Street.

At the business meeting officers for 1955 will be elected, reports on the past year's activities given, and plans for the coming year made.

For the program we will show the Club slide collection and we hope to have some Trail experiences related by an "End-to-End". If you have pictures or slides taken recently on the trail bring a sampling along.

Since Jan will need to know the approximate number you will each be contacted by telephone about the 21st or 22nd. If you

have friends who would like to come please extend them an invitation and give in their count with yours. Jan will also need a little help on Tuesday P.M. so some of you will be invited for that time. (In case any of you are worried - there will be no dishwashing required - we're planning to employ someone for that.

This is your opportunity to find out what the Section is doing and hear of our plans and our problems. If you are interested enough to be a member we feel you must be interested in knowing these things. Are we wrong? Tuesday evening, January 25th will give us the answer.

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun; Jan. 30 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Tucker Lodge

Here is another old favorite. January wouldn't seem like January without a trip to Tucker Lodge. It's a short trip and an easy one, with a closed shelter for warmth. Snowshoes are usually needed but the snow may be crusted enough for easy walking. Trails beyond may tempt those who wish further exploration. Last year singing, pine grosbeaks lent an added interest and since a number of these beautiful birds are around this year, they can be looked for with a good probability of being found.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD

A meeting of the Executive Board was held on Thursday evening Jan. 6th at Craigie Perkins' home. We were very pleased to have so many of the board present.

Much consideration was given to the plans for the Annual Meeting. The result of this cogitation you will find elsewhere in this issue.

Publicity Ch., Ray Catozzi, brought in a report on the cost of printing the folder he had previously prepared. He reported that 1000 copies could be obtained for \$35 while 500 would cost \$30. It was voted to have 1000 copies printed which would probably be at least three year's supply. This folder gives information on The Long Trail with special emphasis on the Killington Section; its relation to the main GMC, and its activities. It is planned to use this folder to attract new members by mailing them to prospects and giving them to people who show an interest by inquiries or attendance at activities.

The poor condition in which Clarendon Lodge was found on January 2nd was discussed. This again emphasizes the importance of visiting our camps frequently in the hope that in this way we can help to control such conditions.

Some suggestions were made in regard to next year's activities: - (1) that in order to distribute the social activities more evenly the Card Party might be pushed ahead to next fall since the Annual Meeting is to include a supper this year; (2) that alternating outings, including all day ones, be held on Saturdays; and (3) that Work Parties, particularly for shelter work be interspersed with the hiking outings. You will have an opportunity to consider these suggestions at the Annual Meeting.

SUNNYSIDE

The biggest work party in a long time spent Saturday, January eighth at Sunnyside. Those present were Austin Gibson, Raymond Miller, Joe Hadeka, Roger Pike, and the creaky squad, Churchill Scott, Prescott VanVleet, and Craigie Perkins, Harold Valiquette

It was a beautiful sunny day and those who could move fast enough weren't cold. First the good old truck was driven in about a hundred yards beyond the barn. Then all the tools, grub, and supplies, including eight two by fours, were lugged to the Camp. (We used to call it a camp-site but now it is a Camp.)

The ice and snow were shoveled off the floor and dug off the camp sections lying on the ground. Then one at a time the sections were lifted up onto the platform and bolted together. This is absolutely the last time this will be done. The poor old things couldn't stand another operation like that.

About then everybody attacked the dinner of beans, ham, pie, and coffee that the boys had prepared. Complete victory!

When all six sections were up, the long plate across the back of the Camp was constructed and lifted to position. Much time was spent bracing all sides so that the wind wouldn't undo the work accomplished.

Next will come ridge pole, front plate, and then studs for the back. Looks like more lumber will have to be carried in.

Never mind. The more we see of the place the better we like it. It is much better protected from the wind than the old spot, and the sun surely does pour in there. Let's try to get it built before the Annual Meeting next June. We can if we try.

TRIP TO CLARENDON LODGE

It seems we used to have a reputation of carrying out our scheduled hikes, rain or shine. On some occasions of late we have been accused of having slipped a bit on this. However, we think that during the last few months we have gone a long way toward redeeming ourselves. Another step in that direction was made on Sunday, January 2nd when six hardy - or should we say Fool-hardy, members began the New Year right by starting for Clarendon in the rain.

As we hiked up the old road toward the Lodge the rain changed to snow, and with the several inches already in the woods, this area presented winter scene we always associate with Clarendon Lodge in January. After the hustle of the holidays the quiet winter woods were particularly appealing.

We were distressed to find our top-ranking shelter in a very untidy condition. The broom was missing but a little work with the fire shovel and several trips to the dump with bottles, tin cans etc., remedied the untidiness. More serious and less easily corrected were such things as 3 broken window panes, marks on the walls apparently made by knife throwing, a broken door spring, initials carved and names written on the walls and the like. The framed poster with rules for the use of Long Trail shelters had been pulled from the wall and was no where in sight. Such unnecessary destruction makes maintaining our shelters for the use of the public a difficult and discouraging project.

After the clean-up had been accomplished we were able to enjoy our lunch and relax for a pleasant hour or more of visiting around the camp stove before returning to our cars.

AIKEN FOREST

Sunday, January 16th found 12 hikers assembled at Meldon School for the scheduled trip to the Girl Scout Camp at Aiken Forest. We proceeded in cars to the foot of the "Notch" where we parked. We were out for a hike and found it much pleasanter to hike up the hills under our own power than to attempt to drive up them. There was enough snow to give the surroundings that clean winter look and the air was just brisk enough to be stimulating.

Just as we arrived on foot, Mr. Whitney arrived by truck, sent by Mrs. Whitney to make sure that the keys worked and we had no trouble in getting in. We appreciated this extra thoughtfulness.

The fire seemed to need a great deal of coaxing and urging, suffering, no doubt, from too many theories as to the best system of management. Eventually it took hold, the stove began to throw out heat, and coffee water was ready. During this interim some of the ambitious got exercise by chopping wood, while others played "fox and geese".

After a lunch which might be described as fairly substantial, for some members at least, a few rounds of "20 questions" (so called) were enjoyed.

It was soon time to close camp and start the return trip if we wished to make it in while there was sun.

This walk down is always pleasant, especially in winter as one can enjoy a fine view of the city and the west mountains all the way. The blue of the mountains with their bright patches where the sun touched them and the white of the snow covered valley made a lovely winter picture. All too soon another hike was over.

WHAT ? NO GUIDE BOOK ?

On Jan. 8th the HERALD carried a nine inch "news story" entitled "Towering Mts. Pique Interest of Publicists." It's a mystery story folks ! Chuck-full of suspense ! Holds you breathlessly biting your nails while you hurriedly read on to find out if our Leaders win through to Victory. (They do, you betcha !)

Here's the plot. The Chamber of Commerce, looking around for some new source of publicity, see for the first time snow covered Killington, Pico, etc. against the sky.

Ah, like a flash their keen minds fumble at an idea!! But wait. Egad !! They don't know the names of the mountains ! This is known as a dilemma, or getting caught with your omniscience down.

Do our Leaders falter? No ! Do they dissimulate ? No ! With characteristic modesty they Face the Problem and set out to Find the Answer (Rules for Success, No. 17). Cleverly, they ask somebody.

We now reach the climax of the story. In the words of the HERALD, "And They Couldn't Find Anyone Who Really Knew." This contre fois (that's French for hellofanote) would have discouraged weaklings, but not our Sterling Leaders ! Duller minds, (if there be such) would not have hit upon such a brilliant solution. In a word-- Maps !

In no time at all a map is spread among them. (Other end up, Men, can't ya see the arrow ?) Rope by rope the mystery begins to unravel. They all talk at once. (See how democratic they really are ?) Like burps from a burp-gun the names are called out.

"Pico Peak 3967, Killington Peak 4241, Mendon Peak 3837, Little Killington 3591, Shrewsbury 3731." (They only got two wrong on a par five hole. The HERALD would have taken at least six on this one, so we think

it was our Leader's error).

But do they stop with half a victory ? No! (Come on, keep to-gether !) Right away they are map experts. Someone reports that Uncle Sam aint done right by our mountains, and with utter fearlessness they vote to reprimand the nasty bureaucrats. (Whoops! Wrong administration.)

Resourcefulness and Perseverance ! That's what makes America great ! Grand Finale ! Everybody on stage to sing "God Bless the Chamber of Commerce."

Next year maybe they will get Hillary to make the first ascent of Killington in a sweat shirt with "Chamber of Commerce" in letters a foot high across the back.

At least that would prove the mountain was real. We have always supposed that since the Chamber of Commerce causes the sun to rise and set, the water to run, and the grass to grow green, (well, it ought to grow green) probably those shiney white mountains were painted up there by the Chamber to advertise the Pico Ski Development. (Jess Tootoo, artist; paint contributed by Stirrum and Kurse, "Top quality paints half way down in every can.")

Well, fellas, come up and see us some time.

Join the Green Mountain Club and see what is behind the mirror.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1955

Pearl Nichols, Chairman.
Maude Canty
Ray Catozzi

CONGRATULATIONS

Joseph H. Valiquette, stationed at the Naval Air Base in Norfolk, Virginia, has been promoted to third class petty officer.



COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun., Feb. 19 & 20
Place - Perkins' Camp - Mendon

Reservations for the Winter Week-end should be made by calling Mary Perkins, 3-7954, by Thursday noon. Let her know how many meals you wish to stay for and if you plan to stay overnight.

Meals start with Saturday noon and end with Sunday noon. The work and cost is shared by those attending.

If you plan to stay overnight, bring your own bedding.

At this writing it looks like good snowshoeing weather so those who are looking forward to this sport should come prepared. The woods in back of camp offer opportunities for short walks and of course Blue Ridge is always there.

Time - Sun., Mar. 6 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Buffum Shelter

It's anyone's guess what travelling equipment will be best for this one. At present it looks as though Skis and snowshoes might be in order. But who knows? We may need rubber boots. In any case it's not far so we should be able to make it whatever the conditions.

Although too early in the season to do the needed roof repairing, this will be a good time to take in and install the new stove pipe, also needed. There

is always clean-up and pick-up work which can be done around a shelter and there is a good opportunity here for further hiking for those who wish it. All in all this should be an interesting outing and a chance to get a bit of work done.

SUNNYSIDE

9 A.M., Sunday, January 30th, found a group of 7 ready to start for Sunnyside. The object of this expedition was to excavate the lumber there which was buried under several inches of ice and snow.

It was a cold day, but arrived at Sunnyside, the workers found no difficulty in keeping warm as they shoveled snow, pried boards loose, knocked off ice, and finally set the boards on end around the outer walls of the shelter to drain and dry out in the sun.

The old "Valiquette Special" in spite of having stood outdoors for over a year, put on one of the best performances of it's career. Water for coffee was hot in record time, and the well-known heat from the stove's sides made the lunch hour in a 3-sided, roofless shelter, in near zero weather, very comfortable.

After lunch we moved the boards inside the walls, lest they be scattered by a high wind.

It was a fine day to spend outdoors and we returned home with a pleasant feeling of accomplishment after an enjoyable day.

REPORT OF KILLINGTON SECTION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Something new was added to Killington Section's Annual Meeting this year. Janice Catozzi acted as chairman of a supper committee that put on a spaghetti supper at the Rutland Recreation Center on Madison street, Tuesday evening, January 25th.

After the supper which was enjoyed by forty members, President, Vera Perkins took over the business meeting.

Reports of officers and of Committee Chairmen were read, Section business was discussed, and papers were passed out for members to fill in suggestions for activities and membership participation in Section work.

A tentative date for a moonlight snowshoe hike to Tucker Lodge was set. The scheduled January 30th hike to Tucker was transferred to a work party to Sunnyside for that date.

Pearl Nichols, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1955 :

President - Vera Perkins

Vice Pres. - William Allard Jr.

Sec. Treas. - Eleanor Walker

These nominees were unanimously elected.

For the evening's entertainment, The Green Mountain Club's slides were shown by Craig Perkins assisted by Janet Martin. George Tappen showed some of his pictures of a recent hike, and Ray Catozzi also had some interesting slides on hand. Edith Ewald also had a few to add to the collection.

SLIDE COLLECTION PLANNED

A small sum of money appropriated each year would enable us to acquire duplicates of some desirable slides and in a few years we would have an interest-

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ing Killington Section collection. We would like this collection to be a varied one of general interest not just a "memory book" type for our own enjoyment only. We hope it can be developed into something which gives a picture story of hiking in the Killington Section.

Janice Catozzi, Photography Ch., will be in charge of starting this collection and has been budgeted \$10 this year for that purpose. If you have slides which you think she might be interested in for this purpose, she'd appreciate hearing from you.

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER LODGE

It is often difficult to plan the right time for the necessary conditions to make an event a success; especially when the moon, the temperature, and that white fluffy stuff enters into the picture.

We were lucky Saturday night, February 5th !! The right conditions prevailed as fifteen hikers snowshoed in to Tucker Lodge. As we hiked in single file along the trail, the pleasant chatter and the "crunch, crunch" of snowshoes were good sounds to hear, and the invigorating air acted as tonic to town nerves.

When we reached the Lodge, it didn't take long to get the stove smoking. The boys went out after wood which was added to the dry split wood back-packed in by one of the group. Soon a good fire was burning. A cup brigade, carrying in snow to make water for coffee, kept the coffee pot filled. Before long, we were all enjoying coffee and doughnuts.

We discovered that some of the boys have good voices and the thought came to us that a song in the camps in the woods or on the Trail brings added joy to a Green Mountain Club hike. We missed a few soprano voices !

TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 1955

1955 MEMBERSHIP LIST

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand 1/1/54	\$663.72
Rec'd from dues - 1954	149.50
Rec'd from sale of food at Annual Meeting	1.55
Rec'd from Card Party	21.60
Credit balance from Winter Week-end	2.90
Int. on money in bank	12.16
Credit balance from Sugar Party	7.95
Contributions	4.00
Rec'd for sale of badges	.50
Rec'd from Rummage Sale	1112.00
Total Receipts	\$975.88

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for 3 stoves	\$ 25.00
Exp. of Trails Com.	4.84
Materials and supplies for Sunnyside	115.45
To Main Club for work of Patrol	76.50
Exp. of Outing Com.	19.31
Stationery	2.02
Postage	.99
Binder for Sec. reports	.59
To Main Club for badges	1.05
Insurance on Sunnyside and Clarendon Lodge	15.06
Cost of "Smoke & Blazes"	47.80
Dues to Main Club	31.95
Total Disbursements	\$340.56

Balance of Cash on hand 1/1/55
\$635.32

STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committee chairmen will serve this year:

Shelters	- Prescott VanVleet
Sunnyside	- Harold Valiquette
Trails	- Craigie Perkins
Outings	- Betty Ball
	Janice Haseltine
Photography	- Janis Catozzi
Publicity	- Ray Catozzi
Sugar Party	- Hilma Erickson
	Lucy Bishop
Smoke and Blazes"	Mary Perkins, Craigie Perkins Vera Perkins

Louise Adams
Barbara Allard
Judy Allard
Marjory Allard
William Allard, Jr.
Betty Ball
Larry Beale
Maude Canty
Janis Catozzi
Jimmy Catozzi
Johnny Catozzi
Ray Catozzi
Leland Dudley
Virginia Dudley
Edith Ewald
Austin Gibson
Janice Haseltine
George Kirk
Roddy Knipes
Veda Knipes
Carl Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Raymond Miller
Pearl Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Roger Pike
Marjory Roche
Mary Ellen Ryan
Charles Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Jim W. Scribner
Mrs. Leon Smith
Leon Smith
Prescott VanVleet
M. Eleanor Walker
Carlton Wilson, Life member.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our appreciation to the people who signed up at the Annual Meeting signifying their willingness to help on some activities during the year. We need you.

NEW SCHEDULES OUT

Your copy of the Spring and Summer Outing Schedule is enclosed with this issue. Check the dates on your calendars and join us as often as possible.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Board was held at Craigie Perkins' home on Monday evening, February 7th.

A budget for the year was adopted.

The suggestion sheets filled out at the Annual Meeting indicated that the majority of those present wished the usual annual activities of the Section to be continued and these are being planned for. A tentative schedule of Spring and Summer Outings was presented by Outing Ch. Betty Ball. This was considered and adopted with a few minor changes.

Our publicity folders were still not available but we hope to have them by the time you read this. They will be sent to people whose names were suggested to us as well as to those who have shown an interest in our activities. We would appreciate receiving the names of people who might be interested at any time.

It was decided to start a Killington Section collection of colored slides. (See details of this elsewhere in this issue.)

Whereas there is much other work which we'd like to accomplish, the following items were decided on as things which should be done this year without fail: bridge across Cold river at the Gorge; trail clearing from Pico to Killington; painting and trail clearing from the Gorge to Spring Lake; needed repairs at Clarendon; new stove and window glass at Killington; completion of Sunnyside.

A NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Fred and Helen Field on the arrival of Lucinda who has recently come to join the Field family.

ESSAY on the DESCENT OF MAN

It was not exactly torrid
The day we climbed Mt. Horrid,
But we thought it would be fun
to get some air,
So although the snow was crusty,
And our joints somewhat rusty,
We set out to reach the cliff-top
grey and bare.

As the mountainside grew steeper,
Our breathing grew much deeper,
And our snowshoes slipped and slid
at every step.
Though we grabbed the trees and
bushes
To assist with pulls and pushes,
Very soon we lost our early
morning pep.

How the sweat poured down our faces
As we stopped to tighten laces.
We slipped back about two steps
for each one gained.
Then we came out on the ledges;
Crawling over where the edge is
We gazed downward from the height
we had attained.

For ten minutes we looked 'round us,
But then Old Man Winter found us,
And we'd had enough exertion for
one day.
If we wished a happy ending
In the process of descending,
We would have to take great care
and pick our way.

As we on our snowshoes squatted,
Our icy course was plotted.
We hoped to miss the roots and
rocks and trees.
But shades of Issac Newton !
We came down that mountain tootin' !
While the scenery whizzed by us on
the breeze.

No longer were we riding.
We were twisting, rolling, sliding,
When at last we hit a patch of
softer snow.
We almost burned our brakes out !
If you'd like to try it sometime,
let us know.



SUGAR PARTY - SUN., MAR. 27

Spring is here, (so they say), and with it comes our annual Sugar Party. Again this year, through the courtesy of the Recreation Dept., we will be able to have it at the Rotary Field House.

The usual pattern will be followed; sugar-on-snow, doughnuts, coffee, and, of course pickles, will be served about 6:30 P.M. (Please note we say about but we will try to have it ready on time!)

Jan Catozzi is taking care of the evening program and thanks to her, arrangements have been made with Dick Pasvolski to be on hand to call for and direct square dancing. Those who prefer may play cards, Scrabble, or the like -- please bring your equipment for these and come prepared not to mind if the corner we find for you isn't too quiet!

The price as usual will be determined by expenses and will be planned just to cover cost. Last year it was \$.75 and the chances are good it will be around that same figure this year.

This is a club activity at which we hope to see many of our non-hiking members as well as the hikers. Guests are also welcome.

Hilma Erickson and Lucy Bishop are co-chairmen again this year. They need to have

your reservations in advance so they can do their buying on the basis of these. Be sure to make your reservation with Hilma Erickson, Tel. Hemlock 8-2276, by Friday evening, March 25th. Let's make this a real get-together.

COMING HIKES

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., March 19 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

This favorite winter hike will include some work as well. Several minor repairs are needed at the Lodge and it is hoped that they can be taken care of at this time.

Whether slush or snow underneath, the woodland will be beautiful and perhaps some spring birds will put in an appearance.

If you can't make the 9:30 start plan to join us there later in the day.

Time - Sun., April 3 - 10 A.M.
Place - Diddie's Knob

Here is a hike we haven't done for several years, so it will be new to some of us at least. It is a chance for a bit different type of hiking where you more or less pick your trail as you go along. The approach is usually from Whipple Hollow vicinity.

This is a place you might not visit except on a scheduled hike, so don't miss the opportunity.

BUFFUM SHELTER

On Sunday, March 6, we made the trip in to Buffum, taking with us the needed new stove-pipe.

The travelling proved to be excellent with the snow stiff enough to make snowshoes unnecessary.

We soon reached the shelter and found it in quite good condition. We knew that roof repairs were needed but those will have to wait until the several hundred pounds of snow and ice have melted off.

The stove-pipe was duly installed and it was not long before smoke was pouring from its top, and coffee water was hot.

About noon large snowflakes began sifting gently down outside and as we sat around the fire looking out through the grove we decided we had never before fully appreciated the Buffum location. It is a pleasant, short hike in and the open grove and nearby brook make the surroundings most attractive. We hope this shelter can be kept in usable condition for a long time to come.

LOST!

Lost: sometime between last fall and the present date, at least 6 or 8 good hikers belonging to Killington Section GMC. If found please bring to the Meldon School at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 19th.

Seriously, what has become of our hiking members? With the exception of the winter week-end, the last several hikes have brought out a very small number. We know of good reasons for the absence of a few, but what about the rest?

As noted under **COMING HIKES**, the next hike will be a combined Outing and Work Party. It will also be the first of our scheduled Saturday outings. Come on every

body, how about making this the time when you turn over that new leaf and get started hiking with us again? You know you'll enjoy it once you get going!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

This is the last issue of SMOKE and BLAZES which will be sent out from the 1954 mailing list. In order not to miss an issue be sure to renew your membership before April 15th.

Perhaps some of you who find it impossible to take part in many of our activities may ask yourselves, "Why continue my membership?". We can answer that one with a number of good reasons. Here are a couple.

We like to have you with us in our effort to do our bit toward maintaining The Long Trail and its shelters. Not only does your membership fee help in this but your interest and moral support also help.

True we would be happy to have a larger percentage of 'active' members but here again you can help. Maybe you know someone who would make us a good 'active' member and who would enjoy the GMC. If so, make sure he knows about us and try to interest him in joining. If you don't already know such a person perhaps you could look around and find one. Every member so added would in itself be a valuable contribution to the work of our club.

These reasons should assure you that from our point of view it is definitely worthwhile to have you renew your membership for 1955. During the year we will try, with your help, to accomplish enough to make you too feel it was worth while. So, if you have not already done so, send your dues to our treasurer, Miss Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vt.

WINTER WEEK-END

On Saturday and Sunday, February 19th and 20th, the Killington Section of The Green Mountain Club held their annual winter week-end at the Perkins Camp at the foot of Blue Ridge Mountain in Mendon.

Barbara Allard must have put in a good word to the weatherman for both Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days. The deep blue sky was cloudless, the sun was bright and warm, and the air had a touch of spring in it.

Craigie and Mary Perkins arrived at camp early, started the fires, and warmed up the house so that when the rest of us arrived, everything was comfortable.

Until sundown all the campers took advantage of the good weather to break out snowshoe trails up the Elbow road and through the woods. The large amount of fresh snow hanging from the evergreen trees made the walks a beautiful sight.

After a hearty supper, the kids worked it off playing "chase" in the snow until time for the girls to leave for home. The older folks had an enjoyable evening playing "Scrabble," "Bali," and "Canasta." Speaking of "Canasta" there is a rumor that some GMC members frown on those who play the game.

Bright and early Sunday morning, "Old Faithful" Craigie, prepared a good hot breakfast with all the fixings which gave us strength for the day's activities. We all set out once more to explore the various trails through the nearby woods.

A group of young men led by Ted Talbot, New York Section's Trail Chairman, visited the camp Sunday afternoon. They had driven up from Wilmington, Del.

and camped Saturday night at Tucker Lodge.

Craigie and Ted discussed many Section problems, and the boys told of working on the Monroe Sky-line trail last summer. At last "good-byes" were said and they left for their 425 mile return home trip. Meeting with this group made us realize that some people are willing to travel many miles to hike on The Long Trail.

The week-end activities came to a close with tea being served by Mary and Vera Perkins as we sat in the sun on the snow covered lawn in front of camp.

Churchill Scott

A NEW SECTION?

Fred Field, as chairman of the Section Service committee, has been doing a lot of good work up and down the state of Vermont to promote interest in and knowledge of The Green Mountain Club. His efforts have already started to produce results.

On Wednesday evening, March 16th, a meeting is to be held in Montpelier, Vermont for the purpose of establishing a Montpelier Section.

Representatives from the Killington Section, The Barre Section, and the Burlington Section are going to be present at the meeting.

Results of this meeting will be published in the May issue of THE LONG TRAIL NEWS. We hope to be able to report a new Section.

SUNNYSIDE

At this writing it looks as if Sunnyside may be officially opened at the time of the annual meeting in May. Work is progressing steadily.

SHELTER SPONSERS

Again this year we will use the system of a sponsor for each shelter. Shelter chairman, Prescott Van Vleet, has announced the following sponsors:

Pico- Churchill Scott
Cooper Lodge- Craigie Perkins
Clement- Ray Catozzi
Clarendon Lodge- Walter Hakins
Buffum- Eleanor Walker and
Vera Perkins
Sunnyside- Harold Valiquette

It is hoped that sponsors will visit their shelters fairly regularly and keep "Van" informed as to the condition they find them in and work that seems to be needed.

ADDITIONS TO 1955 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Rachel Bell
Anna Berg
Diane Conlon
George Conlon
Daniel Jennings Jr.
Mary Jennings
Michael Jennings
Anne Lyne
Horace Lyne
Carl Newhall
Cigred Patch
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Walter Scott
Harold Valiquette
Joseph Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Gerald Wheeler
Gary West

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

We are glad to have Betty Ball and Helen Bailey back in circulation again after enforced 'vacations'.

Martha Adams is spending several weeks in Florida.

WALK IN THE WOODS

You don't have to have legal possession of a piece of open woodland to walk in it and take possession of it in spirit, and to claim title to it in your heart. So why don't you do just that?

It should be easy to find a spot that appeals to you; perhaps in the hardwoods, or maybe in the evergreens - a spot that you choose to call your own.

Walk slowly in your woodland and discover the serenity that the trees can bring. Discover that the carpet of the woods is much softer and easier to walk on than the hard roads and walks of city streets. Leave your cares behind you. Let the wind blow through your hair, and the warm sun shine down on you. Raise your eyes to the tops of the majestic trees and salute their splendor.

On this particular walk in your woods, you need no sumptuous banquet to satisfy your appetite. But so that pangs of hunger will not spoil the pleasures of your walk, it may be well to pause for a little while. Sit down upon a rock, a blowdown, or a tree root, and take an apple or a sandwich from your pocket. Eat this lunch while you are enjoying the beauty all around you.

You have left your cares behind you but that doesn't stop you from thinking of pleasanter things; this beautiful woodland world you have entered and all its mysteries. To know about the trees, to learn their names and uses would be an interesting project. They could become your friends. Then after you got to know them real well, you could get acquainted with the birds, the flowers, the soil, the rocks, and the insects.

You never need to have a dull moment, and best of all you will acquire a zest for life.



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April 1955

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., May 1 - 9 A.M.
Place - Gov. Clement Shelter

Some trail work needs to be done here so we have planned an early start to get at it. Lumbering jobs can play havoc with trails and trail signs so we will want a lot of help.

If the 9 o'clock start is too early for some why not join us later? There should be lots of birds and spring flowers on this one.

Time - Sat., May 14 - for breakfast.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

Come when you want for the Pancake Breakfast. Bring your own batter and 'fixin's', but coffee will be served as usual.

After breakfast we plan to move on to Sunnyside. There is still plenty to be done there, especially the laying of the bunks. There is also trimming of bushes around the outside which can be done. It is hoped that many will go there and help with the completion of the fine job done at Sunnyside.

SHELTERS CHAIRMAN LEAVES

It was with much regret that we learned we were losing Prescott VanVleet to California. Van was our Shelters Chairman and

an active participant in our various club activities.

We wish him the best of luck in his new position and assure him he will be greatly missed by Killington Section.

COFFEE - 1955 STYLE

This is definitely the age of streamlining and GMC coffee has succumbed to the general trend.

There was a time when one could count on a good part of the lunch period of any hike being spent in arguing the pros and cons of such weighty matters as hot water vs cold for starting the coffee; and the bag method vs the dump-it-in-loose method. There were also, of course, such side issues as how much coffee to use, the desirable strength, and how long boiling is required to reach it. The fact that eventually the coffee was put in, when, as, and how much, suited the current charge d'affaires never detracted any from the fervor of the discussion. Most amazing of all the resulting coffee was always the best ever brewed.

Gone are those days with their ardent partisans and their often rugged coffee. Came Nescafe - with a can of that and a kettle of hot water each one becomes his own coffee expert.

We may sometimes feel a nostalgic longing for the good old days but in the main we like the system. There is still the matter of the black vs the shiny coffee pot to be argued and the coffee still tastes the best ever.

HIKE AND WORK PARTY AT CLARENDON LODGE

The system of combining a hike with a work party proved quite successful on Saturday, March 19th when twelve Killington Section members went in to Clarendon Lodge.

It was a good winter day. Good for hiking or working and so a little of both was indulged in.

When the stove got through smoking, and the camp was warm, it really was quite comfortable inside. The men and boys went to work on the needed repairs; setting window glass, and fixing the chimney. The women swept out the Lodge and tried, with some success, to wash windows and walls.

A game of Canasta was started without very much enthusiasm. The hikers wanted to be out hiking so away they went - up the road.

On the return trip home, we went by way of the Trail for a change instead of walking down the road.

ANOTHER HIKE-WORK PARTY AT SUNNYSIDE

The scheduled hike for Saturday, April 3rd, was for Biddie's Knob but on that day there was up to a foot of snow in the woods and the sky looked as if more was on its way. It wouldn't be pleasant trying to eat our lunch without the protection of a shelter. We all agreed that we could accomplish more by going to Sunnyside.

So Sunnyside it was ! We had to walk up the road from the iron bridge at Cuttingsville. After all we are hikers so that didn't bother us. Craigie had some tools in the trunk of his car - just in case ! There was plenty of work to be done with hammer and saw and the men folks (4 men and 3 boys) got at it. The bunk frames were put in.

The old "Valiquette" special did a good job of keeping us warm. We could hear the wind howling outside and were glad we had a roof over our heads and a stove to keep us from feeling the cold, wintry blasts.

On leaving, we noticed that about three inches of snow had fallen since we reached camp. We walked down to the cars facing the wind, and joking about spring time in Vermont.

ADDITIONS TO 1955 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Margaret Bonlander
Emile Boselli
Wilbur Bradder
Lucius Carey
Gretta Catozzi
Richard Catozzi
Hilma Erickson
Fred Field
Ruth Fostman
Helen Frink
Stanley Hart
James Hayward
George Tappan
Lula M. Tye
Harriot Bryant
Miles Bryant
GMC ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 28th is the date of the Annual Meeting of The Green Mountain Club. It is to be held at Long Trail Lodge in Sherburne. Remember this is your Club. You, as a Section Member, are a part of this big organization.

Plan to attend the meeting and get to know members from other Sections as well as your Club's officers and Committee Chairmen.

The coffee and get acquainted hour starts at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be called to order at 11 A.M.

Dinner and lunch may be had at Long Trail Lodge, and there will be an entertainment in the evening.

SUGAR PARTY

On Sunday, March 27th, a blustery wind was circling the corners of the Field House and swirling clouds of snow across the yard in wintry fashion. In contrast, inside was warm and bustling with preparations for a spring festivity - our annual sugar-on-snow party.

This year the committee got really scientific and, using a candy thermometer, cooked the syrup to exactly the temperature recommended by the experts. What we need now is for some brain to work out just how long it takes for a gallon of syrup to reach that temperature. If anyone figures this out before the next sugar party please let us know. Maybe then we'd be ready to serve at the appointed time! It was agreed anyway that the end results were worth waiting for and we're all for the scientific approach.

After everyone was filled to capacity, tables were cleared away and square-dancing began. Dick Pasvolski was on hand with his fine repertoire of records and calls. Those who danced were obviously enjoying themselves while those who looked on were well entertained watching the interesting variety of dances.

We missed a number of our members who were unable to attend but were glad to welcome many newcomers. These included a group from the Glens Falls, Adirondack Mt. Club. We hope they all enjoyed the party and will come again.

Beside those who contributed to the success of the party by attending we wish to thank all those who made the party possible by their assistance in planning and carrying it out. This includes the chairmen, Hilma Erickson and Lucy Bishop; Jan Catozzi; Dick Pasvolski; Eleanor Walker Mary, Perkins, **Jim Scribner**, and Joe Madeka; and of course the city Recreation Dept.

GREENWALL

Saturday, April 16, proved a good day for the Greenwall hike. Nine members were on hand for the 10 o'clock start and by the time we had parked our cars where The Long Trail crosses the Gulf road the April skies were beginning to clear.

The trail was wet in places with frequent patches of snow. We looked in vain for early spring flowers but found only a sign here and there that they will be along soon now.

The shelter was in fine condition and its location is especially attractive at this season as the absence of leaves allows glimpses of a really fine view.

After a leisurely lunch we enjoyed sitting in the sun and during this period our number was increased to 12 by the arrival of Janet, Jack, and Carol Martin. This was the first trip on The Long Trail for Carol and she did the hike the easy (for her) way - via pack-basket.

As we crossed the open pasture in the first part of the return trip we were facing a beautiful mountain view. All in all it was a good trip and since it brought out several hikers who can not usually make the Sunday trips we are more than ever convinced that these Saturday hikes are a good idea.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

"T" and Harold Valiquette spent a week with relatives in N.Y., recently, where Joe, on leave from his Navy duty joined them for the Easter week-end.

Dan Jennings Jr., spent last week-end at home on leave from Camp Dix where he is currently stationed.

Martha Adams has returned from a several weeks stay in Florida.

A HIKING TRIP THROUGH THE AUSTRIAN ALPS

It is interesting to hear what other mountain clubs do in the way of hiking so perhaps the following will appeal to some Green Mountain Club members.

The Appalachian Mountain Club is sponsoring a two week hiking trip through the Austrian Alps this August. The group (it is expected that 30 people will participate) will leave New York by plane August 6 in the early afternoon and arrive in Amsterdam the next morning. A connecting plane takes them to Zurich where they will stay overnight in a pension.

August 8 - Morning spent in vicinity of Zurich. Afternoon Arlberg Express train to Innsbruck, Austria. Accommodations in pension.

August 9 - 11 Headquarters in Innsbruck. Here is an opportunity to enjoy Tyrolean dances, museums, medieval churches, yodeling contests, and a side trip to Brenner Pass. Innsbruck, situated at 1,886 feet is the capital of Tyrol and is 700 years old. Situated at the foot of steep glacial mountains, it is known as the "mountaineer's" town for it offers a variety of hikes and one-day walks to mountain huts and peaks. The party will use this area to become gradually acclimated to higher altitudes. An experienced Austrian guide will accompany the party for higher altitude hikes.

August 12 - By rail or bus to Heiligenblut. Overnight in pension.

August 13 - 17 Everybody up the Grossglockner (12,464 ft.) Austria's highest ! The hikers will live for five days at high altitude accompanied by a trained mountain guide who will provide proper equipment and instruct beginners on snow and ice.

4 After starting with easy walks, he will guide the group on an ascent of Grossglockner and at least one other neighboring peak. The group will have reservations for four nights at Alpine Club huts with lodging and sumptuous meals provided, so that only light packs need be carried.

Those not desiring the more strenuous high altitude experience, will have the convenience of a private bus for transportation to rewarding hikes and trips planned in the picturesque valleys, passes and lower summits.

August 18 - By bus to Salzburg. It is hoped that a block of tickets may be procured for the whole party for a musical concert this evening - part of the Salzburg Music Festival.

August 19 By train to Munich and Stuttgart.

August 20 Check in at airline terminal. Then spend one-half day in this art and culture center of Southern Germany, museums, art exhibits, and shopping. Board the plane in the evening for Amsterdam for connection with the plane home.

August 21 Arrive in New York in the early afternoon.

Sounds good doesn't it ? Best of all, the cost has been kept way down ! The total cost of the trip is \$750. which includes everything round trip from New York except for personal expenses such as laundry, postcards, and refreshments not included in regular trip requirements.

The deadline for registering for this trip is April 15th so we aren't giving the name or address of the leader. However, if you are seriously interested, call the editor for further details. There may be a space left on that plane.

If you can't go to Europe to climb mountains, why not climb Killington or Mansfield ?



PASS IT ALONG, PLEASE

Enclosed with this issue of your SMOKE & BLAZES you will find a copy of Killington Section's new folder which contains information about the GMC in general and the Killington Section in particular. We know that you don't need this information but you may know someone who would be interested if he knew more about us. Will you try and think of such a person and see that he or she gets this folder? This would be a real service to our Section. Perhaps this seems like a small thing but the folder you pass along may be just the one that brings us a new member. If you know of more good prospects additional folders are available from SMOKE & BLAZES headquarters at 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vt.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun., May 28 - 29
 Place - Long Trail Lodge - Sat.
 Killington or) Sun.
 Sunnyside)

This is a big GMC week-end. The Annual Meeting of the main Club will be held Saturday, May 28th, at Long Trail Lodge. You have just received details on this meeting in your LONG TRAIL NEWS. Here is a chance for a pleasant and interesting day. You will meet members from other Sections, hear what is going on in those Sections, learn of the business of your parent Club,

and have an opportunity to offer your ideas and suggestions on that business if you wish. Beside all this dinner and supper will be available at The Lodge and there will be an interesting evening program. If you can't be with us for the whole day consult your NEWS for times and activities and join us for whatever part of the day you prefer. GMC members come as much as 250 miles to attend this meeting. Killington Section members are only 10 miles away. Don't miss this opportunity.

On Sunday Killington Section will act as hosts on two hikes; one to Killington; the other to Sunnyside. Since this is a three day week-end you'll still have Monday to do those odd jobs you've been saving up, so take your choice of destinations but plan to come along Sunday.

Time - Sat., June 11 - 7:30 A.M.
 Place - Buck Mt., Lake George, N.Y.

This will be our first hiking visit to New York State and should prove interesting. We will meet and hike with members of the Glens Falls group of the Adirondack Club. This is a sort of return visit as a number of this group came over for our scheduled Killington hike last spring (rained out!); hiked with us to Bird Mt., in the fall and attended our Sugar Party.

Please note that the date is a change from that appearing on your schedule card - we go on Saturday, June 11th instead of

Sunday, June 12th. Note also the starting time - 7:30 A.M. from Meldon School. We are to meet the Glens Falls group at 9:30 A.M. at the point where the West Fort Ann turn-off meets Route 9L. Mr. Cary has provided us with an excellent map and directions for reaching this point.

Buck Mt. is on the east side of Lake George and affords an excellent view. This is pretty country and it will be a nice drive as well as an interesting and rewarding hike. Some who do not wish to hike might like to bring their picnic lunch and come along for the ride. You'll be sorry if you miss this one.

A NICE IDEA

We understand that Ray Catozzi paid a visit to Clarendon Lodge recently and did a little clean-up work. The results of his efforts were very apparent to those who went there for the Pan-Cake Breakfast. Everything was in perfect order, both inside and out. It appeared that even the door-yard had been swept! It's amazing how much a clean-up job will do for the general attractiveness of a shelter.

We feel too that keeping our shelters looking as though we cared about them may have some influence on the attitude toward them of others who use them. Thanks Ray, for a good job.

NEW SHELTERS CHAIRMAN

Jack Martin has consented to take on the job of Shelters Chairman for Killington Section for the remainder of the year. We feel lucky to have been able to find such a good replacement for "Van". Jack will be living in Rutland after July 1st. This will make it easier for him and Jan and Carol to hike with us.

IT'S SCHOOL TIME FOR BIRDS

Did you know that birds spend about three months of their average three year lives on schooling? According to an article by Robert S. Lemmon in the June issue of FLOWER GROWER they do and the summer months are school-time for young birds.

What do young birds have to learn? 'Safety-first' for one thing. "By the time fair sized pin-feathers have developed, any young robin has learned to 'freeze' at a danger signal from its parents and remain motionless until the all-clear comes.

To leave the nest and fly off on their own is another lesson. This is often accomplished by vocal encouragement and demonstration. The parent birds fly back and forth about the nest until one after another the young birds decide to try their wings. Sometimes an over-timid young one has to be almost pushed out.

Once out of the nest the young birds start learning to find and get their own food. Up to now they have received it via free-delivery from their parents. At first they lack the urge to get food for themselves but they tag along and soon learn by imitation. Mr. Lemmon notes interesting variations in the methods of different species. For example, he has observed that woodpeckers bring only one bird at a time to a feeder for training, while fowl-like birds will scratch among the leaves and issue a general call to 'come and get it'.

Finally when the parent birds feel their young are ready to shift for themselves they refuse further assistance.

These are some of the many interesting things going on right around us which most of us never take time to observe. Why not watch some of the birds nesting near your home and check on their learning cycle for yourselves? It could be fun for the whole family.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER AND VICINITY

Nine hikers including Carol Martin in her father's pack-basket hiked in to Governor Clement Shelter Sunday, May 1st.

It was the first day of fishing so we didn't expect to see too many hikers. The quality crew showed up and trail clearing was done from the upper road in Shrewsbury to Governor Clement Shelter and from the Shelter up the south side of Killington about two miles or more. No serious damage to the Trail was in evidence and it is hoped that the rest of the Section's Trail will be as easy to clear.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This annual affair really started on Friday afternoon when members went in to Clarendon Lodge to gather firewood etc. Surprise, surprise ! A big pile of dry wood and the place all slicked up for company. About nine P.M. there arrived three boys from Wallingford !!! on horseback. (I told you you should have been there, girls !)

At daylight the Wallingford boys took off for home, and the dawn patrol waited for the early risers to come in for breakfast. They waited, and waited. Finally they went back to bed for another snooze. At last five breakfasters straggled in making a total of seven. What's the matter gang ?

After everything in sight had been eaten up, we started for the Gorge and the bridge project. The new lumbering job near the Clarendon Lodge cuts across the Trail at only one point so far and is not a problem. We went out by way of the Trail to check and all is well.

The tools and equipment were

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carried down from the cars to the river and the actual site for the bridge selected. There was plenty of water still pouring through the Gorge and the bridge idea looked a little doubtful.

By this time the warm sun was out and the girls started the sunbath routine while Joe Hadeka, Barnett Bell, and Craigie Perkins concentrated on the bridge.

Two daring adventurers waded across the river, cut an eighteen foot log and lugged it down to the water's edge. A rope-end was thrown over, and all hands pulled the end of the log across.

After lunch two more logs were cut and placed, making a bridge wide enough to cross with your eyes shut. In fact that is the most satisfactory way to cross.

As a temporary measure, about five hundred pounds of rocks were piled on each end of the bridge to hold it down in case of flood. Soon chains or cables will be attached.

An inspection trip was made to the Ol' Swimmin' Hole a few rods below the bridge. It is a fine spot for a dip on a hot summer's day.

What started out as a pancake breakfast turned into a long day of working and sunning. The only disappointing feature of the outing was that nobody fell into the river.

Please note in THE LONG TRAIL NEWS the request of the publicity chairman, Louise Goeres, for black and white pictures of hiking groups in action, to be used for publicity purposes promoting The Green Mountain Club. If you haven't any pictures, get out your camera and take a few on the next hike. Send them to Miss Goeres at Glen Place, N. Haledon, N. J.

TIMELY WORDS OF YESTERYEAR

On September 12th, 1931 The Green Mountain Club held a birthday party at Long Trail Lodge celebrating the termination of 21 years of the Club's existence. Three hundred persons were present. They listened to speakers and took part in the day's events.

Governor Stanley C. Wilson of Vermont, was one of the speakers. He received greetings that were brought over the Trail from the Governor of Massachusetts and the Prime Minister of Quebec.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher of Arlington, Vt., the distinguished novelist and author, addressed the group. In her talk she answered the time worn question of "Why do people climb mountains?"

She said in part, "The struggle of the human race has been to conquer material obstacles. The machine age, together with citylife, has cut that out of human beings. Therefore it is necessary for people to get a vacation from sophistication and find some material obstacles to conquer."

In answer to "Why The Long Trail?" she replied, "It offers city people a chance to get out in the open and breathe pure air."

"Another great necessity of human life is that of silence. Modern life has almost no silence what with radios, automobiles and all the noises of city life. It has been discovered that excessive noises, even though they do not awaken the sleeper, lessen the value of sleep so that he does not get the needed rest. The sleep that one gets on The Long Trail is the sort of sleep that refreshes."

"Another thing which you get on The Long Trail is the sense of having plenty of room around you - spaciousness. That has a lot of value through life. If packed too closely with their

fellowmen, people develop nervous difficulties.

"Then you have not only the spaciousness of space, but you have the spaciousness of time. All modern life is a slave to the clock. We have to catch trains, we have to be at the office, the bank and school. One of the two eyes is always fixed on the clock. The relaxation that comes from an existence of a few days - a few weeks where there is no clock is a real vacation."

"Then there is another element. You know the human race is gregarious, and cannot bear to be alone, but we need to get away occasionally and have time to think. Hiking on The Long Trail gives us time to think."

"Then another thing - there is no buying or selling on The Long Trail. In this modern day there is a cry of "money, money" all the time and incidentally we come to have the feeling that everything is measured by it and we can't get anything without having it. On The Long Trail human values are not cash values and there you can go 24 hours without shopping."

"Finally, the moral value of The Long Trail is that it is a sort of retreat, where one can recognize the value of spiritual life - an occasional retreat - a retreat from the material side of life, where we will have an opportunity to feel deeper things, which the average modern life, active as it is, does not offer. How can a man who is always hurrying to catch a train have time for spiritual values?"

"Human beings need that stirring of the soul that comes from a mystic experience. A trip on The Long Trail gives time for the stirrings of those deeper parts of your nature, which is one of the goals of life."

All this is a true today as it was in 1931 when Mrs. Fisher spoke at the GMC birthday party.



COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., June 25 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Little Rock Pond

Here's another old favorite, at its best in azalea time. Photographers will find plenty of beauty spots to take, swimmers may enjoy a swim, hikers will enjoy an easy, leisurely hike, and there should be winter wrens and yellow-bellied sapsuckers for the bird-lovers. Sometimes a different way back is nice to provide variety, and that can be arranged.

Time - July 2 - 4
Place - Mansfield Area

Another July camping trip is being planned, with a chance for would-be End-To-Enders to complete another log on the length of The Long Trail, and for all to enjoy the hiking along this particularly fascinating part of Vermont.

Members will camp at the public campground on the eastern side of the mountain. The general plan is to go from the road as far as the hotel by Trail and take the lift down the first day; take the lift up and go down to Lake Mansfield the second day; and from Lake Mansfield do the 12½ miles to Bolton on the third day. There may be a car available on top for some to ride down on the first night. Anyone

who wishes might vary the program by staying at the hotel on Saturday night, to see a sunset and sunrise from the top, and have more time for the fascinating trails that lead off The Long Trail.

Non-hikers or those who just want short hikes, can find plenty of variety by taking the lift to the top, and taking any of the trails, easy, medium, or hard, that give such wonderful lookouts from the top and side of the mountain.

Botanists and bird lovers will enjoy the mountain fauna and flora, that differ from those of most of our hikes in many respects. One of the delights of Mount Mansfield is the Bicknell thrush chorus at twilight.

There is endless variety possible in this weekend, as the first two days allow time for extras. A short side trip up the Adams Apple on the first day up, gives some nice views. A side trip up the nose is lots of fun. Many will want to go down to the Cave of the Winds. So be prepared for a grand weekend with a maximum of views and a variety of hikes.

NEW SCHEDULES COMING SOON

The next Outing Schedule which you will receive with your July SMOKE & BLAZES is now in the planning stage. If there are outings you would especially like to have included get in touch with Outing Chairman, Betty Ball and let your wishes be known. Your suggestions are always welcome.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Dr. E. E. Johnson
Minerva Hinchey
Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Locke
Allegro Milano
Paul B. Newcomb
Jean Whitcomb

ANNUAL MEETING

The GMC Annual Meeting held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, May 28 proved to be, as always, an interesting and enjoyable day.

Coffee Hour at 10 A.M. was the starting point bringing together again many hiking friends who had not seen each other since the last Annual Meeting or Intersectional.

At 11 A.M. the business meeting got underway with reports of activities from the various Sections represented, - one of the highlights.

The dinner recess provided a further opportunity for renewing acquaintances and exchanging news and ideas.

We are not reporting here the business in detail as that will be given in your next issue of THE LONG TRAIL NEWS, however, the meeting continued in the afternoon with further items of interest regarding the Club's activities and plans.

At the close of the general meeting, while the Trustees were in session, some members took short hikes while others enjoyed relaxing and visiting on the Chalet porch.

After a Baked Bean Supper, the group reassembled in the Chalet where Mrs. Lillian Lodge entertained with a showing of excellent colored slides taken on her recent western trip.

We regretted that there were not more Killington Section members present to share in this important main club activity. Plan now to attend next year so that you may get to know your Club.

THE KILLINGTON TRIP

On May 29th eight members of The Green Mountain Club took the annual hike to Killington Peak. As usual we took along a saw and axe for from past experience we knew there would be some blow-downs to clear. The trail up Pico was very good due to the hard work of Miss Parmenter.

Pico shelter is in good condition for such an old camp, offering good water, firewood, and a solid roof to keep one dry. From here to Killington the brush and small evergreens got more dense and we all agreed that the Killington Section would have to spend one and possibly two days clearing there this summer.

Jim Green, of the Worcester Section, did all the work cutting out blow-downs. We tried to get him to shift off but all he would say is "No matter where I go there is always something for me to do, and I guess it is too late for me to change."

We arrived at Cooper Lodge in good season and were greeted with a very messed up camp which is usually the rule in the spring of the year. But with a couple of trips to the dump with tin cans, and a good sweep down, the place looked much better.

After a good hearty meal, some of the group rested and others hiked to the summit where they got about one minute to see the view, then the clouds closed in.

At Pico Shelter, on the way home, we said "Goodbye, see you in August at the Intersectional." to the Worcester Section members who planned to stay overnight on top of Pico.

We continued on down Pico to our waiting cars, and none too soon, for in just a few moments the heaviest thunder shower of the year poured down from the black clouds. We were glad to be out of the woods.

Churchill Scott.

SUNNYSIDE

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The start of the Sunnyside trip on May 29, the day following the Annual Meeting, at first seemed to indicate that a very small group would enjoy the Outing. However, additions appeared by ones, twos, threes, and fours, until the final count in the hike register was 20.

The weather was fine until mid-afternoon with a good breeze, always especially welcome at this season for its discouraging effect on the black flies.

The first contingent finally left from Meldon School numbering 13, with 12 deciding to take the short route in and 1 electing to hike the Long Trail route, via the Gorge.

Arrived at Sunnyside, after a short, pleasant walk, we were happily surprised to find that since our last visit, about 1/3 of the bunk floor had been laid, the table had been repaired, and the doors put in their summer position.

While some hiked over to see the view and cool their feet in the Lake, others collected wood and water and started a fire in the out-door fireplace.

During the lunch hour the second section arrived consisting of "the Larry Deans" and 5 Buchanans. The certain fellowship which exists among hikers was demonstrated by the youngest set, Carol Martin and Bruce Buchanan, who seemed greatly to enjoy each other's company.

The last hiker to arrive brought the sad news that the recently placed bridge over Mill River had completely disappeared. The heavy rain of the previous week had evidently been too much for it. So that little(?) job has to be done over again!

The party broke up early as "The Deans" and the "Roy Buchanans" were leaving for an Appalachian Trails meeting in New Hampshire;

some were returning to Massachusetts that afternoon; and others were going back to the Perkins' Camp for the night. "The Andy Buchanans" and Bob and David Perkins made the return trip by Long Trail to the Gorge. We understand the afternoon shower caught up with them, and also that they can substantiate the evidence that the bridge across the river is gone!

These Post-Annual Meeting Outings are always a lot of fun, bringing together, as they do, members from other sections. We are looking forward to seeing them all again at the Intersectional in August.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

After a few weeks stay at his home on Highland Ave., Michael Jennings has gone to the DeVRY Technical Institute in Chicago where he will study Electronics.

Dan Jennings Jr., is en route to San Francisco where he will be stationed at the Letterman Army Hospital. Dan recently received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Bob, Thelma, David, and Anne Perkins left recently after spending a vacation at 129 Bellevue Ave. From Rutland they headed for Los Angeles where Bob will begin work in a new position.

They are travelling by car and making it an extended camping trip. Having allowed about a month to complete the journey, they plan to visit places of interest along the way.

While in Vermont they took advantage of the opportunity to get in some trail hiking, visiting Sunnyside and Blue Ridge, and taking a week-end hiking and camping trip to Stratton Pond.

Bill Allard Jr., is vacationing from UVM Medical College at his home on East Washington Street.

BUCK MOUNTAIN TRIP

The acceptance of the invitation to hike with the Adirondack Mountain Club in the beautiful Lake George area brought together twenty-five persons, June eleventh, to climb Buck Mountain on the eastern side of the lake.

An overcast day added to the comfort of the climbers, at the same time giving a quiet panorama of continuous mountain outlines.

Fellows of all ages and interests at the foot of a mountain become of one age and desire, and sensitivity to the harmony of the green woods and gray slopes evokes the finest values in people as they go out together. To each his own delight, whether it was an awareness of the closeness and abundance of scarlet tangers to one resting on the trail, the relation of plant life to its surroundings, a small child's joy, or the final emergence of the summit, with its broad rocky top and fringes of graceful white cinquefoil, inviting rest and refreshment, or the exciting discovery on the down trail of a very rare orchid.

To those interested in plants this partial list may be useful:

Pinus resinosa, *Vaccinium pensylvanicum*, *Pyrola rotundifolia*, *Viburnum acerifolia*, *Sasparilla nudiflora*, *Aspidium marginale*, *Cornus cernua*, *Arctostaphylos*, *Diervilla lonicera*, *Woodsia ilvensis*, *Houstonia caerulea*, *Vaccinium canadense*, *Rosa blanda*, *Gaultheria procumbens*, *Myosotis stricta*, *Lysimachia quadrifolia*, *Vicia tetrasperma*, *Corydalis sempervirens*, *Spiraea latifolia*, *Comandra umbellata*, *Viola fimbriatula* and *Liparis liliifolia*.

Dorothy Wyman Kirk

THE CALL OF THE TRAIL

They've inveigled me back, and
they've taken my pack;
They've encircled my neck with a
collar;
With my bald plateau in a modish
chapeau
I trail the elusive dollar,
For the spell of the town has
settled me down
To the grind of the old treadmill,
But - the days and the nights on
the mountain heights !
Their spell is upon me still.
Now I've panted and pawed at a
mountain's facade
Till my hob-nails began to perspire
And wet and profane in a mist or
a rain
I've shivered a draft for the fire.
With a thirty-pound pack on a
desk-ruined back,
I've skidded on slippery rocks;
I've twisted my pins, put dents
in my shins,
Kicked porcupine quills through
my socks.

But I've knelt at her shrine, been
warmed by her wine,
And kissed by her quickening chill;
I'm a faithful knight of the
Mountain Sprite,
And her spell is upon me still.
So never you weep, Green Mountain
Bo-Peep,
Like the sheep, next summer will
find me
Beating it back by the Long Trail
track,
A-trotting my pack behind me.

Lew Evans

The above was taken from the December 1924 issue of THE GREEN MOUNTAIN NEWS. The next year, 1925 that paper changed its name to THE LONG TRAIL NEWS.

We don't know Mr. Evans but we like his poem and feel that the sentiments he expressed in 1924 are applicable in 1955.



COMING EVENTS
by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., July 31 - 10 A.M.
Place - C.V. Camp, Chittenden

Here's a chance to relax, swim, boat, picnic, and thoroughly enjoy a lazy, sociable day at the C.V. Camp with Eleanor Walkee in charge. Anyone who feels very energetic can climb to The Long Trail beyond Chittenden Dam or to Mt. Carmel.

We will leave from Meldon School as usual but join us at the camp any time if you prefer.

Time - Sat., Aug. 13 - 8 A.M.
Place - Lake George - Steamer Trip.

We were so impressed with beautiful Lake George on the Buck Mt. trip that we thought another trip in this area would be nice. A steamer trip on a hot summer day sounded good.

The steamer leaves the town of Lake George at 10:40 A.M. and returns at 4 P.M. The price is \$3 the round trip with half price for children 5 to 12 yrs. old and children under 5 yrs., free. Most of us will take picnic lunches to eat on the boat. There is a chance for a swim at the Park beach at Lake George after the return.

This outing is an innovation on our schedule and affords a good opportunity for hikers and non-hikers to enjoy a pleasant day together.

KILLINGTON SECTION TO STAFF
GMC BOOTH AT FAIR

The Publicity Committee of our main club has decided to sponsor a GMC booth at the Rutland Fair this year. We often receive reports that many people - even right here in Rutland - have never heard of GMC and The Long Trail! It is hoped that this booth at the Fair will be a step toward changing this situation. Killington Section has agreed to arrange a display and to staff this booth. Mary Perkins has been appointed as chairman of the project.

If a number of people will each assist a little in this activity the burden on anyone will be very light. Have you a day or a half-day during Fair week which you would be willing to donate? Mary would appreciate it if you would call her (Tel. 3-7954) and arrange for a time to be 'on duty'.

We hope this will prove to be a worthwhile activity for GMC and we know it will be an interesting experience for those who participate.

BOARD MEETING HELD

A meeting of the Ex. Board was held Wednesday evening, June 29, at Craigie Perkins' home.

The first item of business was the adoption of the new Outing Schedule as planned by Outing Ch., Betty Ball.

Methods of acquiring slides to start our recently planned Killington Section collection was

discussed with Photography Ch., Jan Catozzi. Jan feels that there is plenty of material available and it is largely a matter of contacting members having slides and making selections.

Plans for the Fair booth to be sponsored by the main club and planned and staffed by Killington Section were discussed.

Possible solutions for the problem of The Trail crossing of Mill River at the Gorge were considered but no conclusion was reached. This is a real problem and practical suggestions to aid in its solution would be heartily welcomed.

We missed the several board members who were unable to be present for various good reasons and appreciated the attendance and suggestions of those who could come.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Edith Ewald went out to Estes Park for a National Conference and reports that "it is an interesting setting for anything one may want to do." The card received showed the highest point on the Trail Ridge Road, Rocky Mt. National Park, Colorado - elevation 12,133 ft!

Charles and Patty Sabourin with daughter, Mary Pat, are expected to arrive in Rutland on Saturday for a vacation. They are driving east from their home in Decatur, Illinois.

Word has been received that the Bob Perkins family have arrived at their new location, Los Angeles, California.

YOUR NEW OUTING SCHEDULES
ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE.

LITTLE ROCK POND

Saturday, June 25th, was an ideal day for the Little Rock Pond outing. Arrived at Heldon School for the 'take-off', we were pleased to find four friends from the Glens Falls ADK group on hand to accompany us.

After a pleasant, scenic drive via Danby and Mt. Tabor, we left our cars at the usual spot, where The Long Trail leaves the highway, and were soon enjoying the cool, winding path along the brook which leads to Little Rock Pond. Although we missed the profusion of wild-flower blossoms which can usually be found along here earlier in the season, this is always a pleasant, easy trail, well lined with ferns and woods greens of various kinds and including several attractive brook crossings.

Arrived at Little Rock Pond we found two campers on a hiking vacation who had come through from the Long Trail Lodge. They had done a re-building job on the outdoor fireplace and everything in and around the camp was in excellent condition. Although they reported the need for work on some parts of our Trail, they seemed to be enjoying their vacation.

After lunch one of our junior members took a swim in the pond but the rest of us were well content with a sunning on the rocks.

We left, reluctantly, late in the afternoon, taking the trail around the other side of the pond on our return trip. On our way out we met a party of five coming in, apparently equipped for at least an overnight stay.

Little Rock Pond is a deservedly popular spot and no hiking season is quite complete without a visit to it.

July Fourth Week End

This year was the fourth in the Killington Section's Independence Day series of hikes on The Long Trail.

On Friday afternoon four of us went into camp at the State Camp Ground in Smugglers Notch.

After the tents were set up, we had supper, then decided to hike that portion of the Trail that follows the highway in the Notch.

Saturday morning Ray Catozzi pulled in early in his new station wagon. As soon as we got organized we started south on The Long Trail from where it leaves the highway. The Trail was good and the grade moderate. When we reached Taft Lodge we met three Killington Sectionettes who had been birding the mountain top.

From Taft we climbed the Chin of Mansfield and met mists coming in from the west. It soon brought enough rain to soak the party thoroughly. Worst of all, there was only one brief view enjoyed just before we reached the top of the Lift. This was an easy day.

On Sunday morning we took the Chair Lift back up the Mountain to continue on The Trail from where we left off the night before. It was a bright, warm day at the Camp Ground but at the top of the Lift it was twenty degrees cooler, with mist again that persisted until we reached Butler Lodge. There we had lunch.

The Trail from Butler to Taylor was freshly cleared, (Thank you, Roy), Taylor, situated on the edge of a cliff overlooking Lake Mansfield, is one of the sightliest camps on The Trail. No trouble at all getting down to the Trout Club and the cars we had parked there the night before.

Monday was the big day. We

hit the approach trail from the Trout Club at eight o'clock and didn't come out at the Winooski River till six fifteen.

Right after leaving Taylor we began to run into many blow-downs left by last year's hurricanes. After the top of Mayo was passed the Trail was better but very bushy with few blazes. We didn't mind the climb too much and there were several good lookouts.

The new Puffer Lodge is still under construction but usable, and has a very good location. We had lunch here.

From the top of Belton Mountain at elevation 3725 we began the long, long down grade to the Winooski at elevation 342. A few more blow-downs and we finally reached the upper end of a good lumber road that leads out to civilization. For several miles this road follows Joiner Brook with many good swimming and fishing spots.

This day we covered twelve and one half miles but everybody arrived in very good condition.

And right ahead of us stood Camel's Hump just waiting for our Independence Day hike next year.

A REMINDER

The big GMC Intersectional is coming August 20th and 21st. It is to be held at a campsite in Danby, Vermont.

Look for complete details in your August issue of LONG TRAIL NEWS.

An interesting camping and hiking program has been planned so why not save those dates for this important Club activity.

We hope for a big showing of Killington Section members. If you can't attend for the two days, come for as long as you can. You'll be welcome.

THE STORY OF THE LITTLE STOVE THAT WENT TO KILLINGTON

I was born in Tennessee. I was put in a crate and dumped in a big red box with a lot of other crates and bags and boxes. For a long time the big red box shook me and banged me around. Then they opened the door and put me in a smaller green box that went faster and smelled worse. Soon I was unloaded onto a concrete floor.

Some jerk with a hammer and wrench came and took off my crate. He then loosened a few bolts here and there, and suddenly I collapsed into a pile of sixty-five pieces.

After a few days some men came with sacks and put some of me in each one. We rode for a while and then the men started to walk with me on their backs. I wonder why we went so slowly?

After hours and hours I was dumped out again on a stone floor, and the men said "Whew!" and "Gosh!" etc.

Then they tried to put me together again. The men did a lot of talking and all of them said they knew just how to do it, but I don't think they were very smart at all. After a long time and much banging, I was declared to be ready for use.

Just let me describe myself briefly. I am just like a regular cook stove only smaller. I have four griddles and an oven with two doors. My friends tell me I am not at all bad looking. I am a good heater and a very good cook.

You should come up and see me some time before some chowder head kicks me in the fire box.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Today there are 28 National Parks and 85 National Monuments.

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They have become a necessity to the American way of life and have become more and more precious to the American people. In spite of this, their custodian, the Congress of the United States is sadly neglecting them.

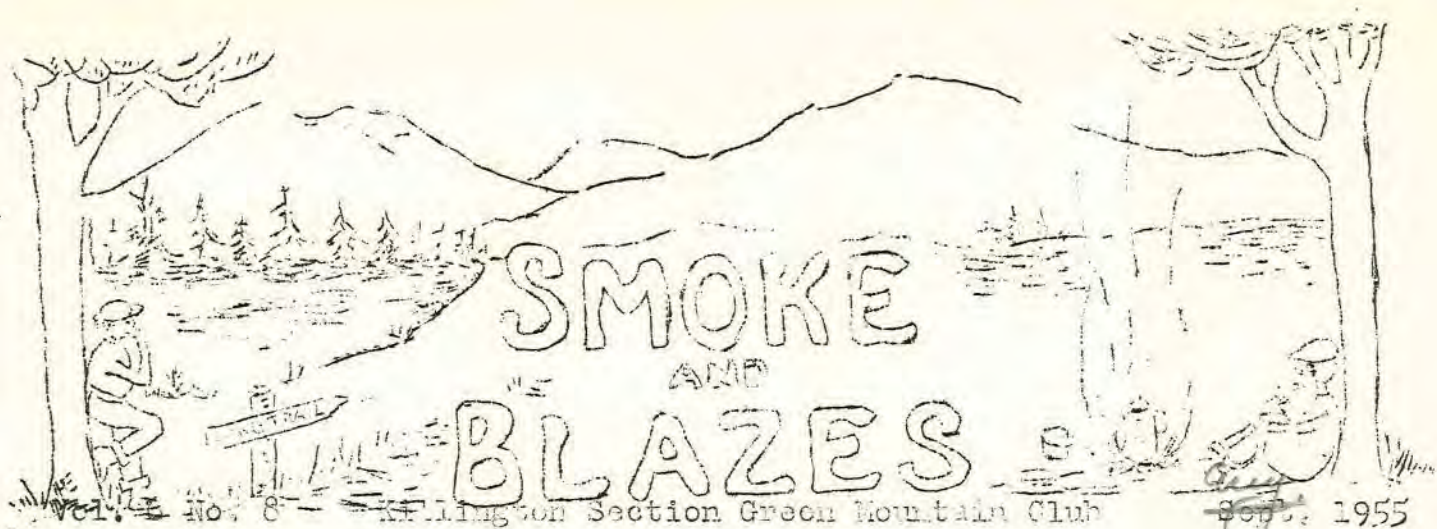
In recent years Congress has made about \$30 million available annually to the National Park Service. Last year 48 million people visited our Parks and Monuments. The amount of money allowed to service this project comes to less than one dollar per visitor of the areas discussed. This is not enough to keep the facilities of the parks in good repair, or pay for enough rangers to properly supervise them and insure the comfort and safety of the tourists. So lacking in manpower is the Service that it is estimated that at least \$500,000 is lost annually because there are not enough rangers to man fee-collecting points on a full time basis.

Buildings and grounds in many of the parks are deteriorating, roads are falling into disrepair, utilities are inadequate, and sanitary conditions are sometimes appalling. Recently the Public Health Service has threatened to close Yosemite because of substandard sewage.

Is it the plan of Congress to let the National Parks and Monuments deteriorate so far that Mr. and Mrs. America could no longer use them and they (the parks) could then be sold to private enterprise?

These lands were to be protected for all time so that future generations of Americans could enjoy them. Today because of lack of proper supervision they are being vandalized and in some places stripped of their treasures. Souvenir hunters carry off unusual rock formations, chip off pieces of stalagmite from caves, and even carve their names on Indian pictographs.

Something should be done about all this. It's up to Mr. and Mrs. Citizen.



COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. & Sun. Aug. 20 - 21
Place - Danby - Intersectional

Consult your recent LONG TRAIL NEWS for details on this. As you will find there, a number of interesting activities are being planned. This is an opportunity to take part in any of these which interest you as well as a chance to meet and exchange Trail news with members from other Sections. The Saturday night Campfire is a highlight of these meetings. When the count from 'Sections represented' is taken let's have the Killington number well toward the top of the list.

Time - Sat., Sept. 4 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Perkins Camp - Mendon

The special purpose of this outing is to collect and arrange greens in the booth which GMC is sponsoring at the Rutland Fair.

We will meet at Meldon School as usual and proceed to Camp where we will collect the needed greens. After a picnic lunch, to be eaten at Camp, the plan is to take our greens to the Fairgrounds and arrange them as a background for our booth.

Bring your lunch and join us for any part of this activity. The Club will supply coffee, as usual. This outing should be a good combination of work and fun.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Last month in SMOKE & BLAZES we stated that the problem of the crossing of Mill River at Clarendon Gorge was unsolved and said suggestions would be welcomed.

Imagine our delight when someone came forward with a suggestion and volunteered to carry it out!

Emile Boselli has drawn a detailed plan and figured requirements for building a suspension bridge. A Board meeting was called to consider the idea and he was authorized to go ahead with it.

This may sound easy but it is a big job running to about \$300 for materials and an enormous amount of labor. Emile has volunteered to supply most of the labor, but he will need a few hands occasionally. It is up to Killington Section to supply the funds.

We can all help in some way on this worthwhile project. Let's get set to respond to the call for assistance when it comes.

PERSONNEL FOR FAIR BOOTH

Plans for the GMC booth at the Fair are going forward. Chairman, Mary Perkins, has the following people signed up to take a turn at being in attendance: Ruth Postman, Betty Ball, Eleanor Walker, Janet Martin, Leone Smith, and Craigue and Vera Perkins.

Drop in and visit us when you are on the grounds.

NOW IS THE TIME

Now is the time to start seriously collecting material for our annual Rummage Sale. The proceeds this year will be especially ear-marked for our new bridge project.

Don't stop with assembling material from your own closets, cupboards, attics, and cellars. Call your relatives, friends, and neighbors, and get your word in early for some of their discards.

Remember, there will probably be the usual crop of fall Rummage Sales. 'Let's get there firstest with the mostest'.

C.V. CAMP - CHITTENDEN

An outstanding feature of this outing since it first appeared on our schedule in July 1952, has been the perfect weather for such an event which we have had each time. This year proved no exception and the tradition still held good.

Sunday, July 31st was hot and sunny. We were glad to reach the Pond where a good breeze kept the porches cool, while the water was just right for swimming, as the early arrivals at once discovered.

New arrivals for lunch and in the early afternoon swelled our original small number somewhat, but we were amazed that more people did not avail themselves of this opportunity.

The afternoon passed quickly with swimming, boating, and the 'rocking chair' sport of comparing the relative merits of the HERALD TRIBUNE vs THE TIMES - especially the advertisements.

Some left in the late afternoon while others stayed on for a picnic supper. As we returned to the heat of town we were more appreciative than ever of our pleasant day at Chittenden Pond. Too bad you missed it!

SAVE THESE DATES

September 17, and October 1 and 15 are the dates for our annual fall series-hikes, covering a consecutive section of The Long Trail.

The idea of this series originated in 1951 when Outing Ch., Charlotte Rutkowski (now Keenan) scheduled a series of three hikes covering the entire Killington Section.

Since that time these hikes have been arranged alternately north and south of our section. We have several members who have achieved 100 % attendance and so have hiked The Trail from Boyce Shelter, north of Middlebury Gap, to Mad Tom Shelter, about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. north of the Manchester - Peru road. This is a Trail distance of 76.3 mi. (Bet you didn't know you'd walked that far!). The actual mileage travelled is more because of approach trails used. This just goes to show what can be accomplished by a regular, scheduled activity.

This year's series will cover from Mad Tom to The Grout Job, adding a Trail distance of 21.9 miles.

These are all Saturday hikes, so planned to enable us to make the desirable early starts. You will get more details on the individual hikes in the next issue, but this will serve as an advance reminder so you can save the dates. If you missed the others, start now.

NO BOAT TRIP

The rain on Saturday, Aug. 13th, probably brought on by CONNIE, forced the cancellation of the Lake George Steamer trip. We had looked forward to this outing which was a new feature on our schedule and were disappointed that it had to be given up. We hope this trip will be scheduled again next summer.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD

A special meeting of the Executive Board was held Monday evening, August 8th.

This meeting was called primarily to consider the proposed Gorge bridge over Mill River. This project was adopted.

Craigie Perkins reported a recent trip to Killington to set window glass, and a trip over The Trail from Clarendon Gorge to Sunnyside. This piece of trail had been reported as in very bad condition. Craigie stated that there were several blowdowns and the trail needed brushing out, but it was in passable shape.

Shelter Ch., Jack Martin, reported a recent visit to Clarendon Lodge.

Other matters considered were use of the Section's leaflet, YOU'D BE INTERESTED, and plans for the completion of Sunnyside this fall.

The good attendance at this meeting was very much appreciated. Only Vice Pres., Bill Allard, was missing. Bill works nights this summer so his absence was unavoidable.

TRY THIS ONE

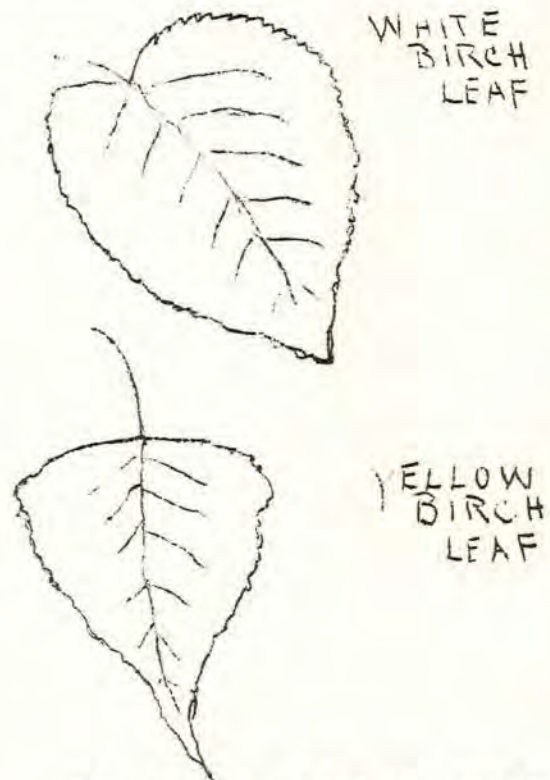
We were told the other day that Maidenhair fern could be picked, flattened out between the pages of a heavy magazine or book, placed in the attic or some other dry place and forgotten about until sometime next winter when a little green for a bouquet would be most welcome. Then, so the story goes, you may get out your Maidenhair fern, put it in water and watch it plump up to practically its natural state.

This would be quite easy to test out. Why doesn't someone try it and let us know the result?

A BIT ABOUT BIRCHES

We seem to remember that sometimes on a hike there has been some discussion as to whether a certain tree was a white birch or a gray birch.

The other day we came across this simple means of identification. It seems that the shape of the leaves is quite different. The base line of the white birch leaf curves away on each side from the stem, while the gray birch leaf has a triangular outline with the stalk in the middle of a flat base line.



If you are still in doubt after examining the leaf, rub your hand over the bark. The white birch will leave a white, powdery, substance on your hand.

Let's check on this sometimes when we are in the woods. It might be that many of the trees we've been calling white birch are really gray birch.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

This is the season when the fields and roadsides are bright with late summer and early fall wildflowers. The names of many of these are familiar to us but perhaps less well known is the interesting derivation of some of these common names.

A little browsing in a most interesting book, John Kieran's, AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURE, yielded the following interesting theories on name origins.

JOE-PYE WEED

Joe Pye was supposed to have been an Indian Medicine Man who became friendly with the early colonists in Massachusetts and cured various of their ills with this plant.

GENTIAN

Named for King Gentius of Illyria, (now known as Albania and Yugoslavia). He reigned in the 2nd Century B.C. and is recorded in herbal history as the original discoverer of the medicinal value of these plants.

Most of us know these attractive blue flowers, both the Bottled or Closed and the Fringed Gentian, although we don't run onto them in the woods as often as we would like.

SNAKEROOT

This name comes from the old belief that an infusion made from the root of the plant was a cure for the ill effects of a poisonous snake bite.

BONESET (THOROUGHWORT)

About this one Mr. Kieran points out that the leaves are completely joined at the base and the stem appears to grow right through the leaves. The name THOROUGHWORT appears to apply to this habit of the stem

growing 'thorough' or 'through the leaf'. Of the name BONESET there are various explanations. One was that herb doctors believed that plants with united leaves would aid in uniting fractured bones. Another was that infusions from these leaves were supposed to be good for the 'break-bone' fever of warm climates. At any rate 'Boneset tea' made from these leaves, dried, was a standard home remedy for colds and fevers in New England in olden times.

GERARDIAS

Named for John Gerard, a great English botanist who published his famous HERBALL or GENERAL HISTORIE OF PLANTS back in 1597, and included in it such helpful hints as that the juice of an onion rubbed on a bald head in the sun, 'bringeth the hair again very speedily', and the juice of the Daisy, 'given to little dogs with milke, keepeth them from growing great'."

LOOSESTRIPE

"Creatures fed on these plants would 'lose strife' and become peaceful. It was fed to yokes of oxen to make them work in harmony."

SOAPWORT (BOUNCING BET)

A lather can be made from the leaves of this one if crushed in water. In rural England in olden times it was used for washing.

FIREWEED - so named because it springs up on land which has been burned over and MILKWEED, named from the milky substance in the pods are familiar name origins.

This is only a small sampling of the interesting material to be found in this book and we recommend it to anyone who would like to become better acquainted with some of the common birds, flowers, and trees.



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COMING EVENTS

LONG TRAIL SERIES HIKES

by
Betty Ball

Time - Saturdays, Sept. 17

Oct. 1

Oct. 15

Place - The Long Trail - Grout
Job to Mad Tom Shelter

Again we will pace off another 22 miles of The Long Trail, most of it new to us, to make us nearer to becoming End-to-Enders. This fall's hikes will bring us well down toward the Massachusetts line. We hope some Bennington Section members will be able to join us.

SATURDAY - SEPT. 17 - 7:00 A.M.

This one needs an early start, since it's a long trip, about thirteen miles, but it's easy grade all the way. The first part to Stratton Pond is an old favorite, but the hike on to Bourne Pond, and Prospect Rock will be new. At Prospect Rock we'll get a fine view.

Since this is such a full day's trip it seemed best not to plan a long enough lunch stop to make coffee, so bring your **thermo for your lunchtime beverage.**

SATURDAY - OCT. 1 - 8:00 A.M.

This hike will be shorter, about 7½ miles, and should be a

beautiful one. We follow a brook, then ascend Spruce Peak, descending to Prospect Rock again, and out to Manchester Depot. Fall foliage should be good so bring your cameras.

SATURDAY - OCT. 15 - 8:30 A.M.

Here's an easy one, only 5½ miles, but it includes Bromley Mt. We'll start at Mad Tom Shelter and come out on Route 11. Best view will be about a half-mile the other side of Bromley.

BRIDGE PROJECT STARTED

Emile Boselli wasted no time in getting started on the suspension bridge over Mill River at "the Gorge", and has already completed the first steps in its construction. Hikers who have had to wade the river this summer will be glad to hear this.

SECOND REMINDER

Time for the **RUMAGE SALE** is drawing near. We need an especially successful sale this year to aid in financing the Bridge Project. What we **want** is a big supply of things to sell - we always have plenty of customers. We're depending on each of you to furnish our stock.

The date and final details will be in the October **SMOKE & BLAZES**, but don't wait for **that**. Start collecting now and keep at it. We need everyone's help.

THE FAIR BOOTH PROJECT

The September 3rd hike to gather branches for trimming the GMC booth at the Fair brought out twelve members and junior members. The weather was perfect and one group ate lunch in the woods while the other ate at camp. The actual gathering of the spruce bows was very easy with so much help.

About two o'clock all hands went to the Fair Grounds and set up the booth. In no time at all the plywood was hung, map put up, pictures displayed and tables and chairs in place.

Boys from Camp Sangamon in Pittsford had made a model of a lean-to that resembled the ones found on the Long Trail. This model was placed on a card table and added just the right touch of atmosphere to the booth.

Sunday afternoon the booth was opened up for the benefit of people roaming the grounds, and to develop a spiel for use the rest of the week.

During the week the following took turns manning the booth: Mary and Vera Perkins, Ruth Fostman, Leone Smith, Betty Ball, Janet Martin, and Craigie Perkins. Distribution was made of 800 flyers, 200 Long Trail Newses, 200 Short Trips folders, and 6 Guide Books. The latter were sold and the others given out with discretion.

The six feet high map of Vermont was the big attraction. The Long Trail and all shelters were clearly shown. About 300 separate parties were lured into the booth and given the story of the Trail and the Club.

The aluminum cook-kit, donated by Mrs. Lillian Lodge of the New York Section, was offered as the prize in a contest. The contestant had to give the correct answers to three true-or-false questions about the Trail

and the mountains. Then he estimated the weight of a light pack.

About 1000 questions were asked during the week, of about 500 contestants. 124 got their questions answered correctly, and Frank H. Kingsley Jr. of Whitehall, New York guessed 19 lbs. and 8 oz. on the weight of the pack which was exactly right. 110 guessers were high and only 13 low, which confirms the suspicion long held that the scales don't tell the truth about packs. Patty Claypool made the best guess of any Rutlander. The asking of questions kept people in the booth much of the time and that made other people stop to see what was going on.

The booth was located next to the Vermont and Federal Forest booths which were manned by representatives of those services. This gave an excellent opportunity to discuss many problems with them at leisure.

Leone Smith spoke over WGY and told about the GMC one noon-time at the invitation of the station. That sort of thing can't be bought.

A school teacher asked for folders for the use of her class studying about Vermont. She plans to have the slide collection at a PTA meeting.

Representatives of a hotel and three motels learned of the Trail as an attraction for their guests.

A surprising number of young people told us what parts of the Trail they had travelled. We suspect most of them never knew before how the Trail was maintained.

Last but not least, many old friends of the Club came in to say "Hello" and find out what was new.

Too bad we didn't have a recording machine in the booth. Here are some of the remarks made:

"What ! Ya hafta walk ?"

"Yeah, I helped build all them shelters."

"But couldn't a bear come right in?"

"Mister, if you want to catch a nice mess of trout just come up to ----- and ask for-----. Don't bring your boots 'cause they won't do any good. You'll be in mud up to your hips and water to your neck. Other folks turn back when it gets muddy but I don't, see?"

"Do you know where a man can rent a burro?"

"----- and this timber wolf jumped right on my boy's back."

"Where can I get a map like that?"

"I could hike the whole Trail in two weeks easy."

"What do you take with you?"

"Look, I live right there!"

"I carved this sword. Haven't got the teeth done yet. Figured I might as well be whittling as wasting my time."

"Good morning, we want you to know more about the Long Trail and the Green Mountain Club."

This last was repeated about 1000 times at least.

REPORT OF THE INTERSECTIONAL

Though August 20th and 21st were two of the hottest days we had this summer, 58 people attended the Intersectional held in the Danby-Mt Tabor area.

Fifteen of this number were from the Killington Section. We had hoped Killington would be represented by a larger number for this event is one of the Club's ways of uniting all the Sections into one big family.

The camping, the hiking, the campfire meeting, and the greeting of old friends all added up to an enjoyable week end.

Details will be written up in the Nov. LONG TRAIL NEWS.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

We are very glad to welcome 29 new Junior members into the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. We hope they along with our other junior members will get to know and enjoy our Club.

The following is the list of new members:

Richard Belcher
David Booraem
William Cleland
Gerald Coutts
Ronald Da'nillian
Richard Foltz
Charles Colovin
Robert Green
Thomas Hackett
Edward Hirst, Jr.
Bobbie Hume
James Leslie
Tom Lovely
Joel Lovering
Leigh Lovering
Teddy McIntire
Bill MacClarence
Butch Nichols
Dale Petersen
Jack Plum
Michael Price
Jon Provost
Joseph Reynolds
Jim Van Orden
Phillip Wood, Jr.
Donald Wroght
Thomas Raney
Marie Bell

HONESTY ON THE TRAIL

We are happy to report that honesty on the Trail prevails. During the past summer several valuable articles have been lost on the Trail, found by other hikers, and returned to the owners.

Now if we can educate all hikers to treat GMC shelters with due respect, we might say that we are on the road to an ideal situation.

EQUINOX BY CAR

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In view of the fact, that there are many hikers who for one reason or another sometime like to climb a mountain by car, let's take a trip up Equinox that way.

A short distance out of Manchester on route 7 there is a Toll House at the entrance of what is known as the Sky Line Drive to the top of Mt. Equinox. Toll-keepers are on hand to give information and sell you your ticket for the drive, which is \$3.00 per car. You may have as many passengers in your car as you wish.

The six and one-half mile ride up the toll road is easy to take for the road is never less than 24 feet wide and in many places is much wider. There are several parking places along the way where marvelous views may be enjoyed.

From the Toll House to the summit the road climbs approximately 3,200 feet in a distance of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This is a greater climb from entrance to summit than is made by any other toll road save one east of the Mississippi.

The story of how this road came to be made is interesting. Dr. J. G. Davidson, who has lived in California for many years, found something appealing about Vermont, its hills and valleys, and its people. In 1939 he bought a large tract of land on Mt. Equinox and later built a home in the gap known as Southeast Corners, at an elevation of 2,016 feet. He was obliged to improve the old wagon road in order to bring in materials for his house. After he was settled here, he often took a hike from his home in the gap up the rest of the mountain, 1800 feet to the top. One day he decided that a toll road could be built so that others, as well as himself, could enjoy the views from the summit. More land was acquired and in 1947 the road was finished from Route 7

to the top of Big Equinox, 3,816 feet above sea level.

At the summit there are fireplaces available for picnickers. There are also tables and benches and a fountain where clear, cool spring water may be obtained. Though there are no constant springs at or near the top, water is pumped from a never failing spring on the west side of the mountain through a pipe more than a mile long which rises vertically more than two thousand feet. The stream from this spring later on disappears into a cavern, the exit of which has never been discovered.

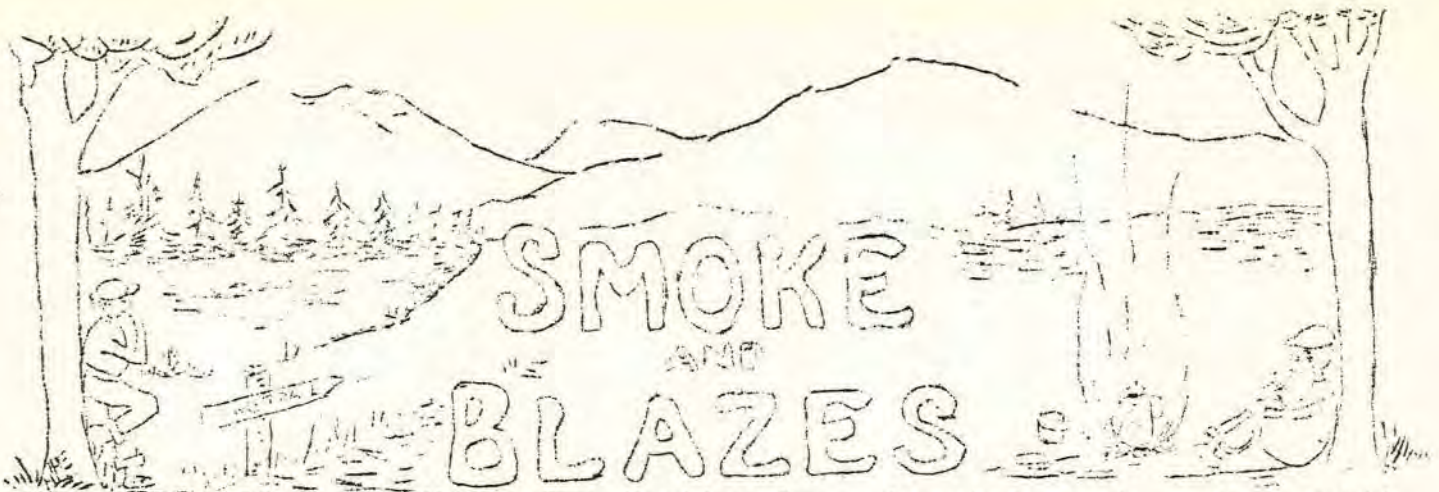
This trip would not be complete without a visit to Sky Line Inn so let's step inside and see a truly representative architectural model for plastic materials. Where ever plastics could be used, they were used.

The building houses a beautiful lounge, cocktail room, dining room, and guest rooms. Hotel service is maintained during the summer.

The hearths in front of the fireplaces in the dining room and lounge are of special interest. Many years ago it was a popular pastime to climb the mountain and carve one's name or initials in the soft rock that forms the summit. Many of the more legible carvings were cut out of the solid rock and used to build the hearths. The earliest inscription is dated 1776. The next one was carved 140 years ago by L. Brown in 1815. Most of the family names on the hearths are still well known in the Vermont valley.

At our Intersectional, when the thermometer registered close to 100, some smart folks took their mountain climbing by way of the Sky Line Drive to Equinox. They reported a grand day on top, while those of us who stayed below, sweated it out on the sun-baked camp grounds.

Next summer, when it's too hot to hike, climb Equinox by car.



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Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1955

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sun., Oct. 30 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Mad Tom Shelter to
Route 11

Originally planned for Oct. 15th, this hike was rained out. Since it completed our fall series-hikes, we were anxious to get it in and so have re-scheduled it. The trip over the Appalachian Trail from Long Trail Lodge to Gifford woods originally scheduled for this day will be given another date, possibly early in December.

We plan to leave Heldon School at 10:30 A.M. and have lunch at Mad Tom before starting the hike. This will give us ample time for the $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Route 11. This should be an interesting and not too difficult trip, so don't miss it.

Time - Saturday, Nov. 12
Place - Beechwood - Covered Dish
Supper

This is an earlier than usual date for our Covered Dish Supper, so planned to avoid a snowy road (we hope).

The house will be open anytime after 2 P.M. so that those who wish may enjoy an afternoon in the country and work up an appetite. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M.

If you plan to be there for

supper, please call Vera Perkins (3-2941) sometime during the week (before Sat. noon, please) and check on the number in your party and the food you are to bring. Remember to bring your own plate (we suggest a big one), cup, knife, fork, and spoon.

In the evening we hope to see some colored slides taken on recent trips by one of our members. In addition, if you have colored slides taken on The Trail in our section or on some of our outings, please bring them along. You might select 6 or 8 which you think would be good for a Killington Section collection. We will show as many of these as time permits and this will help Jan Catozzi to get our collection started.

You only have to be able to hike around the table and pick up your supper to be eligible for this one, so let's make it a representative get-together.

RUMMAGE SALE - FRIDAY, NOV. 4th

We now have our date for the Rummage Sale, Friday, Nov. 4th - 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. The place will be the Neighborhood Rooms, as usual, with the customary committee in charge.

We need a big supply of goods of all kinds: clothing, (children's and large sizes especially welcome), household equipment, kitchen ware, dishes,

decorative nick-nacks, gadgets, toys, etc., etc. In fact you bring it and name it and we can sell it!

We will be at the Rooms from 9-5 on Thursday, Nov. 3rd to receive your donations. Please try and get things to us that day so that we can have them priced and ready for Friday. If you have material but no way to get it to us, call Craigie Perkins (3-7954), or Vera Perkins (3-2941) before Thursday morning, Nov. 3rd.

We will need some help in getting the material ready on Thursday and for the Sale Friday, especially when it first opens at 9 A.M. It will be much appreciated if anyone available to help will contact us and tell us what time they can give us.

Let's make this a real cooperative effort and put over a big Sale. Remember we're building that bridge and we need the money!

SUGGESTIONS WANTED

We are beginning to think about plans for Killington Section's Annual Meeting in January. What type of meeting would you like and what would you like for a program?

The Covered Dish Supper at Beechwood usually brings out a crowd so that seems like a good time to get some ideas. Be thinking it over and let us have your suggestions then.

GREETINGS RECEIVED

Jan and Jack Martin heard recently from Arnold Keuster, German exchange teacher in Ludlow last year. Arnold hiked with us frequently during his year here and sent greetings to the GMC group. He is now back in his former teaching position in Germany.

A VISIT TO A MASS. STATE PARK

After a lapse of a year the fall camping trip started 7 years ago by 4 GMCers was resumed this year.

Leaving Rutland on Oct. 10th we headed for Savoy Mt. State Park by way of the Mohawk Trail from Greenfield.

The foliage color was at its height and the roadside stands with their gorgeous arrangements of apples, pumpkins, squash, cabbages, and the like, vied with the hillsides in color display.

Dutton Pines State Park, a few miles north of Brattleboro, located in a beautiful grove of pines and as neat as the proverbial pin, proved an ideal place for our picnic lunch.

After enjoying the fine views from the Mohawk Trail as far as the East Summit we started in search of a campsite in Savoy Park.

A tour of what seemed like the whole 10,000 acres which the park contains did not disclose what seemed to us a desirable campsite, so we decided to try for something better. This we found at Windsor State Forest about 20 miles away.

This park is located on the Westfield River in a very attractive setting.

Our first concern was to get our tents set before dark and to forage for enough wood from the surrounding fireplaces to cook our supper. In a suprisingly short time this was done, and we were enjoying steak cooked over an open fire.

There followed two days of typical camp activities, loafing in the sun and exploring the nearby back roads by car and on foot.

When we broke camp on the third morning we all agreed this was the perfect type of relaxing vacation, and all at a minimum cost. Why not try it sometime?

FROM GOUT JOB TO PROSPECT ROCK

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TWO WEEKS LATER

Early Saturday morning, September 17th, fourteen hikers from the Killington Section left Rutland in cars and rode to the Arlington Wardsboro road and the Gout Job. After getting cars located in the right place to be ready to take the hikers home at the end of the journey, we started out on the hike. It was a beautiful fall day and everyone was in a gay mood.

Though it was a twelve mile hike, we all agreed that it was an easy one, for there were no climbs, and the scenery was beautiful all along the way.

At Stratton Pond and Willis Ross Camp we stopped just long enough to see that everything was in good order. Walking along the Trail, following the shore line, we thought how remote and peaceful this spot was. Then, when we came to Bourn Pond, we found that here was another spot, wilder, and more remote than Stratton. We couldn't decide which of the two was the most beautiful.

We walked on after eating our lunch at Bourn Pond. There was little change in elevation as we continued over an old abandoned railroad grade, and finally reached the old Swezy Camp after passing the new Swezy under construction.

At Swezy we turned down an old road and followed it about a mile to Prospect Rock. The rock is high up over Downer Glen and gives wonderful views of Equinox Mountain, the Taconic range, Dorset Valley and the hills far to the north.

Another mile or so down to the cars and then the long ride home.

Twelve more miles were marked off the length of the Long Trail toward our End-to-Enders award.

With the foliage at its best, the weather still holding perfect, and the same crowd with a few additions, we started our hike this time on the Peru Road, Route 11, where the Trail crosses the highway. We came out at Prospect Rock.

This was a short one; only seven and one half miles. The highlights of this one were the view from Spruce Peak lookout, and the anticipation of more views when we would come out at Prospect Rock. Though Spruce Peak lookout is about 200 feet off the Trail, and a steep climb, it was well worth the effort involved.

Lunch was eaten beside the Trail. The coolness of fall was felt as soon as we stopped exercising so extra jackets were taken from knapsacks, dry spots for sitting down places were in demand, and a hot cup of tea tasted very good.

When we reached Prospect Rock again, we settled down to enjoy the view, for we had plenty of time.

Eventually all things come to an end, so it was with this, our hike. But it wasn't quite over yet. We had that rocky road to walk down to the cars! We noticed the difference in what our feet could take at the end of a seven mile hike in comparison to what they could take at the end of a twelve mile hike.

WORK PARTY

A party of two, Raymond Catozzi and Craigie Perkins, did some Trail clearing from Sunnyside north to the lookout. Some blowdowns were removed. There are more to be taken out, and beyond the lookout a paint job is needed on stakes or stones in the open field. For anyone not familiar with the Trail, this area is a difficult one.

"CAMPING AT KATAHDIN"

Under the above caption there was published in the June 1955 APPALACHIA an article describing a twelve day camping trip at Katahdin.

The party saw many kinds of game, and visited little frequented sections of the Park.

Illustrations include unusual photographs of moose near Russell Pond.

Reprints are available from the Appalachian Trail Conference at 25¢ each. The address is: 1916 Sunderland Place, N. W., Washington 6. D. C.

GUIDE BOOKS

Anyone contemplating a trip to Katahdin should purchase the new Guide to the Appalachian Trail in New England. This may also be obtained at the above address for \$1.25.

GMC GUIDE BOOK

Our own new Guide Book will be out early in 1956. Barre Section members are assisting Gene Bamforth in typing copy.

Another interesting Guide book is : TENT CAMPER'S GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK STATE CAMPING AREAS. by Don Parry, Rocky Hill, Conn. Outdoor Publishers - 1954 59 pages \$1.00

This Guide lists over 150 camping areas. For each it gives condensed information on the location, the size of the area, the type of setting, the principal attractions, fees (if any), and the best seasons for camping.

WOMAN HIKES APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Hiking grandma, Emma Gatewood of Gallipolis, Ohio, is believed to be the only

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woman to have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in one season.

The 67 year old woman completed 1,900 miles of rugged trail in 4½ months. She slept in the open or in lean-tos, wore dungarees and a lumberman's jacket and carried a 25 pound pack, including food and blanket.

We congratulate her on her success but wouldn't recommend her performance to anyone we know.

In the first place, she shouldn't have started out alone. In the second place, she wasn't equipped properly.

To accomplish what she did, seems almost beyond belief. Averaging 16 miles a day is more than a stunt at the age of 67.

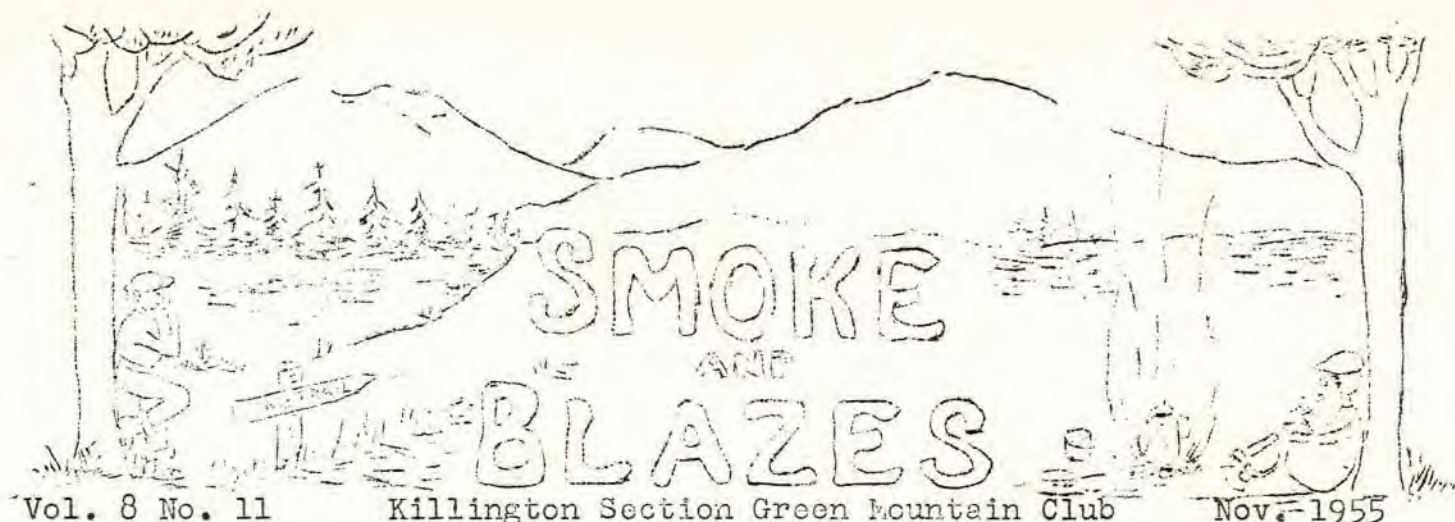
"WHERE I GO I LEAVE NO SIGN"

This is an old Indian saying that should be adopted by all hikers. What a pleasure it is to walk over trails and find them as nature intended them to be.

On the other hand, when we find gum wrappers, paper cups, cigarette stubs, beer cans, orange peel and many other signs that tell us "trail hogs" have passed, how we wish the Indian saying had been put into practice.

Unfortunately, the majority of people are so in the habit of discarding "waste" in the street or out of car windows that they do it unconsciously in the woods.

The habit is so widespread that each and every person in the woods must be alert to be sure he or she is not an offender. This matter requires individual thought. It is just as easy to put gum wrappers into a pocket as it is to throw them on the ground. It requires very little effort to gather the remains of a lunch and either burn it up at the camp fire, or bundle it up to be taken home and burned. Try to practice : "Where I go, I leave no sign."



COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sun., Nov. 27 - 9:30 A.M.
Place - Blue Ridge Mountain

It looks as if there would be snow underfoot for this one, and probably not all the members will try the somewhat slippery climb. Those who hike to the top will snack a little there, but have more lunch and hot coffee on their return to the Perkins' Camp, about 2 P.M., so bring along two lunches, little and not so little. Those who merely hike near the Camp will eat there about noon.

This is wonderful hiking country with walks available to suit all tastes.

Time - Sat., Dec. 10 - 1:00 P.M.
Place - Gifford Woods by Appalachian Trail to Long Trail Lodge.

This was postponed from October 30th, when we caught up on our Long Trail series-hikes. It's a short jaunt so an afternoon should be enough. We will meet at Meldon as usual, after lunch and try this territory new to many of us. There will probably be a good bit of snow.

CARD PARTY IDEA

A new twist to the Card Party has been suggested. The idea is that we might have it

some Wednesday evening in cooperation with the Community Club. In this way they would be providing a place and we in return would provide the refreshments and a door prize. The proceeds would be split 50-50.

If it is decided to do this the date of the Card Party would be changed from early December to sometime after the first of the year, as the Community Club programs are filled until then.

It seems as though this might be fun and advantageous to both groups.

Watch for a definite announcement on this in your December SMOKE & BLAZES. In the meantime if you have any suggestions let us hear from you.

BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD SOON

A Killington Section Board meeting will be held early in December to plan for our Annual Meeting. We have an idea or two but would welcome suggestions, especially as to what you would like for a program.

At this meeting we would also like to make some progress on getting our Killington Section slide collection started. If you have slides you think might be good for this please get them to Jan Catozzi by December 1st so that we may look them over at the Board meeting and select some to have duplicated. We have money in our Budget for this but need your help in order to use it!

MAD TOM TO ROUTE 11

We finally made it! It looked like a fair chance of clearing when we assembled at "Heldon School on Sunday, October 30th for a second attempt at completing our series-hikes. So, optimistic as always, we started. Before we reached Manchester it was raining and the mountain tops were shrouded in clouds - it might clear tho! It was still raining when we reached the junction of The Long Trail and Route 11 where we would finish our hike. A general public opinion poll indicated that having come so far a second time we should not turn back. So, it was on to MadTom and lunch.

Although an open shelter, Mad Tom furnished enough protection for a comfortable lunch hour. With our dependable fire-man on the job, the fire soon won out over the rain even in a wet outdoor fireplace. Hot coffee and a good lunch fortified us well for five miles in the rain to Route 11.

The air was crisp but not too cold and with the woods protecting us from the wind it was not at all a bad trip. When we came out on the top of Bromley we had a few minutes to enjoy some quite rugged weather. The wind and fog were really sweeping across there.

At the new Bromley Lodge, a cozy closed shelter, part of the group lingered to allow time for the cars left at Mad Tom to be collected, while the drivers pushed on to Route 11 at once.

In spite of our best efforts it was impossible to time it exactly so the last group had a few minutes to wait at the highway for their transportation home. This was probably the most uncomfortable part of the trip.

All in all we found this bit of Trail a pleasant and easy stretch. Of course we were sorry to miss the views but the general

feeling of the crowd was well expressed by one hiker who said, as he settled into the car for the drive home, "Well, I really enjoyed that, I don't know why!"

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$121.39

We are happy to report that our Rummage Sale was once again successful. The net proceeds exceeded even our most optimistic hopes.

Of course this would not have been possible without the support of our membership. We were very pleased with the response to our request in SMOKE & BLAZES for salable material. It was a big boost to our morale to get cooperation from such a large percent of the members for this Sectional Project. To all of you we say, "Thank you."

We say an extra "thank you" also to Ruth Postman, Isabel Hakens, "T" Valiquette, and Eleanor Walker, who helped on pricing, arranging, selling, and/or cleaning up.

This project continues to be a dependable money raiser so get that box ready and start a collection for next year right away. We expect the bridge will be completed by then but there is always something which needs doing.

STRAYED - ONE SPOON & FORK

Will those who attended the Beechwood Party please check their utensils for a spoon and fork which doesn't belong there.

If you find such get in touch with Laude Canty, she is minus them.

1956 MEMBERSHIP LIST STARTED!

Some dues for 1956 have been paid already, several new Junior members signed up at the Beechwood party.

COVERED DISH SUPPER ET CETERA

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On the contrary, that's about the only thing we didn't eat.

This year the annual Beechwood party was held about a month earlier than usual on account of some of our members can't keep between the fences when there is snow on the ground.

The weather was fine! Cloudy in the morning, clearing off warm and sunny. An argument started as to whether it was Indian Summer or not. Just then the Late Freight pulled in, and he said no, that was in October when a six-foot Siou tried to hitch a ride. It seems he thought we said "Indian Thumber." Honestly, some people!

About two-thirty the gang began to arrive by ones, twos, and sixes. They immediately divided into two groups called ----- well, different things by different people. To avoid hard feelings let's call them The Walkers and The Talkers.

The Talkers proceeded to talk and The Walkers proceeded to walk. One expedition got way up onto the Notch Road before the sun began to set. When they returned, The Talkers were talking.

Professor Joe Hadeka rang the school bell and gave us a quiz program, catch-as-catch-can. The Talkers, having talked themselves out, conversed.

In due time, somebody hollered "Come and get it." We all lined up to select our suppers from the dishes on the big table. Those near the end of the line didn't seem to be making much progress and it was discovered that the head of the line had been trapped by the gravitational field of the table and were rotating around it as satellites.

After this interesting situation had been adjusted, we got down to the serious business of trying to limit ourselves to a little of everything. There were plenty of main dishes and plenty

of dessert at least for a while.

After supper the usual clean up crew got their usual work-out. (Something ought to be done about that.)

Miss Ewald entertained with a showing of slides taken on her recent trip to South America. We will have to put it on the hike schedule sometime soon. Very nice!

Emile Boselli and Jack Martin broke out some of their slides of past hikes. Why does everybody laugh? Jack is now working with a new filter he claims makes his subjects look twenty years younger. (Aw, go on. You're just sayin' that!)

Another good party, with some old and some new faces, but not on the same people.

Before we disbanded we asked the Late Freight why the Siou had to be six feet tall and he admitted that he didn't know exactly how tall he was, but said that he must have been more than a little brave.

Aren't we all?

WHAT ABOUT SUNNYSIDE?

We haven't heard anything about Sunnyside of late and have been thinking it must be time to close her in for the winter.

There are a few other little jobs up there that could be done at the same time.

If someone gets ambitious and gets a little work party together perhaps we could report in the next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES "mission completed."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is just around the corner so we take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a happy day. Enjoy your turkey, eat and be merry, and don't count calories.

DIRECTOR OF VERMONT FOREST SERVICE HONORED

For the eighth consecutive year, The American Forestry Association bestowed Distinguished Service Awards on five deserving Americans who have made outstanding contributions toward the conservation of our natural renewable resources.

We are happy to quote from AMERICAN FORESTS magazine, Nov. issue, the following:

"Perry H. Merrill, Montpelier, Vermont - Award in the field of Public Servants. As state forester for Vermont for the past 25 years, Mr. Merrill has led in the development of the outstanding forestry and parks organization in that state.

"No state forester in history has given more generously of his own time, energy and money to the broad phases of forestry in his state and the nation than Mr. Merrill.

"In recognition of his services to Vermont, Middlebury College presented him an honorary Doctor of Science degree. His citation read in part.....'With sure skills and fundamental knowledge gained by patient study and practical experience, you are making a unique contribution to the welfare of our state.' "

The Public Servants award was given to Mr. Merrill by the American Forestry Association at their annual meeting held this year at Jacksonville, Fla.

A WILDERNESS CAMP

The day of luxury camps for children as well as adults is passing out of popularity in favor of wilderness camps. Much can be said of the rewards of wilderness camping for it is one of the most valuable and satisfying of all outdoor experiences. To begin with, it is

a way of life different from the mechanical way of life of the average American. It is rugged, it is simple, and it is close to nature. The creature comforts are left at home and the wilderness camper never seems to miss them.

In New York State on Lake Chateaugay, there is such a camp called Tanager Lodge. At this camp, Mr. Fay Welch, who is the director, says he will have none of the fancy extras which are so prized in many camps these days; such as movies, tennis, exhibitions of fancy horsemanship etc. Nor does he offer cabins to the campers with livingrooms, running water, or flush toilets.

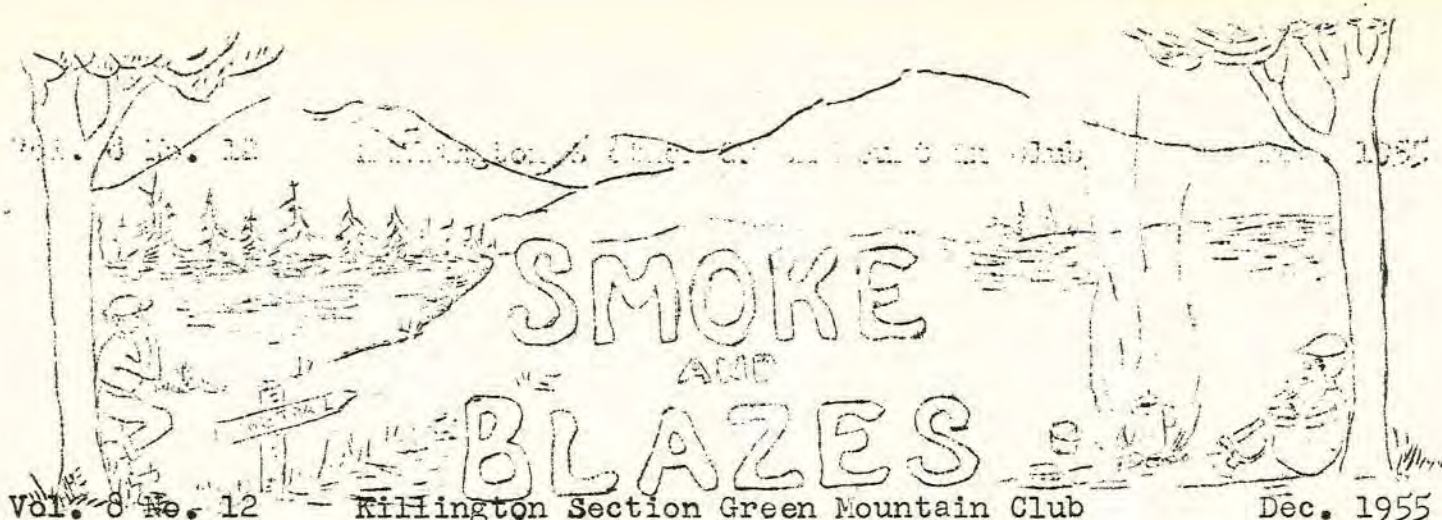
Even on chilly mornings, campers wash their faces kneeling on a rock in the lake, and use a latrine they themselves have dug.

This camp is not too easy to reach, and the director considers this a point in its favor. No motor road passes within many miles of Tanager Lodge. A small launch carries all passengers, supplies, and mail from the opposite shore, a good forty minutes away.

At this camp boys and girls learn to become good woodsmen and to know the basic skills of camping.

The program includes mountain climbing, nature lore, and canoeing as well as camping lore. Knowledge that was common even to small children in Davy Crockett's day, now has to be taught to all campers. For example, never pitch your tent under a dead tree, or one riddled with woodpecker holes, which might blow over on you in the night.

Mr. Welch and his wife make it their business to see that the boys and girls who come to their camp learn to take care of themselves in the woods, and do it with safety and enjoyment. They help city children to see the beauty of a sunset and the glory of the stars. Such rewards are not measured in \$.



COMING EVENTS by Betty Ball

Time - Sat., Dec. 31 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Tucker Lodge

Here's an old favorite at a new time - on the verge of the New Year. However, it's a luncheon at Tucker, and a short hike both ways, so anyone can make the trip and get home in time for New Year's Eve festivities. There may be enough snow for snowshoeing by then.

Time - Sun., Jan. 15 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Clarendon Lodge

This short hike is perfect for winter weather. No matter how the wind doth blow, we are sheltered by evergreens, and the climbing keeps us warm. There is plenty of hiking country beyond the lodge for the energetic, and a comfortable place to warm up and relax for the not-so-energetic. We can make a loop by going up by the wood road, and coming back by The Long Trail.

CARD PARTY - JAN. 11

Wednesday evening, January 11, has been decided on for our GMC Card Party to be held in cooperation with the Community Club. This party is being planned not only in the hope of adding a bit to our treasury, but also that our members and friends may enjoy a pleasant, social evening together.

This is going to be a real party with refreshments, a small

prize for the winner at each table, and a door prize! Playing will get underway by 8 P.M. Plan to play any game you wish - bridge, canasta, scrabble, bali, or what have you? Bring your own playing equipment - tables and chairs will be provided. The cost of all this will be 50¢ per person (plus some sandwiches which we will solicit from some of you).

To help in planning for refreshments we need a fairly accurate estimate of how many will be present. Accordingly, we want to contact each one of you to see how many tickets you will use. If each household will take its own tickets it will avoid duplication in count. You may combine any way you wish to make up tables for playing. Count in friends you are bringing with you who are not members with yours. It will help greatly if you will call one of the committee and report how many tickets you will use - we will get them to you. Or, you may get them from Eleanor Walker at the C.V. If we haven't heard from you by Jan. 6th, you'll hear from us! We don't want anyone to be skipped!

The committee from GMC includes:

Louise Adams (3-8694)
Cecile Campbell (3-8608)
Jan Catozzi (3-3006)
Jan Martin (3-8621)
Mary Perkins (3-7954)
Eleanor Walker (3-3251)
Vera Perkins (3-2941)

We would like to hear from others willing to help.

Let's all get together on this show the Community Club we're a live organization; make a little money; and have a lot of fun.

TENTATIVE ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

A supper meeting proved to be so successful in getting out an Annual Meeting crowd last year that we decided to try it again. This year we have arranged with Helen Koltonski to have our supper and meeting at Riverside. Miss Koltonski will serve us a supper for 75¢ per person. Some of us were there for a Community Club supper this fall and can assure you it will be good.

This meeting will be held early in February. There will be election of officers, of course, and an interesting program is being arranged.

Look for the exact date and final details in your January SMOKE AND BLAZES.

OUR HIKE TO BLUERIDGE

On November 27th we went up to the Perkins Camp. First we met at Meldon School at 9 A.M., filled up the cars and started off.

There were a few new hikers present and a couple of old ones who haven't been on the recent hikes.

When we got up to the Camp, we got all bundled up to start on our journey up the mountain. The people who went up the mountain were mostly children but a few adults did attempt the climb.

There was some snow on the ground along the way, and when we were on our last 300 yards we found about a half inch of snow.

When we reached the top, we went exploring among the trees. One of the girls said, "I never knew trees grew like that!" We never did either! While we stayed at the top, some sat and enjoyed the scenery, some ate, and others explored. After a

while we got cold, hungry, and tired so we started back. We ran most of the way down and stopped at the Cascades for a drink of water and a rest. It didn't take long to get down off the mountain and back to Camp.

The first thing we did on reaching Camp was eat. We had a few little troubles like a girl didn't have a glass. Well, that was just a little trouble. Another girl burned her hotdogs.

After we ate, we went into the living room and played cards.

Betty Ball went up to the pond to listen for birds. I don't think she heard any though because by this time all the young folks were out doors having a loud and good time. Good and jolly Mr. Perkins was showing us how to do acrobatics. Boy! What a snappy man!

Well, around 5:15 P.M. we had to break up. We had a wonderful time and we are waiting for another occasion to do it again.

Mary M. Wood
Anne O'Rourke

APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE

We missed the youngsters on this one. Joe Hadeka was the only Junior member present. Betty Ball, Eleanor Walker, Vera, Mary, and Craig Perkins made up the adult section of the party. Pokie, Betty's dog, also came along and had a grand time.

It was Saturday afternoon, December 10th, crowds of Christmas shoppers were pushing and shoving their way up to counters in city stores that were hot and stuffy. Confusion, frustration, and headaches prevailed while our little group reveled in the beauty of snow covered woods.

We left one car at Sherburne Pass and all drove over in a second car to Gifford Woods. On the trail, in these beautiful

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hard woods, we started our climb. The trail was well marked and easy to follow. There was no need to hurry as this was a short hike, only three miles, so we walked along at a leisurely gait, chatting and puffing as we climbed. The going under foot was fair to good. With only about four inches of snow on the ground, we had to watch our step in some places where rock crevices could prove disastrous.

After walking for some time in the hard woods, we finally entered the evergreen area. Here the branches were covered with snow and gave that fairy land affect. Of course this brought forth the question, "Are hard woods or soft woods more beautiful?" To this there was no answer for we all agreed it was a case of personal preference. On one point there was no hesitation: Oh, give us a mountain with trees that reach to the sky. A forest of spruce, of pine, or of hemlock. Or a mountain of maple, or birch, or of beech. But give us a mountain with trees.

SUNNYSIDE

On November 20th a work trip was made to Sunnyside Camp. It was found that some unknown friends had finished putting on the bunk boards.

A grate has been installed in the stove. It wasn't the right one, but no matter. The stove pipe was firmly set up.

After lunch, the big doors were fixed for winter so that only one can be opened. The spaces between the top plate and the roof boards between the rafters were filled in with cardboard to keep out the wind.

The next job is to put up the rest of the wall board.

Janet and Jack Martin and Craigie Perkins were the workers.

SLIDES TO BE SHOWN

On Thursday, Dec. 29th at 7:30 P.M. the GMC slide collection will be shown at the Madison St. Recreation Building.

It has occurred to us that the parents of the young people who have been coming on hikes with us might like to know "what it's all about." We are sending out letters to several inviting them to be present. Of course, anyone else who wants to come will be very welcome. Probably the slides won't be shown in Rutland again this year so why not invite some of your friends to see them? There is no admission charge of course.

We hope to have somebody tell about the Club and how it operates, and answer any questions that may come up.

In arranging for the use of the hall, it was discovered that the Rutland Recreation Department had never heard of the Green Mountain Club. That has been corrected, but there are too many others. We must have better publicity-----to gain new members-----to provide more manpower-----to maintain our trails and shelters in better condition-----which will result in better publicity etc.

So let's see what we can do about getting some new people out to see the slides on Dec. 29th.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Dan Jennings Jr. will be home for Christmas from California where he is on duty for Uncle Sam.

Michael Jennings returns for the holidays from Illinois. William Allard Jr. and Marjorie Allard will be home from their studies in Burlington, Vt.

Charles Sabourin and family have returned from Decatur, Ill. to work and reside in Rutland permanently. Welcome back folks !

IN NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The following committee has been appointed to bring in a slate of officers for 1956; George Conlon, chairman, Ray Catozzi, and Ruth Postman. This committee will report at the annual meeting of Killington Section.

G.M.C. TO BE ADVERTISED IN NEW YORK

Ray Catozzi has recently completed a most attractive poster for the publicity committee of the main GMC. Beginning in the spring this poster will be on display in the Vermont Development Commission's office in New York.

This poster is worked out on a background with a wood grain effect and is titled WALK IN THE WILDERNESS. An outline map of Vermont, filled in in green, has The Long Trail clearly dotted throughout its length. The immediate foreground shows a replica of the characteristic Long Trail sign, used at all points where The Trail crosses a highway. A mountain skyline and evergreen trees in silhouette form a most effective background. The location of Rutland as the headquarters office of GMC is shown.

This poster will be a fine addition to the Development Commission's New York display and should arouse interest in GMC and The Long Trail.

LET'S TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Have you ever wondered, as you were trimming your Christmas tree or writing your Christmas cards, where these customs began? We recently read an article which gave some interesting sidelights on the origin of some of these.

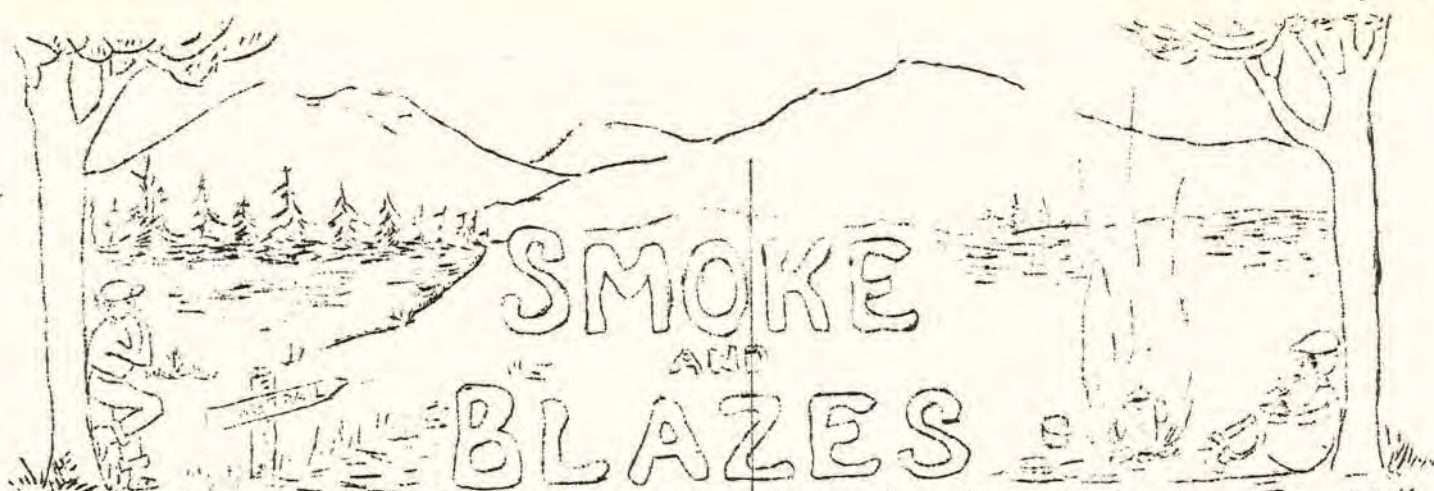
The Christmas tree itself is believed to be a survival of the Tree Worship of early German tribes. St. Boniface urged his converts in

8th Century Germany to take the pine tree which he said, "pointed straight up to the Christ Child", into their homes at Christmas time. Martin Luther was the first to put lighted candles on a little fir tree for his children. The Christmas Tree first appeared in this country during the Revolution when Hessian soldiers trimmed a tree. Now more Christmas trees are used in the United States than in any other country. Since 1941 the National Christmas Tree has been a giant spruce on the south lawn of the White House grounds.

As for Christmas cards, this idea originated in England. It developed from the custom of school children writing "Christmas Pieces" to show their originality and penmanship. In 1846 one Henry Cole sent the first Christmas greeting to friends on calling cards, hand-painted with a spray of holly or mistletoe. The next year as an experiment a publisher printed 1000 cards and sold them all. The year 1952 marked the 100th anniversary of the Christmas card in this country. Although Christmas cards have now become "big business", many people make their own and they still fulfill their original purpose of carrying a friendly greeting to friends.

These are but two of the many familiar Christmas customs. Whatever their origins these customs have become a part of our traditional Christmas celebration and as such contribute toward making Christmas the most special season of the year. A time when, to quote from a children's play, "Everyone feels good from the inside out."

* A MERRY CHRISTMAS *
* and a *
* HAPPY NEW YEAR *
* to all *
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Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Jan. 1956

COMING EVENTS

by
Betty Ball

Time - Sat., Jan, 28 - 10 A.M.
Place - Sunnyside Camp

Come and see the completed Sunnyside. Plenty of uphill exercise guaranteed and probably a chance of snowshoeing. This is a snug shelter now, with a good chance to warm up if the weather is frosty, and it's a comparatively short hike, so good for winter. If it's a nice day, clearing up of brush etc., around the outside will be in order.

ANNUAL MEETING OF KILLINGTON SECTION - FEB. 9

Plans are pretty well completed for our Annual Meeting, Thursday evening, February 9th.

As we announced earlier, we will try a supper meeting again this year. This time there will be no work for members involved, as we have arranged with Miss Helen Koltonski to put on our supper for us at Riverside. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. and the price will be 75¢ per person. We must have reservations for the supper as Miss Koltonski has to know the number to prepare for. Accordingly, a return postcard will be mailed to each household about Feb. 1st. When you receive this PLEASE fill in the number of reservations and return by the date requested. If you plan to come to supper.

make a reservation. If something comes up unexpectedly to prevent your coming, call Eleanor Walker (3-3251) and cancel.

After supper we will have our usual business meeting with brief reports from the various committees, election of officers, and a discussion of plans for the coming year.

For our entertainment program we hope to have Mr. Lucius Carey, one of our Adirondack Club friends from Glend Falls, show us some colored slides from his collection.

Sometime along during the evening we plan to slip in a little quiz to test your knowledge of GMC, The Long Trail and the Green Mts. This will all be in fun, (you'll score your own papers), but just to add a little incentive we'll award a small prize to the high scorer.

Some of us don't hike, some of us don't play cards, but we all eat, so let's have a record attendance at supper and the meeting following. Seriously though, if it isn't convenient to come to supper, come to the meeting anyway - this will probably get underway about 7:30. We would be glad to have anyone interested, or anyone who might become interested, in GMC attend the supper and/or the meeting. So why not hunt up a few such and bring them along with you?

This supper and meeting will be a pleasant, social evening, and it's a chance to get better acquainted with each other and with the activities of GMC.

TUCKER LODGE

by
Joe Hadeka

On December 31st we left Meldon School with a party of six to snowshoe in to Tucker Lodge. We soon discovered, however, that snowshoes were out of the question. Leaving our cabs at the Pico Ski Area parking lot, we started off. The weather was quite cold, but the sun was exceptionally warm when it was out. Trusty Craigie broke out the trail for the rest of the party and we all gathered wood along the way for our future fire.

Soon we arrived and found the shelter in fair condition except for the remains of a Christmas party which had apparently been held. A little hustling around soon had the Lodge spic and span and a comfortable fire started. As soon as the snow in the coffee pot showed signs of becoming coffee water, we began preparing lunch; keeping a lookout meanwhile for a party expected to arrive from Wilmington Del. This party never did show up.

A log had been laid across in front of the stove, resting on the edge of the bunk and a stone in the foundation wall. This was so we could take turns sitting and warming our feet in the oven. A later incident proved this log to be quite rotten. *

After lunch, we sat and talked until about 2:30 when we decided to hit the trail for home. Soon we reached the cars and departed with thoughts of the lovely day we had spent.

*(This incident to which Joe refers was a neat back flip unexpectedly executed by two members when the log collapsed as they were sitting with their feet on the oven door shelf, enjoying their luncheon dessert. Ed.)

CARD PARTY NETS GMC \$30.00

The card party held at the Community House Wednesday evening, January 11th, was as reported in the last issue, held in cooperation with the Rutland Community Club. This arrangement proved very satisfactory to both groups, and netted the Killington Section GMC \$30.00.

We wish to thank the committee who worked on this project, also all who made sandwiches, all who contributed though they could not attend, and those who did come and added to the enjoyable evening by their presence.

We also thank Betty Ball for furnishing the door prize which was won by Mrs. Mabel Ackley.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dudley of Belmont, Vermont Killington Section members, are spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona.

Joseph Valiquette has returned to Norfolk, Va. after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Valiquette.

Vera Perkins has left for California where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

NEW GUIDE BOOK

The new 1956 Guide Book will be out February 15th.

This edition has been completely re-written. There have been fourteen editions of this book. Very often they could be revised by making a few corrections. This fifteenth edition has been brought up to date by Eugene Bamforth, Vice President of the Green Mountain Club. Plan to get this Guide Book at our GMC office.

ON A CLOUDY SUNDAY

The clouds weren't anything new, they had been with us for more than a week. So had the slippery roads and trails, but there are some GMCers who like to get out in the woods regardless of the weather.

On this particular Sunday, January 15th, we were agreeably surprised to find nine hikers and Pokie, who has agreed to be our mascot, ready to take a chance on a pleasant day to spend at Clarendon Lodge.

The usual pattern of procedure was in order; the men going ahead at a little faster pace than the women who walked along leisurely in twos, chatting and catching up on news.

By the time the women folks reached the Lodge, smoke was coming out of the chimney, the wood chopper could be heard somewhere in back of the Lodge, and we decided we had better get busy and get some water on the stove for coffee.

We were hungry so it seemed a long time before coffee water boiled, actually the old stove did all right. After lunch, one group walked up the road a ways in order to be out in the good fresh air. Inside there was smoke from the stove, cigar, pipe and cigarette; not simultaneously, but off and on. This wasn't objectionable but of course we had to make something of it. So we said, "The air outside is so good, let's go for a walk."

We have a man in our Section who is known to be able to do the seemingly impossible. Good old reliable Harold said, "let's go out and move that objectionable building out yonder." Craigie replied, "Good idea but we couldn't budge it. It's stuck down tighter than a drum."

You are right! They did it! So now if you are looking for the little building that

use to be there, it isn't there any more. You will find it some 200 feet south, hidden behind some low pine trees. After about an hour's work of pushing, pulling, and sliding, the men came in and reported "Mission completed."

KILLINGTON SECTION SLIDES

Sometime ago we reported that the Photography Committee was working on a slide collection. Janice Catozzi, chairman, is looking for slides to add to this collection so that eventually we may have enough to make a good showing of Killington Section activities, Long Trail scenes, or outstanding mountain views.

She is also looking for more black and whites to add to the Killington Section scrap book.

Anyone sending in pictures, slides, or negatives will be reimbursed for them.

READING ABOUT OUTDOORS

THE FRIENDLY FORESTS by Alma Moore with illustrations
The Viking Press. 96 pages \$2.50

This is a children's book giving general information about forests as a natural resource. It covers soil, water, the growth of trees, protecting forests, values and products of forests, and how we can help nature.

OUTDOOR HAZARDS - Real and Fancied by Mary V. Hood
Macmillan Co. 242 pp. \$3.95

A valuable book for those without much outdoor experience and who are thinking about outdoor living and travel. It will dispel unjustified fears and yet point up the need for caution where dangers do exist.

CLARENDON LODGE ENJOYED

Winter hikers are enjoying the comforts of Clarendon Lodge these days. Over the new Year's weekend a party of boys and leaders from Wilmington, Del. made it their headquarters, while the more experienced hikers in their group went on for a try at Camel's Hump in winter. (This was the group mentioned elsewhere as expected at Tucker.)

Last weekend "The Conlons" went in for an overnight and shared it with two parties and leaders from Schnectady.

It's something to think over that groups come so far for a weekend of trail hiking.

CHANGING FASHIONS

It seems there are fashions in Outings as in other things. Looking through some copies of the OUTING MAGAZINE of the mid-1800s recently we were interested in the difference in the type of Outings popular at that time.

Walks, as such, were just coming in. The Appalachian Club even then was having excursions.

The advent of Roller Skating was being discussed and much space was devoted to arguments on the relative merits of Roller Skating vs Ice Skating. Many of the "old timers" apparently regarded this new sport as a very unhealthy substitute for Ice Skating.

Cricket and Tennis were popular, as was all kinds of boating. Boating for girls was a new idea and there was a detailed article on the technique of rowing for young women.

The big Outing interest was, of course, bicycling in all its forms. There were reports from Bicycle Clubs everywhere of all kinds of long and short excursions. One article reported the achievement of a pair, members of a

"sociables club", who went 53 miles, from Boston to Newburyport, between daylight and 3 P.M. one day. There were long continued articles on AROUND THE WORLD ON A BICYCLE, and ACROSS THE U.S. ON A BICYCLE.

The "New York Ladies Tricycle Club" had just been formed with 10 members. Their costume was "a dark blue flannel skirt with jersey and cap of the same color." Their badge "a double star of gold on dark blue enamel, marked L.T.C. 1887".

Don't think it was all fun and frolic for the bicycle enthusiasts though. Just note a few of their problems.

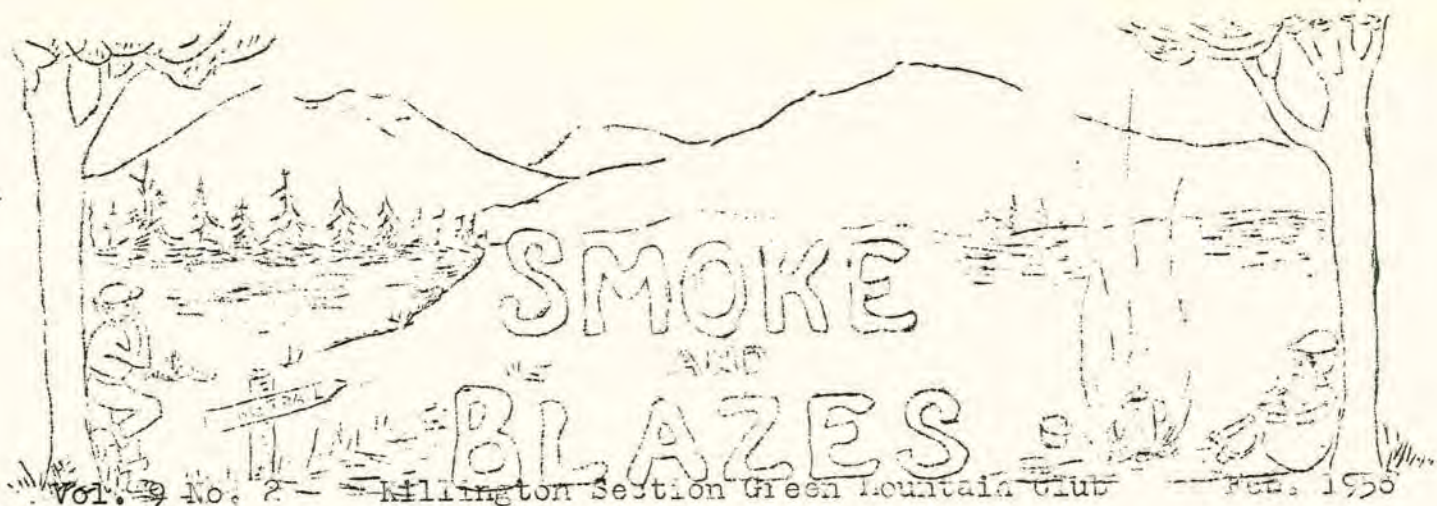
The North Carolina legislature discriminated against wheelmen by allowing the Turnpike Company to dictate the type of vehicle which could be used on the roads. Apparently the Indiana Legislature was more cooperative, as they adjourned without considering the anti-bicycle bill!

The railroads leading out of Boston made a charge of 50¢ to carry a bicycle for 25 miles and refused to take tricycles.

Even the dogs must have shown resentment to the on-rush of the bicycle, for, at a convention of The League Of American Wheelmen, a device was introduced to protect riders against dogs possessed with cyclomania. This consisted of a small eye and ear syringe, holding about 2 ounces, throwing a fine stream, and filled with ammonia.

In spite of the distrust with which these wheelmen seem to have been regarded in many quarters, they appear to have tried to keep their conduct above reproach. A regulation printed in the program of the 4th annual races of the Cleveland Bicycle Club states; "no contestant will be allowed on the track with bare arms and legs".

So, times change, and with them fashions in Outings as well as clothing, but hiking still continues.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we take pause in these cozy winter days before the onset of Spring and its several activities let us consider what we can do in the ensuing hiking year to increase participation and membership in Killington Section of GMC.

As the heading of our Outing Schedule says, our hikes are planned for ALL, who are interested in Outdoor activity, whether members or not. In that vein we should make an effort to "bring a friend" when we gather for hikes and other outings. In many persons' minds Hiking is a word to be avoided. Our activities are not strenuous on the whole.

Person to person contact is the best means for giving our prospects a chance to hear about us and to see us in action. In conclusion, let us make an effort to TALK GMC and, to SHOW GMC to our friends and neighbors.

Jack Martin.

COMING EVENTS

WINTER WEEKEND

Time - Feb. 25th - 26th
Place - Perkins' Camp

Calling all hale and hearty campers and lovers of comfort. Make plans now to be at the Craigue Perkins' Camp in Mendon for the annual winter weekend. This is a grand opportunity to get as much or as little winter

exercise and sun (we hope, our order is in), as you desire.

Make your reservations now with Mary Perkins, Tel. 3-7954. All reservations must be made by Thursday noon, Feb. 23rd as food must be purchased. Be sure and tell her how many you are making reservations for and for which meals you plan on being there. The cost of the meals will be equally divided among those attending and we promise to make them hearty but economical. (The total cost will not be over \$2 at the most). Plan to come and bring a friend. Remember that you will have to arrange for your own transportation.

Craigue and Mary will go up Friday afternoon to open and warm up camp. Anyone who wishes to come for Friday night may do so but be sure to bring your own food for Friday night and Saturday breakfast.

Community meals will be planned for all who make reservations for all or part of the meals from Saturday noon to Sunday night. A schedule will be arranged for the preparation of meals and clean-up afterward so that the work can be fairly divided among those attending and make as little work for everyone as possible.

Those planning to stay overnight should bring their own sleeping bag or blankets remember you will have to carry them in from the main highway so roll or pack them so that they can be easily carried.

See you there!

KILLINGTON SECTION'S ANNUAL MEETING

A very successful annual meeting was held at Riverside on Thursday, February 9th. After an excellent supper, the business meeting was held, with reports from various committee chairmen.

Craigie Perkins, chairman of Trails committee, said that more time needed to be spent on trail clearing, and advocated May and June hikes that would cover all of our section of the Trail.

Mary Perkins spoke on SMOKE & BLAZES, and raised the question of whether or not it was worth while. She was assured by those present that they thought it very good and worth continuing.

Janice Catozzi, chairman of Photography committee, said that more pictures of human interest were needed, especially of the Killington Section of the Trail.

Betty Ball gave a summary of outings.

Emile Boselli reported on the progress of the bridge at Clarendon Gorge.

Mr. Lucius Carey from Glens Falls, showed very good slides of the Kathadin region, with its rocky topped mountains, steep trails and lakes. Especially outstanding were the slides of the Alpen glow, and the moose.

The business meeting was resumed after a brief quiz on the Long Trail.

Jack Martin gave a favorable report from the Shelters committee.

George Conlon reported for the nominating committee and presented the following slate of officers: Jack Martin, President; Helen Bailey, Vice President; Eleanor Walker, Sec.-Treasurer. These officers were unanimously elected.

Plans were made for a hike to Bulfum Shelter on the 12th. The date for the Winter weekend was set for Feb. 25 - 26.

TO HELP WITH S&B

Offers of help on the production line of SMOKE & BLAZES have been received from Emile Boselli and Cecile Campbell.

Betty Ball and Janet Martin have volunteered help with write-ups. This help will be greatly appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT February 1, 1956

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand 2/1/55	\$635.32
Rec'd from dues	157.00
Int. on money in bank	12.41
From sale of stove	1.00
Cr. Bal. - Winter weekend	5.99
Contributions	4.00
Cr. Bal. - Sugar Party	9.50
Rec'd - Rummage Sale	121.39
Rec'd - Card Party	33.50

Total Receipts \$980.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies for Sunnyside	70.12
Publicity Folders	35.00
Stamps	2.01
Rubber Stamp	2.10
Supplies & Labor for	
Mill River Bridge	213.50
Printing Outing Sched.	12.50
Glass & glazing comp.	3.57
Stove for Killington	
Lodge	30.50
Outing exp. (coffee, cream	
and sugar)	5.79
Insurance	9.83
Cost of Smoke & Blazes	54.62
Dues to Main Club	36.55

Total Disbursements \$476.09

Balance of Cash on hand
February 1, 1956 \$504.02

60 Senior Members
51 Junior Members
119

2 Service Members
1 Life Member

EXTRA ! HIKE TO GIRL SCOUT CAMP - SAT., MAR. 10 - Lv. MELDON AT 10:30A.M.

REPORT OF OUTING COMMITTEE
1955-1956

Twenty-seven outings were planned this year; nineteen were day hikes, three were weekends, three were social occasions, and two were rained out.

Several of the hikes were combined with work parties, especially in the spring, when trail clearing or work at shelters or bridge building was done in connection with hikes to Buffum, Clarendon, Sunnyside, and Governor Clement. A fall outing to Mendon was for the purpose of getting evergreens for the GMC booth at the Rutland Fair.

An innovation this year was the joint hike with Glens Falls hiking club, when we went up Buck Mt. overlooking Lake George. This was very successful. The Glens Falls members have joined us on some of our hikes and meetings, too, and are always welcome.

A choice of hikes, either to Killington or Sunnyside was offered to visiting GMC members after the annual meeting, and again our members had a chance to meet new hiking companions, and renew old friendships.

Pleasant day jaunts were taken to Greenwall, Little Rock Pond, Blue Ridge Mt., Tucker, and from Gifford Woods to Long Trail Lodge.

Three social occasions proved pleasant; the covered dish supper at Beechwood, the maple sugar party, and the swimming and sunning day at CV Camp in Chittenden.

More mileage on the Long Trail was covered by the camping weekend over the Fourth, when hikers did the Trail from Smugglers Notch to Bolton, and in the usual fall series, when the Trail was covered from Mad Tom Shelter to Grout Job.

Two other weekend events completed the year's schedule;

the annual February weekend at Perkins' camp in Mendon, and the Intersectional camp-out at Danby in August.

Hikes have ranged from simple strolls to 12½ mile jaunts, but all have been pleasant and worth while. More joint trips would be fun.

Betty Ball, Chairman.

HIKE TO SUNNYSIDE

On Saturday, January 28th, the sun came out after about a week of clouds and freezing rain. Thirteen people, on dog, and one flea, made the trip into Sunnyside. The cars were left near the main road and it was a good thing they were, or they would still be in a ditch somewhere as the road hadn't been sanded. However, the ice made easy going for the sled and tobagon.

The trees were covered with about a half inch of ice and sparkled in the sun. Several pictures were taken.

The camp was found neat and clean with kindling to start the fire. Lunch was eaten in the warm sunshine in front of the camp. Sunnyside certainly is an appropriate name.

On the way down, the more daring, took short fast rides on the sled and tobagon. Four new hikers made the trip. Come again boys and girls.

WHAT ABOUT JUNIORS?

Has anyone thought of a plan to make Junior membership more interesting? It might be a good idea to do something along this line.

Juniors speak up. Would you like any special events? If so, let your wishes be known. Send in your ideas to SMOKE & BLAZES, 129 Bellevue Ave., Rutland, Vermont.

MEMBERSHIP LIST 1956

Barbara Allard
 Judy Allard
 Marjory Allard
 William Allard Jr.
 Louise Adams
 Anna Berg
 Emile Boselli
 Cecile Campbell
 Lucius Carey
 Diana Conlon
 George Conlon
 Jerry Coutts
 Fred Fiold
 Ruth Fostman
 Joseph Hadeka
 Daniel Jennings Jr.
 Jack Martin
 Janet Martin
 Carol Martin
 Pearl Nichols
 Anne O'Rourke
 Robert Paul
 Cigrid Patch
 Crague Perkins
 Mary Perkins
 Vera Perkins
 Patty Perry
 Phyllis Perry
 Marjory Roche
 Charles Sabourin
 Mary Pat Sabourin
 Lula Tye
 Harold Valiquette
 Joseph Valiquette
 Thelma Valiquette
 Eleanor Walker

Dues may be sent to Treas., Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter street, Rutland, Vermont.

Additions to the above list will be published in the next issue of S&B.

Check the above list, and if your name does not appear there, please send in your dues promptly.

An increase in membership would, perhaps, put new life into our Section. Why not try to interest a friend in the GMC?

Our folder "YOU'D BE INTERESTED in the KILLINGTON SECTION" may be had for the asking.

BUFFUM SHELTER - FEB. 12th

Nine and a half brave souls dared challenge the weather forecasters, who Saturday night reported three "lows" and estimated 4 to 7 inches of snow for Sunday. The hikers took the road to Wallingford and Buffum Shelter amid falling snow. However, there is no fool like a hiking fool, but this time we ended up looking less foolish than the weather Bureau. The sun even came out briefly to sneer with us. The woods were beautiful for snowshoeing and we all, including "Pokey", had a wonderful time.

We found only half the stove-pipe in evidence so cooked outside, after we uncovered a grate below a foot of snow. The water in the brook tried to hide from us without succeeding. We even had a friendly chickadee in for lunch.

The missing stove pipe and roof board section will call for some attention after the snows have melted.

BOOK REVIEW

WILD AMERICA, by Roger Peterson and James Fisher.

Any lover of the out-of-doors, or armchair traveler will thrill to this book that tells of a 30,000 mile trip to wilderness spots of America, from gannet rookery in Newfoundland, down the Smoky Mountains, to Florida swamps, Arizona deserts, and western mountains and seacoast, ending in Alaska's teeming tundra.

Two famous ornithologists, one American, one British, describe their experiences, and the whole is beautifully illustrated by Peterson.

This book is apt to create a wander lust.

Betty Ball



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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

March 1956

COMING EVENTS

Sugar Party

Time - Sunday, March 25th
Place - Mendon Grange Hall

This annual event always brings out a good crowd of both old and young members to enjoy the delights of sugar on snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

There will be square dancing after the eats. Ray Catozzi will take charge of this part of the program.

The price of this party will be determined by the expenses involved. This has in the past been \$.75 and we think it will be approximately the same this year.

Reservations should be made no later than Friday night, Mar. 23rd, by calling Janet Martin, Prospect 3-8621.

Hike

Time - Saturday, April 7th
Place - Tucker Lodge

This is an easy one. We plan to leave Meldon school at 10:30. Bring your lunch and plan to be served some very good GMC coffee.

By the time this hike takes place, who knows, it may be the weather will be spring like and very inviting.

SCHEDULES INCLUDED

Please notice that your new spring and early summer schedules are enclosed. Look them over. Keep them handy. Plan to take part in some of the activities of your Club.

BOARD MEETING HELD

The first meeting of the officers and committee chairman for 1956 was held at the home of President John Martin, Feb. 13th.

The following committee chairmen were introduced:

Outings: Churchill Scott and Joe Hadeka

Trails: Craigie Perkins

Shelters: Ray Catozzi

Smoke & Blazes: Vera and Mary Perkins with new assistants for make-up, printing & mailing, Emile Boselli and Cele Campbell.
Write-ups, Betty Ball and Janet Martin.

Publicity: Ray Catozzi

Photography: Janice Catozzi

Suggestions for the outing schedule were made by several members.

Plans for the clearing of the entire Killington Section were discussed. It is hoped that this will be completed by July 1st.

The budget for the year was adopted.

WINTER WEEKEND

A gala winter weekend was held at Craigue Perkins' Camp in Mendon on Feb. 25th-26th, with record crowds, at least for recent years, plenty of good food, lots of good companionship, and beautiful hiking country. The weather cooperated some of the time.

It all started on Friday night when ten junior members arrived after supper to spend the night, a lively one by all accounts.

The Saturday contingent arrived shortly before noon, with sleeping bags and packs arriving by sled, toboggan, and towed saucer. It was raining a bit, but soon poured. That didn't dishearten the young members, though, for after lunch, many of them went hiking, getting their clothes drenched, but returning with spirits undampened.

After two servings of lunch, games were the order of the afternoon, with Bali the favorite of the older members.

By midafternoon the sun peeked out, and a snowman named Julius Caesar was erected out front. Several snowshoed up to Craigue's service building and admired the neat, trim structure.

Two servings of supper, and then ten went back to Rutland, escorted down to the cars by a merry young crowd. Games and blowing up of air mattresses took up the evening, with one couple making 4450 in one hand of Canasta, for an eventful game, while Marge Ballard made a big score in Bali. Fourteen stayed over night.

It was getting windy, cold, and crusty now, and by morning, snowshoes were unnecessary as far as the service building, as Betty and Pocie found out on their before-breakfast bird walk.

On Sunday morning, some went to church, some helped with dinner, and some went hiking.

The snow was perfect for snowshoeing, off the beaten track.

By dinner time, several more had arrived, and four dogs were getting acquainted. Pocie, the pup, wanted to play with all, but the others did not want to play, so there were some slight doggy misunderstandings, but nothing serious.

Two servings of dinner were finally completed, and most people went again, or for the first time, to the service building and on up the road for hobblebush.

Four of the young people, Barbie Allard, Esther Dunn, Joe Hadeka, and Bob Paul, spent the day climbing Blue Ridge, and made the top, getting back about three-thirty. That was quite a feat for windy, winter climbing. Though the wind whistled in the tops of the trees all day, it was surprisingly comfortable in the thick evergreens.

Everyone had a good time, and thanks go to Janet Martin for planning the meals, to all who did their part in the cooking and clean-up, and especially to Craigue and Mary who were such fine hosts, and did so much to make us all comfortable and happy.

AN INVITATION

The Rutland County Nature Club will open its April meeting to interested members of the Killington Section GMC.

Mr. Edward Hyde of Springfield, Mass., will show slides of southern birds, and a picture of Pioneer days taken at Sturbridge Village.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7, at 8 P.M. in Fair Haven - probably at the Elementary School. Watch the Herald for a possible change as to place of meeting.

This should be an interesting meeting. We hope some GMC members will be able to attend.

Additions to 1956 Membership
KILLINGTON SECTION GMC

Betty Ball
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Lucy Bishop
Margaret Boanlander
James Hayward
Mary Jennings
Michael Jennings
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Leone Smith
Mrs. Leone Smith
Maude Canty

NEW MEMBER FROM CALIFORNIA

We are happy to welcome the new little daughter of Bob and Thelma Perkins into the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. Polly Perkins was born Feb. 23rd, and was soon after, a member of the GMC.

TRIP TO GIRL SCOUT CAMP

After more than a week of cloudy weather, the sun came out Saturday, March 10th, and twenty hikers made a trip in to the Girl Scout Camp in Aikin Forest.

It was one of those days when the best place to be is outdoors. The sky with its deep blue coloring and scattered clouds, made a feast for the eyes, and the fresh, cool air was breathed in deeply with much appreciation.

As we trudged up the road, many on snowshoes, we were a happy, contented group. Mrs. Bell guiding and directing her six girl scouts; Mr. Bell surprising everyone with his new pocket radio; President Martin carrying Carol on a unique

backpack; and Outing Chairman, Scott, pulling his young son Bobby on a sled, all made an interesting picture of hikers out for the day. Of course there also were the good Killington Section reliables, Betty Ball, Joe Hadeka, now co-chairman of outings and custodian of the coffee pot, the Perkins trio plus Janet Martin. We were happy to welcome two new hikers to our group. Two freshman girls from RHS came along to swell the ranks and added considerably to the good fellowship of the party.

On reaching the camp, Joe and one of the young ladies went looking for water, Craigie and Bennett cut and gathered wood, Janet got the fire going, and the rest of the group enjoyed themselves in various ways.

Before long, it was time to eat, and as usual, when food goes into mouths, quiet descends upon a group. So it was with us.

After lunch, though the fire in the stove was burning brightly, and it was quite comfortable inside, we decided that we didn't want to waste the sunshine and the beautiful atmosphere of outdoors. Benches were carried out and lined up along the side wall of the cabin. Here we sat and enjoyed the warmth of the sun, the beauty of our surroundings and the antics of the youngsters.

There were snowshoe races, a game of fox and geese, and camera fans were kept busy getting pictures.

We sat so long the sun went down enough to make us feel that it was time to move. Reluctantly we brought the benches back into the cabin and prepared to start for home.

The view from the Notch Road is superb with Rutland valley and the Taconics to the west. This was ours to enjoy on the way down the road. We were sorry for all who could not come to enjoy it.



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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

April 1956

COMING EVENTS

Hike

Time - Sat. Apr. 28, 9 AM

Meet - At Meldon School

On Saturday, April 28th, the Killington Section of the GMC will have a hike over the Long Trail from the Wallingford Gulf Road to East Clarendon Crossing. The group will hike north over the Trail.

For those who do not want so much exercise, plans are made to eat at Sunnyside so that those who wish to do so may drive to Spring Lake Ranch and hike to Sunnyside from the Ranch.

The object of this hike is to clear the Trail and check on the condition of the shelters.

Hike to Greenwall:

Time - Sun. May 6th, 9 AM

Meet - At Meldon School

On Sunday, May 6th, the Section's hike will be to Greenwall Shelter south of the Wallingford Gulf road. This should be an easy hike for everyone, and the coming of spring should make the trip very enjoyable.

Charles E. Scott, Chairman.

NEW GUIDE BOOKS AVAILABLE

The GMC Guide Book has been completely revised and brought up to date. Copies of the new edition are now available. If you purchase your copy from Eleanor Walker, forty cents of the dollar which it costs you will stay in the Killington Section Treasury. Even if you don't expect to be out on the Trail right away the Guide Book makes good reading for an "armchair trip" and this is a good way to become better acquainted with our trails and shelters.

As you go through your new Guide Book take special note of the sketches. These were done by Killington Section member, Janet Martin. We like them.

Remember, contact Eleanor Walker for your copy and serve yourself and Killington Section at the same time.

GET ON THE 1956 MAILING LIST

This is the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES which will be sent out on the 1955 mailing list. If you haven't already done so, get your name on the 1956 list by sending dues to Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vermont.

WE DID IT!!!

1956 should go down in history as the year April Fool's Day came on April 4th. That was the day Betty Holden, Barbie Allard, Joe Hadeka, Bob Paul, and Craig Perkins picked to go to Killington.

At seven A.M. it looked like rain but as everybody was ready and on time we set off anyway.

The Wheelerville Road was covered with ice and on the first hill the Ford said "No". We backed down, put on the chains, and tried it again. This time we made it OK completely missing the birch tree that already had two notches in it. It was 8:30 when we reached Brewers Corner.

Here we took to the snowshoes. The novice squad didn't think the y were necessary but a step or two in the deep snow corrected that idea.

Along the trail there were many deer tracks and we saw one set of big bob cat tracks. At the lumber camp there was a porky between two of the buildings.

The big brook was covered with snow and ice at the crossing so gave us no trouble. The next smaller stream was open and we had to go a way upstream to find a doubtful snow bridge.

At the foot of the steep part of the trail we took a long rest with refreshments. About this time it began to rain and continued to shower for the rest of the trip up the mountain.

The going was pretty good and we had no trouble finding the trail. At the spring about half way up we were surprised to find it four feet below the level of the trail. A bucket brigade was organized so that everybody finally got a drink.

A little above the spring we lost the trail. It was right there and all of a sudden it wasn't anywhere in sight. We took a compass reading on where we

thought the peak might be and struck off through the woods. We plowed through thick evergreens and over brush piles. Every few steps someone would lose an arm or a leg in the soft snow and have to be dragged to the surface again. Also we began to realize how hungry we were.

After a long time we came into an area of big spruces covered with moss. Here the going was much better and all of a sudden there was the trail again. Lucky, Lucky!

In ten minutes Cooper Lodge came into view but it didn't look familiar,--too squatty. The snow was up to within two feet of the windows in front and the back wall was completely covered. It was 1:45 P.M.

Everybody was soaking wet but the temperature was high so none were cold. There was a big pile of dry brush inside the camp so we started breaking it up for a fire. A second look around discovered a big supply of dry split hard wood under the shelf. Thanks, Sports!

A hot fire was started and soon the odor of roast sox filled the air. The stove worked wonderfully. Water for hot drinks was boiled in cups on top of the stove while the hikers took turns steaming themselves out around the sides. In the meantime all available food had disappeared.

Every once in a while some one would let out a screech, the result of stepping under a roof leak and getting a stream of ice water down his neck.

It was raining and blowing outside and only Barbie had enough enthusiasm to want to go up to the peak which was covered with fog.

At 4 P.M. after a good rest and drying out we started down the mountain. The weather almost cleared and the sun shone briefly. There was even a limited view.

We made good time down but began to get tired when we struck the level going in the brook valley.

At about 6 P.M. and still broad daylight a big blue-black cloud appeared in the west. It swept directly up the valley toward us and suddenly in a matter of seconds it became almost pitch dark. We were smothered in a thick fog. It poured. The wind blew through the tree tops. It lightened and thundered.

We plodded along through the soggy snow taking a real beating from the wind and rain. At long last we reached Brewers Corner and the shelter of the Ford.

And we wouldn't let Joe Hadeka get in until he admitted the Ford looked as good as a Cadillac.

We are willing to bet that we are the first snow-shoe party up Killington that ever got caught in a thunder shower.

TUCKER*LODGE SATURDAY, APRIL 7th

At 10:30 A.M. Saturday morning about 20 hiking enthusiasts met at Meldon School for a "spring" hike to Tucker Lodge. The trip was anything but spring-like. With only about half the group equipped with snowshoes, many found themselves sinking thigh deep in snow every few steps. However, all finally made camp after Bob Paul went back with a load of snowshoes.

After the usual leisurely lunch, the lodge was cleaned and five lights of glass installed to replace broken ones.

Several of the group went exploring and returned home with pussy willows and hobble bush to renew their belief that spring would come.

SUGAR PARTY

The annual Killington Section Sugar-on-Snow Party was held in the Town Hall in Mendon on March 25th, with about 35 attending.

The committee went up early to start the syrup "bilin". By 6:30 P.M. the tables were set up with the traditional pickles, doughnuts, and coffee, and all was in readiness. As the customers arrived containers of snow were distributed to receive the boiled down syrup and give it the desired "waxy" consistency. After everyone had eaten their fill of sugar in this state there was the customary stirring down of one's remaining syrup to the sugaring-off stage. Many of the resulting little sugar cakes were set aside to be eaten later.

The serious business of the evening being over the group adjourned to the hall upstairs where Square Dancing, under the direction of Jan and Ray Catozzi, rounded out the evening. This was the introduction to Square Dancing for some of our Junior members and they certainly appeared to be enjoying it.

General arrangements for this outing were taken care of by Jan and Jack Martin. Eleanor Walker and Vera Perkins presided over the syrup kettles. Many gave a hand at clearing away and special credits go to Helen Bailey for doing the dishes.

A good time was had by all and our only regret is that there were not more of our members there to enjoy it with us.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Edith Ewald
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Sharon Krauss
Carl Newhall

On top of the world, by
Patricia Petzoldt. Crowell \$3.50

Zest for life, and love of mountain-climbing abound in this lively biography of a woman and her husband, Paul. Paul had the mountain-climbing concessions in the Grand Tetons for several summers, and sometimes Patricia went along. Her descriptions of these precarious climbs make the ledges of Camel's Hump seem like the slightest stroll. Here is the author's answer to the age-old question "Why do people climb mountains?"

"The normal one is a love of the outdoors and a desire to climb because there is fun in the problem of finding handholds and footholds up a steep precipice, with the added thrill of breaking your neck. Mountain climbing is a dangerous and exciting sport. Accepted normally, it appeals largely to the imagination.

SAVE ENDANGERED WILDLIFE:

This was the slogan of the National Wildlife Federation during the National Wildlife Week, March 18-24.

Hunting and fishing are big business! Ten billion dollars are spent in the United States each year for hunting and fishing equipment, transportation, food, lodging, gasoline, and other items required by the countries 32 million sportsmen. But this tremendous industry can be lost if our wildlife is not wisely managed. Destruction of forest and range lands by fire and over-grazing, drainage, and pollution of marshlands, lakes, and streams, and other abuses of the homes of wild animals have already taken a heavy toll.

In 1899, the great outdoorsman Theodore Roosevelt said, "When I hear of the destruction of a species, I feel just as if all the works of some great writer had perished."

We can all do our part.

The Ascent of Alpamayo, by Georges Kogan and Nicole Leininger.
Harrap & Co. \$3.50

We read so much about mountain-climbing, in the Himalayas that it is refreshing to get an interesting book about climbs in another section of the world. This book is about the Franco-Belgian expedition to the Cordillera Blanca in the high Andes is especially unusual in that the second part of it is written by a woman, who gives the woman's viewpoint on the appeal of climbing.

Alpamayo, a snow and ice-covered pyramid is called here "the most beautiful mountain in the world" and the fine illustrations tend to bear out this supposition.

This expedition has no leader, and all have equal responsibilities, and worries, but a fine spirit of friendship prevails.

Four of the men spend the night in an ice-grotto at 20,000 feet on Alpamayo, after successfully reaching the top, one of the adventures vividly describes in this engrossing book.

HO HUM

This is the time of the month when I start checking over the bulletin and find I am a little short of material for publication--so, once more I start scratching my head and as usual, lose more hair in doing so. This month, I am lucky. Everything is filled up but this space and after two hours of scratching and the loss of near about thirty hair, I give up. To leave it blank or prattle awhile? Let's prattle. Rolling the stencil up shows three more lines to prattle on and I believe I have just about used them up. Now, it is done!!



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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

May 1956

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sat. May 19 - 8:30 A.M.
Place - Long Trail Lodge to Gov.
Clement Shelter. Meet
at Meldon School.

This hike will give Killington Section members a chance to see how much work will be needed to put this part of the Trail in shape for the summer. It is a rather long hike but very interesting, so let's try to have a good turn out.

Time - Sun. May 27 - 10:30 A.M.
Place - Bennett Bell Camp - Lake
Bomosee n
Meet at Meldon School

Our trip to the Bell's camp at Lake Bomoseen will be a bit different than most, but very interesting. Let's show the Bell family how much we appreciate their kindness by attending. Perhaps if it warms up we may swim.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

Time - Sat. June 2 - 10 A.M.
Place - Long Trail Lodge

Members are requested to get their own transportation for

this event.

The coffee hour starts at 10 A.M., at which time there will also be a showing of pictures by the Vermont artist, Anthur G. Burton.

The business meeting starts at 11 A.M.

Dinner may be bought at the Lodge, or you may bring your own picnic lunch and eat it in the woods near by.

After dinner, the meeting continues until about 3 P.M. Then, there will be short walks on the Long Trail.

Supper is scheduled for 6 P.M.

Governor Johnson will address the group in the evening. Clifton Miskelly, Director of the Vermont Development Com. will also be heard.

This annual meeting makes a good opportunity for Section members to learn all about their Club. Let's have a good showing from Killington.

Time - Sun. June 3 - 9 A.M.
Place - Pico or Clarendon Lodge
Meet at Meldon School

On Sunday, June 3rd, there will be two short hikes; one to

Pico Peak and the other to Clarendon Lodge. The purpose of this is that we may be able to have some of the other Section members who will stay over from the Annual Meeting, enjoy a day of hiking in Vermont, and yet finish early enough to drive home.

Time - Sat. June 16 - 10 A.M.
Place - Biddie Knob
Meet At Meldon School

This hike to Biddie Knob is a new one for many members so let's try to have a good turn out. The walk is an easy one with an unusual view of the Otter and Champlain Valleys. And, of course, we'll have GMC coffee along.

Churchill Scott, Chairman

LONG TRAIL HIKE

On April 28th a small group of hikers travelled the section of Long Trail between the Wallingford Gulf Road and Clarendon Gorge. This was one of the series of hikes to check up on the condition of the Trail and Shelters in the Killington Section area.

Buffum Shelter was found in good condition but needs a new stove and pipe. Also some roof repair is needed.

The Trail up Button Hill was brushed out and blazes painted where needed. The top of the hill is being lumbered and nothing can be done until the snow goes and the slash can be moved. Arrows were put up in this area.

From Button Hill to Sunnyside there was about a foot of soggy snow. Little, if any, work is needed here.

Sunnyside was clean and the stove worked well. If we ever get up the rest of the wall board, this shelter will be very attractive.

On the north side of the hill, south of Sunnyside, there was too much snow to permit re-blazing in an area of blowdowns. The trail can be followed but should be straightened.

From Spring Lake to the Gorge the Trail was good with only a few small blowdown. Little work is needed.

The party reached the cars just before dark as rain started to come down. Well timed.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL RANGE WALK July 14, to July 21, 1956

This may be of interest to some GMCers.

An opportunity to hike 67 miles of trail in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, to climb 19 peaks including the 11 highest in New Hampshire, and to stay at seven of the Appalachian Mountain Club huts.

These huts are a unique institution in this country. They provide bunks with mattresses, pillows, and blankets in bunk-rooms for men and women. Crews of young men furnish excellent meals, served family style, and provide trail lunches for the hikers.

Anyone in good physical condition used to hiking in hilly or mountainous country should be able to do it.

The cost of the trip, from Franconia Notch to Pinkham Notch, will be \$50.00 for AMC members and members of other clubs maintaining sections of the Appalachian Trail. (This would include GMC members). A guest fee of \$10.00 will be charged to all others.

Reservations must be in by June 25th.

For further information write to Trip leader, T. A. Brayton, 76 Ashland Street, Medford 55, Mass.

CLARENDON LODGE
SUNDAY, APRIL 15th

A not too promising day found Craigie, Jack, Joe, Bob Paul, and two newcomers, Mr. and Mrs. Montague, setting out for some trail work in Killington section.

The original objective of Gov. Clement to Clarendon was passed over in view of the late mud-season conditions. The group worked over the trail from Rte. 103 to the top of Beacon Hill and found that the lumber operations had pretty well confused the first few hundred yards North from the highway.

At the Lodge a welcome fire was already burning by virtue of the weekend trip of a Scout group from Leominster, Mass. The Lodge itself was in good condition but not as much can be said for the yard around the Lodge.

GREENWALL SHELTER

It was Sunday, May 6th, when seven hikers of assorted ages made the trip in from the Wallingford Gulf Road to Greenwall Shelter on the Long Trail.

The weather rained lightly on the trip in but it stopped soon after arrival and the trip back was a pleasant one weather-wise. Some snow and ice was found on the ground in the woods. However, there were signs of Spring. Birds of many sorts including robins, juncos, sparrows, flickers, a wren and a thrush. Only one flower was found, a solitary group of Hepatica.

The shelter was in good condition except for a few holey floor boards and a piece of roof cap needing repair. The trail had been recently brushed and several blazes renewed. It should be in fine hiking condition for the season when the many rivulets have dried. At this time it is a bit aquatic.

= SPORTS AFIELD
1956 CAMPING ANNUAL

An article in the above Annual, "Cook In Foil" by Bob Stewart contained many helpful hints that we thought worth passing along.

"Smart outdoor cooks are doing more and more of their meal preparation in aluminum foil. With this aluminum sheeting, you can practically get rid of dish washing on a camping trip. And your meats and vegetables will have a sealed-in-flavor that make them even more taste-tempting than before."

"Most foil uses call for regular weight foil, which comes in rolls 12 inches wide. This weight is best for wrapping food to be cooked on coals, since you use two layers of foil. If one layer punctures or tears, you still have another protecting the food."

"But for making pots and pans, or wrapping meat on a spit, heavy duty foil is best. This comes in rolls 18 inches wide, and is about double the thickness of regular aluminum foil."

"Here are some ideas:
Hamburger. Wrap with sliced onion and shoestring potatoes. If the meat doesn't have much fat in it, add half a pat of butter. Cook 12 to 15 minutes. Fowl or chicken. Wash a piece of the bird to add water. Put a slice of bacon underneath the meat, and add washed vegetables, if desired. In hot coals, the meat will cook in half an hour."

"Vegetables. All vegetables should be washed just before you put them in the foil. This gives them needed moisture for that pressure-cooker effect. To bake a whole potato, wash it, then cut out a few deep holes in it, and wrap in foil. Cook 15 to 20 min."

"You'll find that foil has more than cooking uses on your outdoor trips. You can shape a drinking cup from it, etc. etc."

UP KILLINGTON 75 YEARS AGO

"Going to Killington" 75 years ago was quite different from such a trip to-day. In an old VERMONTIER was found an account of one such trip made by Mrs. Julia C.R. Dorr, via the old wagon road, In October 1880.

Previous to 1880 the only way to get up Killington had been, as to-day, by foot. However there was no Long Trail in those days, not even "a well defined bridal path". "Whoever made the ascent must go by foot picking his way as best he might." Such a journey was considered quite hazardous and "the women who had accomplished it could be counted on one's fingers."

In the summer of 1879 the U.S. Government, having decided to establish a Signal Station on the mountain, surveyors came in and a road of sorts was laid out from "Brewers." This road had been in and the hotel in operation for a year when Mrs. Dorr made the trip which she describes. Even so it was quite an adventure. Before starting she was warned to "take plenty of wraps as it is always cold on Killington and the wind blows like a tornado."

On a Sunday morning, October 9th, after an early breakfast, Mrs. Dorr and her companion "the Judge" started out in "a light, but strong, open buggy", drawn by "the Judge's" horse, Susan. This was the last opportunity of the season to make the trip as the Inn hosts, "The Myerhoffers", were coming down for the winter on Monday.

It was a perfect October day and the scenery was as lovely then as now. Our party enjoyed an ever ascending but uneventful ride, "past comfortable farm houses, log cabins, and saw mills", until they finally arrived at "Brewer's". Here they stopped to give Susan a drink.

"Brewer's" in those days was a rambling old farmhouse at the end of the old road."

After leaving here, the real ascent began. Soon "the Judge" decided he preferred walking to riding "up a perpendicular wall." As for Mrs. Dorr, she writes, "I slipped forward on my knees, grasped the dashboard and thus rode in state."

Though "the three miles from "Brewer's" seemed like twenty", they arrived safely at the Inn which is described as, "a quaint, primitive, little affair, making no pretensions to elegance, but with good beds, a good plain table, and clean linen."

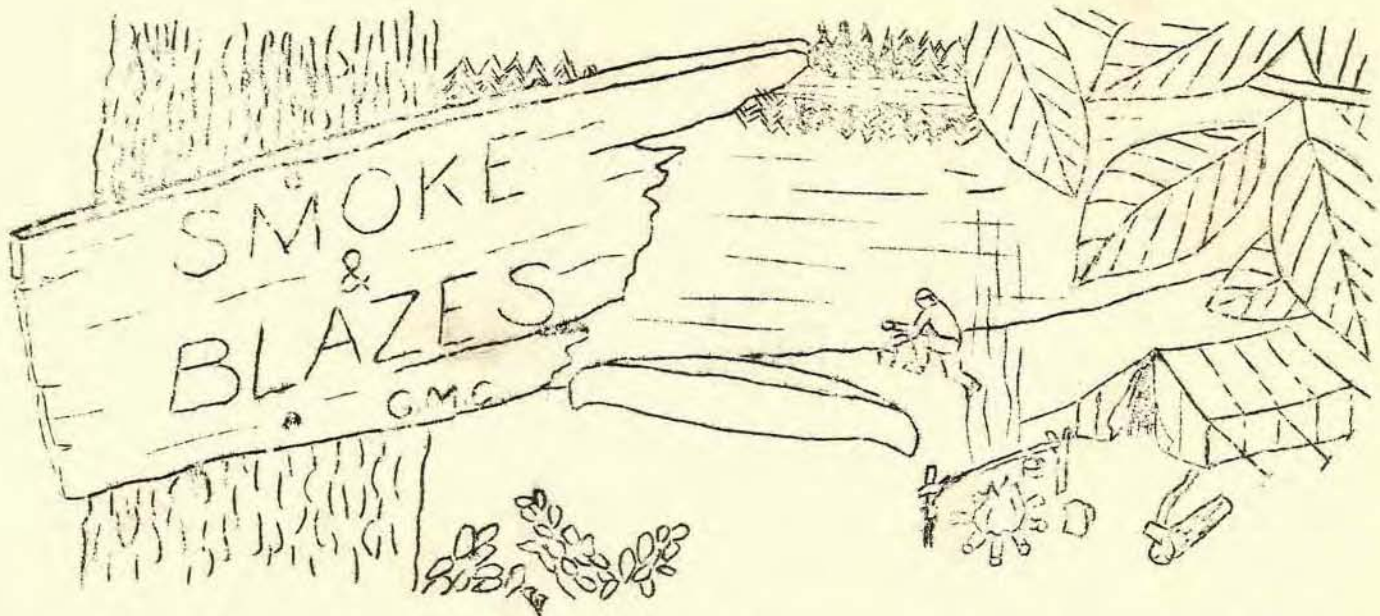
After an early dinner, "the Judge" and Mrs. Dorr climbed to the peak to watch the sunset. Mrs. Dorr refrained from looking back until she was well up the rocky summit and was rewarded with the same breath-taking sense of "isolation, dizzying height and infinity space", which comes to each one so forcefully on his first trip.

Mrs. Dorr comments especially on the flag-staff erected by the Signal Corps, "so well braced and protected that it has so far defied the storms." She mentions also the long, greenish-gray moss on the fir trees, and "the spring of pure, ice-cold, water at the foot of the peak."

In the early morning the travellers made another trip to the summit for the sunrise and were more than repaid for their effort as anyone who has enjoyed that experience well knows.

In spite of differences in "going to Killington" then and now, the mountain remains the same. As we look from its summit at the "world" spread out below, we feel with Mrs. Dorr, "It is good for us to be here."





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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

June 1956

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday and Sunday
June 23 and 24
Place - Winooski River South to
Birch Glen Camp

On the above dates Killington Section members will cover the Long Trail from Winooski River south to Birch Glen Camp. We will plan to pitch our tents near Couching Lion Farm (Prof. Monroe's) and hike up Camels Hump and down to the Winooski River the first day. The second day we plan to hike to Birch Glen Camp and out to Hanksville.

Time - Saturday and Sunday
July 7 and 8
Place - Birch Glen Camp to
Lincoln Gap

On these dates we plan to cover the Trail from Birch Glen Camp south to Lincoln Gap. The tenting area will be in the vicinity of Jerusalem and will hike over the Jerusalem trail to Glen Ellen Lodge and then north to Birch Glen Camp out to Hanksville. On Sunday we will hike from Glen Ellen Lodge south

to Lincoln Gap. On this hike, if the weather is good, the view from Mt. Abraham should be well worth the trip.

Churchill Scott, Chairman

OUTING AT BELL'S CAMP

By

Barbara Allard

We met at Meldon and it definitely was not a nice day but we decided that today rain could not spoil our fun. Our destination was the Bennett Bell camp on Lake Bomoseen. When we arrived we found a nice cozy camp and a cheery fire to welcome us. After we had looked around we settled down to read or play cards or other games. Later the younger members went first up to the playroom to play ping-pong or read and then down to the boats for a ride. They came in when it started to rain again.

Only two were daring enough to test the 49° temperature of the lake. They had to get close to the fire to thaw out after, though. When it came time to leave we were all a little sorry.

Thanks to "the Bells" for a nice, enjoyable Sunday even though it rained.

PICO VISITED

We were glad to receive the following item from Edith Ewald:

Ten members of the Science Club at Castleton Teachers College had an outing the weekend of May 19. The group spent Saturday night at Gifford Woods and on Sunday six students, accompanied by Edith Ewald of the College Faculty, climbed Pico. The hikers were: Nancy Rowlee, Reading; Charlotte Miner, So. Halifax; Dorothy Zeno, Bellows Falls; Dorothy Bragg, Grafton; Bob Richardson, Northfield; and Rene Fifield, Pittsfield.

Snow at the higher elevation made going a bit difficult, but after about two hours of climbing everyone made it to the fire tower where an excellent view was the reward. It was the general feeling that the endeavor was well worth while.

After the students leave College and are on their own, it is hoped that they may become active members of the Green Mountain Club.'

It is good to know that such groups are getting out on The Trail and we hope with Edith that this interest will continue and lead them on into GMC.

LONG TRAIL LODGE TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT

by
Joe Hadeka

On May 19th, a group of three met at Meldon School for a proposed trail clearing trip from Long Trail Lodge to Governor Clement Shelter. Due to reports of snow at the higher elevations and lack of help we decided to clear from the Cold River Road to the Upper Road, instead.

We started out with the

usual grey skies and threat of rain, with Craigie at the saw, Bob Paul at ax, and Joe at the clippers, a well balanced trio was soon working as busy as bees. Arriving at the Upper Road we rested awhile and then started back. It soon began to rain. We were all disappointed that nobody fell in the river, but Joe had a real close call as he plunged forth after jumping on a log. He missed a hole three feet deep by a few inches.

We soon reached the car where we sat and ate our lunches. We finally decided about one o'clock to quit - the rain had gotten the best of us.

Such a small turnout for this scheduled work party makes it look as though the G.M.C. spirit is slipping, so come on boys, girls, women, men, let's make the next work party a big success.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams
Hariett Bryant
Miles Bryant
Gretta Catozzi
Richard Catozzi
Mrs. L. L. Dudley
Mr. L. L. Dudley
Dr. Earle Johnson
Henry L. Lenihan
Mr. A. C. Mason
Carol Parmenter
Roger Pike
Ellen Russell
Addie Spaulding
R. Gale Spaulding
Robert Spaulding
Mrs. Wayne Sarka
Wayne Sarka
Mrs. W. S. Wadsworth
Mr. W. S. Wadsworth
Laurie Wadsworth
Margot Montague
William Montague
Carlton Wilson (life member)

ANNUAL MEETING

The G.M.C Annual meeting held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, June 2nd, was a well attended and most successful affair.

Starting with the exchange of greetings with friends old and new at the Coffee Hour, it proceeded through the business meeting with the interesting section reports, and ended its morning session with the usual excellent luncheon served in the main dining room of the Lodge.

It was hard to break off the noon time visiting, but everyone finally reassembled to enjoy a short talk by Governor Johnson before the business meeting was again underway.

During the Trustees meeting it rained, as it often does, so that not many of the planned short walks could be taken. The time was very pleasantly spent however, in hearing informally from Mrs. Roberts, our 86 year old, visiting hiker. We tried to find out the secret of her "spryness" but without success. Apparently she is just made that way. She has been sick in bed just one day since World War I.

At the close of the Trustees meeting we were pleased to learn that Killington Section member, Leone Smith, had been chosen as our G.M.C. president for the coming year.

After supper there was Community singing followed by the awarding of door prizes. The showing of two reels of old G.M.C. movies, first shown in 1931 on the occasion of the Club's 21st anniversary, concluded the day's program.

A complete report with details of the business meeting will come to you in your LONG TRAIL NEWS.

We were sorry not to see more Killington Section members present but the 12 who were there had a most enjoyable day.

AN AFTERNOON ON THE OTTER CREEK

If you want a quiet, leisurely afternoon or day, "far from the maddening crowd", you can't do better than to take a trip via rubber boat on a section of the Otter Creek.

Eleanor Walker and Vera Perkins spent one such afternoon recently going from Leicester Junction to West Salisbury. This may seem like a short distance but it takes a good long afternoon, which gives you some idea of the leisurely pace at which one travels.

At the time of this trip the streams were good and high and the Creek was a black, deep river, running only slightly below the top of its banks.

Through this section it runs well away from any roads and follows an interesting, winding, course. Moving slowly along with the current one gets the feeling of being miles away from civilization and can easily imagine one is living in a quieter and slower-paced age.

Along the banks were many old trees of surprising size and a great variety of fern and early spring flowers. There were plenty of birds to be seen and heard. Not being quick of eye and proficient in bird study, we could only identify the more common kinds as red-winged black birds, gulls and wild ducks. We thought we saw scarlet tanagers. We heard the white-throat, a woodpecker and an owl among others and caught a glimpse of one animal. But whether woodchuck or otter we couldn't say.

Vermont has many fine streams for such excursions in early spring. For those wishing a more exciting ride we recommend the White River from Rochester to Stockbridge when the water is high. Why not try it sometime?

CLARENDON HIKE

On the Sunday after the Annual Meeting only three hikers appeared at Meldon at the appointed time. When we got to East Clarendon it started to rain so we stayed in the cars and let the shower pass.

Soon a patch of blue sky was seen and that was enough to send us along to the Lodge.

On approaching the Camp we noticed the door had been left open. Suspecting porkies might be inside we picked up clubs and stealthily sneaked up. About ten feet from the door we were suddenly confronted by two boys from MIT. They must have been a little worried by our attitude. Explanations were made and we found they were starting north for five days on the Trail. The Lodge was left in excellent condition.

The weather continued good and along toward noon the rest of the gang began to arrive. Many of the New York and Worcester people came. The final count was twenty, a very good turn out.

Lunch took about two hours with all the cooking, talking, eating and listening. We went over the Meeting incidents and caught up on all the gossip we had missed.

Some visited the site of the bridge-to-be over the Mill River.

A good time was had by all. It was a great pleasure to have so many of the out-of-town people along. Hope they come again next year.

PICO HIKE AFTER ANNUAL MEET.

By
Bob A. Paul

We left Meldon School at 9:15 A.M. and arrived at Long Trail Lodge at 9:30 A.M. There we met a member of the Montpelier

Section. We started out on the Long Trail and on the way met two other members; Mr. Miller of the New York Section and Mrs. Inestine Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Roberts is 86 years old and a wonderful hiker. She loves flowers, and on the hike up Pico stopped every five minutes to pick them. She showed us young hikers up. I wonder if we could climb Pikes Peak at the age of 86? She has climbed that mountain thirteen times. She had her pockets full of flowers, all kinds of moss and ferns. She even had mushrooms on the stick on our way home.

Most of the way up it rained; only a mist; but it was cold. When we reached the top, it was foggy and very windy. (Bob and Joe were the first ones up) We all ate lunch in the look-out station. There was a beautiful view for about five minutes, then it fogged up again. About 1:15 P.M. we started down the trail and came to Pico Shelter. We rested there for awhile and then started on. It took us about 2½ hours to get down.

When we reached Long Trail Lodge, we praised Mrs. Roberts for making such a long trip so well at the age of 86.

We left our Montpelier member at the Lodge and rode down to the Elbow Road where we hiked up to Perkins Camp. All that went on the hike had fun and were amazed at Mrs. Roberts.

POKIE TAKE NOTE

Word has been received from Allegra Milano of Teaneck, N.J. that her dog, Susan, has had her picture in the paper for being a winner at Madison Square Garden. Killington Section members will remember Susan, the beautiful black dog that hiked the Trail with Allegra.



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A NOTE IN PASSING

Your President would like to take this time to note that one of our Outing co-chairmen has been put on vacation from his duties due to the press of summer activity. Churchill Scott's work on and in behalf of the first half-year's outings has been well appreciated. A well-done is extended to him.

A further note with regard to your favorite hikes. The next issue of S&B will contain a new schedule of outings. If there is some spot which you think would be a good fall or winter outing, let Jack Martin or Joe Hadeka know directly.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, July 21, 8:30 am

Place - M.V. "Ticonderoga" on Lake George

At this time we plan to travel "out of state" to enjoy the steamer trip on Lake George. The trip from Rutland to Lake George, N.Y. is about 50 miles in length through Whitehall and

West Fort Ann NY Rte 9L.

The ship "Ticonderoga", leaves Lake George Steel Pier at 10:40 AM and journeys in a liesurely way arriving at the Ticonderoga Landing at 1:20 PM. The return trip starts after a 10 minute stopover with the arrival time at Lake George of 4:00 PM. That leaves time enough for arriving in Rutland before six in the evening.

The fare, including tax, is \$3.50, children 5 to 12 at half fare, and under five years, free.

We hope the weatherman will provide better skies than the last time we planned this trip.

Time - Sunday, August 5th

Place - CVPS Camp, Chittenden

This is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday during what should be some of our "dog days". For those who have their own or other means of travel this is a come - anytime event. Bring a book or newspaper if that be your pleasure. For more activity bring along your bathing suit. Coffee will be served by the Club. Those desiring transportation meet at Meldon at 10:00 AM.

DOG'S EYE VIEW OF BIDDIE'S KNOB

WOOF! When I saw all those nice people in front of the big school I knew it would be one of those specially nice Walks in the Woods. Three steak bones last time.

Two people in Betty's car, one I knew, and Louise, but I licked both their necks so they would feel welcome. We bounced along until there was a hot smell and smoke in the car and everybody hopped out fast, especially me. Someone named Craigue fixed it, he found a loose wire. Lucky he was along.

We walked the rest of the way. Maybe it wasn't a mountain but we went up and up and up. Some of the people looked hot. They should have waded in the mud puddles to cool off as I did. It was fun splashing in the brook, too. I wonder why they all went farther up the brook to drink! At the brook they began to talk about which was the way to go, and they kept that talk up most of the rest of the way.

The trail got less and less until there wasn't any, but I didn't have any trouble, though some of the logs were across the way so that I had to make myself like a poodle to get under them.

After awhile, some went one way, and some another, and some just waited to see who was going the right way, but they all went UP. We came to grassy ledges, no path at all, but on we climbed. I was glad I had four feet. Finally Craigue called that he was on the top. He didn't say what he was on the top of, and I guess they never did know.

Anyway, we sat on nice soft rocks, all covered with moss, and I looked about for some water to drink. There wasn't any, but Craigue had carried some up for everybody, and Betty gave me her share. She had hers in a thermos. Some of them laughed, and said dogs should get their

own water, but I lapped it to the last drop.

After lunch they stretched out. I wanted to hike some more, so I hopped over their stomachs and lapped some faces, and that stirred them up. A couple went off to climb a tree and see if we were really on Biddie's Knob. They came back, and said they thought it was farther north, but no one tried to find it. Betty and Louise were chasing a red-breasted nuthatch, but it just looked like a little bird to me, not big enough for a good chase.

Finally we went down, and it sure was steep. Some sat down and slid. Everyone took their own way. There were a lot more blowdowns. I'd have had to have been a chihuahua to get through some of them, but I got under or over or around. At last we were back on an old road, very old, but at least you could see where you were supposed to go.

We were nearly back to the cars when I saw a funny lazy animal all covered with prickly things. I poked him with my nose to make him run, but his prickles came off in my nose, and it hurt and itched.

I ran to Betty, pawing it, and she just got excited and screamed, and didn't help a bit, so I tried to forget it, and frisked on to the car. Wonder why Betty looked so sad, and didn't want me to go sniffing in the fields anymore.

Betty's car got stuck again when we got back to Rutland, and Louise took me to the vets, where he took out the prickles and kept me overnight. Wish I'd been home to see the skunk back of the house and the two horses in the strawberry patch Betty told about the next day. Lots of excitement!

Betty says no more long trips for me. I might get into a porcupine. Wonder what she means. I never get into trouble, well, hardly ever. WOOF! See you on the next short trip.

Pocie Nourse

GOING TO JERUSALEM

It wasn't a children's game the way we played it.

Friday morning it poured and everybody wondered if anybody would be foolish enough to go camping in such weather. They were.

First we had to find Jerusalem---three houses and a telephone pole. On the pole there were two very, very faint blue blazes. We added a bright blue arrow and turned off onto the side road. We drove slowly up the road looking for signs of the approach trail but had no luck. Finally, having run out of road, we had to turn around and drive back to Jerusalem to ask directions. At last we found the signs on a tree completely covered with brush.

Nearby was a very good camping spot on a hill in an abandoned field. The rain obligingly held off while we set up the tents.

The other cars arrived and we had supper. The remains of an old barn furnished excellent fuel.

Our Junior Members showed us how to get the fire roaring even with wet wood. All you need is a mattress pump and a little elbow grease.

A deer wandered into the meadow across the road, looked us over, and went on browsing.

After supper we sat around the fire and told stories. Bob Paul told about the rabbit that rode a bicycle around his cellar, and Betty Ball explained the bee-buzz-business. She also demonstrated the war cry of the Barred Owl scaring us out of our wits. And so to bed.

Rain in the night and a very wet trail in the morning. It was easily followed but entirely overgrown. A steady climb brought us to the Long Trail near Glen

Ellen Lodge. The Lodge is beside a beautiful brook and overlooks a lot of country to the east.

Here we found Gene Bamforth, got the latest trail reports, and ate our lunch.

The Long Trail north led to the top of Gen. Stark Mt. where a fine view was enjoyed.

All the trail from Glen Ellen to Birch Glen and out to the Beane Farm was found in poor condition with much brush and many blow-downs. One good feature---new signs telling the hiker where he is.

The trail twisted down the cliffs on the north side of Gen. Stark Mt., over Baby Stark, and Molly Stark, then down, down, down, to Birch Glen Camp. A sign said to follow the road but it looked more like a badly washed brook bed.

At the Beane Farm we picked up the car we had planted there in the morning and returned to camp. Bad news. Emile's battery was dead from too much radio. Also the big tent looked sad due to shrinkage of the guy ropes.

All hands set to squaring up the tent. We tried everything and finally got the right combination of push and pull here and there to fix it.

By this time it was dark but Emile's lantern saved the day or at least prolonged it. A hearty supper and everybody for bed.

Sunday morning the weather looked wonderful. We got Emile's car going by switching batteries. Then we discovered there was a mix-up in church time.

While waiting in Lincoln Gap an Ontario car chugged up over the hump and stopped. When asked if there was any trouble the lady driving said, "I'm afraid so. The last mile or so I haven't been able to pick up any speed." Guess she wasn't used to hills like that.

We climbed to Battell Shelter where we had lunch. Thanks for the grape juice, Cele.

The mad race for the top of Mt. Abraham was won by Barbie Allard. She must have taken a short cut or something because she had been there about five minutes when the rest of us crawled up. The view from the top was fair but limited by the increasing haze.

The entire trail across Lincoln Mountain had been recently cleared by the U.S. Forest Service and was in excellent condition.

Along the ridge we passed over several peaks with little climbing; Little Abe, Lincoln Peak, Nancy Hanks, Cutts, and Ellen.

On Mt. Ellen the rain caught up with us. Soon we were soaked again. Ho-hum! It's an old GMC custom. Four miles of wet bushes, mud and water.

When we got back to the tents it was still raining so they had to be taken down wet. Everybody helped, nobody complained, so it wasn't such a bad job. We felt so good we even set a date for the Camel's Hump trip.

Quite an adventure. A good time was had by all, --- Vera Perkins, Cele Campbell, Barbie Allard, Betty Ball, Emile Boselli, Bob Paul, and Craigie Perkins. Our Junior Members got compliments from all sides for their helpfulness around camp and their good sportsmanship on the trail. They have been brought up right!

INTERSECTIONAL REMINDER

This is to remind Killington members that August 18 and 19 are the dates for the Green Mountain Club Intersectional. It is to be held at Williamstown, Mass. See your May LONG TRAIL NEWS for all the details.

A gathering such as this, provides an excellent opportunity to have a grand time, and to become acquainted with other Section members.

Let's plan a good showing of Killington Section members,

REPORT YOUR LONG TRAIL TRIPS

Remember that GMC keeps a file of information regarding the condition of the Trail and its Shelters. The only way this information can be kept up to date is by reports sent in by hikers. This information is of great value to those planning Trail trips and enables the office to answer inquiries in this connection. It is also helpful to the Trail and Shelter chairmen of the various sections to have first hand information of conditions at a specific time.

You can help on this project by reporting on conditions as you find them whenever you hike over any part of the Trail or visit a Shelter. A postcard or a brief note giving the date of your visit and the conditions as you found them, sent to:

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
108 MERCHANT'S ROW, RUTLAND, VERMONT
will do the trick. Let's have your help on this.

THE WORLD OF NIGHT

THE WORLD OF NIGHT, by L.J. Milne and Margery Milne, Harpers, \$3.75, is a fascinating nature book. Many campers snuggle closer into their sleeping bags when owls begin to hoot and wildcats snarl, but this intrepid couple have spent many hours watching the inhabitants of the night world, the birds, animals, and insects. Even the trees sound differently in the night winds, and can be told apart by the sounds. You'll find such interesting facts as what colors can be seen best at night and why; some new theories on bird migration; why lightning bugs shine; and many facts about bats. City night life to this pair includes nighthawks and crickets, rather than night clubs. Night life is described by streams, in jungle, desert, and on the beach.

Beautiful illustrations further enhance the charm of this unusual book.

B.B.

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VERMONT
MASS.

HOPKINS U.S. EXPERIMENTAL FOREST
NORTHWEST HILL, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.
Frank E. Cunningham, Director

Come to the Berkshires just across the line from Vermont, and hike the Long Trail at its beginning or just sit and gaze at the mountain it traverses. Enjoy any one of several pleasant walks right near camp, visit with friends or take a dip in icy brook water. For Saturday night campfire we've asked Mr. Cunningham to tell us about the forestry development program he is conducting here and hope he will oblige. We want to hear your favourite stories so polish them up good.

FOR THE ENERGETIC HIKER:

PINE COBBLE & EPH'S LOOKOUT (elev. 1894, 2254) 4-6 miles round trip with fine sweeping views in all directions. Long Trail approach. Can continue on to Seth Warner Shelter (7 mi. from R.R. sta.) or Thendara another 6 miles and be picked up. Each finishing point involves another 2-3 miles down side trails to hi-way.

MT. GREYLOCK (3491') 8 hi-way miles to base of Mt., 6 miles up by car or about 3½ each way on foot, stiff climbing. Interesting combinations of walking and riding possible. Trails vary in length. Lodge, lunches, beacon light with observation platform, picnic grounds, picnic shelter and T.V. sta. on top.

TACONIC RIDGE NORTH SNOW HOLE 7 miles by car on route 2 to summit of Petersburg pass (2090') then on foot 2½ to 3 miles. After the first sharp climb the rest is easy.

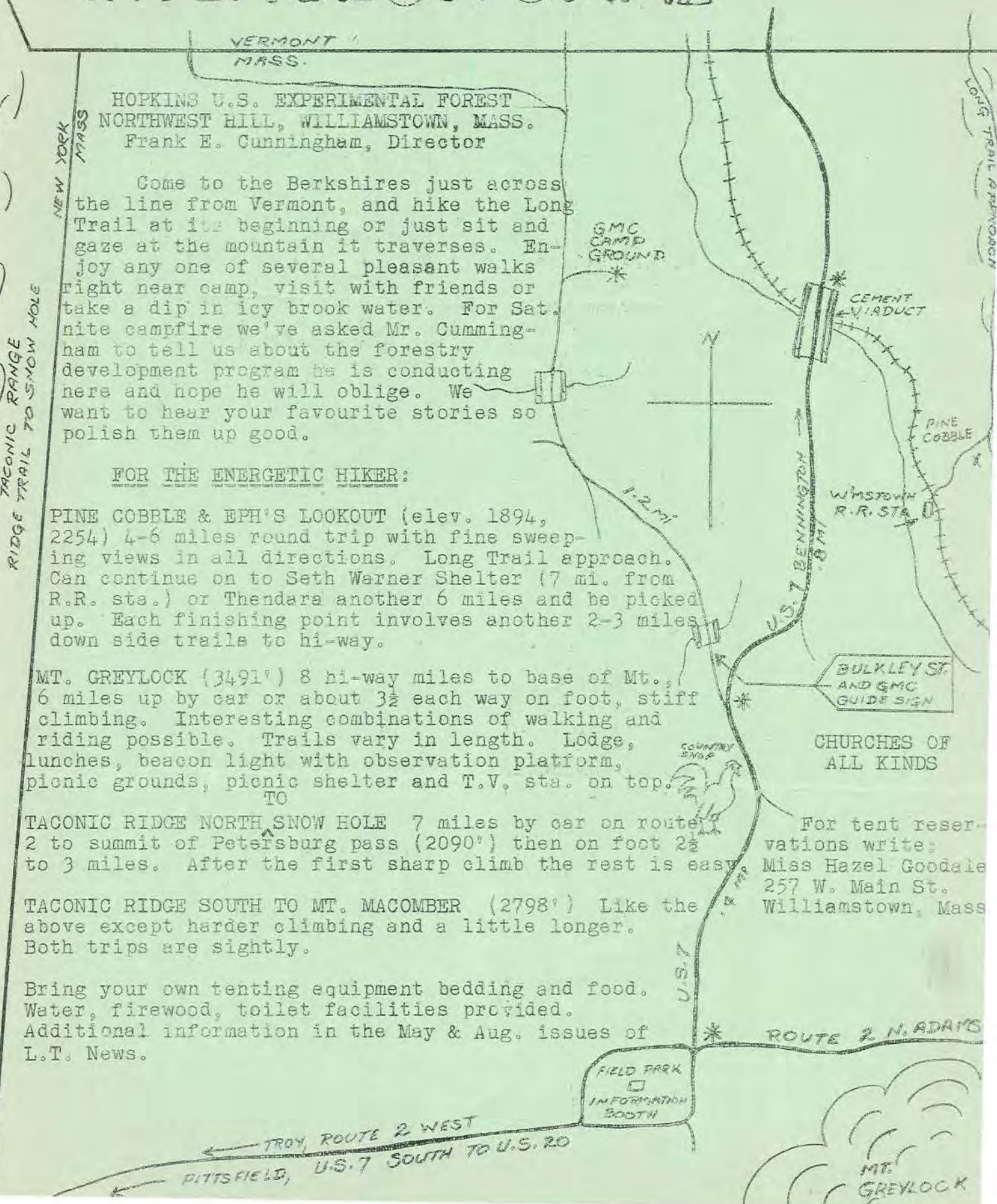
TACONIC RIDGE SOUTH TO MT. MACOMBER (2798') Like the above except harder climbing and a little longer. Both trips are sightly.

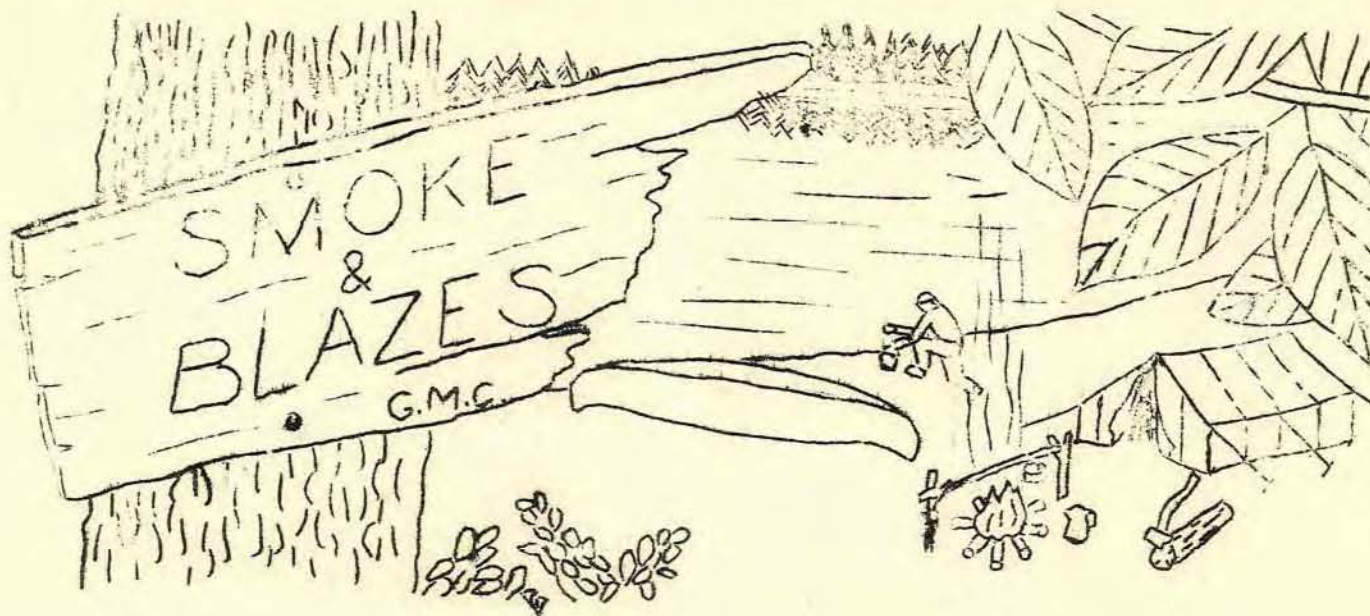
Bring your own tenting equipment bedding and food. Water, firewood, toilet facilities provided. Additional information in the May & Aug. issues of L.T. News.

FIELD PARK
INFORMATION BOOTH

← TROY, ROUTE 2 WEST
← PITTSFIELD, U.S. 7 SOUTH TO U.S. 20

MT. GREYLOCK





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OUTING SCHEDULE FALL AND WINTER - 1956

The following hikes have been planned for all interested in outdoor activity, whether a member or not. Unless otherwise provided, hikers bring their own lunches, cups and spoons. Coffee will be served by the Club.

Aug. 18-19, Sat. & Sun. Inter-sectional - Williamstown, Mass.

Aug. 26, Sun. Camel's Hump Area (Reschedules)

Sept. 15, Sat. (Fall Series-
Sept. 29, Sat. (location in
Oct. 13, Sat. (Sept. S&B

Oct. 21, Sun. Mt. Okemo

Nov. 3, Sat. Little Rock Pond

Nov. 18, Sun. Mystery Hike

Dec. 1, Sat. Covered Dish
Supper - Beechwood

Dec. 15, Sat. Griffith Lake

Jan. 6, Sun. Gov. Clement -
Snowshoe Hike

Jan. 19 or 20, Sat. or Sun. -
Moonlight Hike - Tucker.
Final Date to depend on weather conditions.

Jan. 31, Thurs. Annual Meeting
of Killington Section.

Feb. 9, Sat. Mt. Carmel (tentative)

Hikes are planned to leave Meldon School on the above dates. For details or possible changes, see the Herald before each outing, or call 3-8621. When possible, advance notice will appear in SMOKE AND BLAZES.

Look for your completed schedule cards with the September SMOKE & BLAZES. Sorry we couldn't get it out for this issue.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Lucy Bishop is travelling in Europe this summer, taking an Extension Course under the auspices of Boston University.

Maude Canty is enjoying her vacation at her camp on Lake Bomoseen.

LAKE GEORGE TRIP

We made it this year - a few of us anyway. It wasn't actually raining when we assembled at Meldon School at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 21st, so in spite of gloomy weather predictions, we started off. Our group of five was glad to be joined by Professor and Mrs. Roy Buchanan from Burlington.

The drive to Lake George Village was uneventful. Occasional spatters of rain attempted to discourage us, but we were in an optimistic mood.

We found Lake George Village to be anything but village-like in atmosphere what with hotels, motels, eating stands, amusement parks, accompanying signs, traffic and the like. After missing a turn for the pier we struggled through a slight involvement with truck traffic, a dead end street and left turns, but finally arrived in plenty of time for the departure of the Ticonderoga at 10:40 A.M.

Even though there were slight sprinkles off and on all day, the mountains around the lake remained clearly visible, so the beauty of the trip was unspoiled. Canvas canopies over the decks of the Ticonderoga protected us from the sprinkles and made it possible to stay out on deck all during the trip.

Lake George is a truly beautiful lake with plenty of variety along its shores. There are elaborate hotels and summer estates, quiet little lake-side villages which are points of call for the steamer, and plenty of wild, rugged country. Then, too, there are the islands, lots of them. Some are privately owned and used for summer homes, but many others are owned by the state and are available for the use of campers. We saw such attractive camp set-ups as we steamed by that it made us start

thinking, "How could we arrange to try this sometime?"

The return trip from Ticonderoga Landing was just as interesting, for as always everything had a different look when seen from the opposite direction.

We were back at the Lake George Village pier about 4 P.M. Here we said "Good-bye", to the Buchanans who were returning to Burlington via the Adirondacks, and planning to camp overnight somewhere enroute. Roy pointed out that this had been a really appropriate Mountain Club trip as an advertising folder stated that Lake George was "situated in the crest of the Adirondacks!"

On the way back to Rutland we had a chance to watch two big oil barges negotiate the locks of the canal a short distance below Whitehall. As some of us had never been at the right place at the right time before to see the canal in actual operation, this was a big addition to the day's trip.

All in all it was a most interesting and enjoyable day. You folks who stayed away missed a really good time. This is as nice a day's boat trip as one could ask for. We could find only one possible fault with Lake George - it isn't in Vermont.

IT'S COMING SOON

Yes, it won't be long now before we'll be getting ready for our Annual Rummage Sale.

Remember that the "white elephant" you don't want anymore may be exactly what someone else is looking for. There is always a demand for clothing - children's clothing is especially wanted. Dishes and kitchen equipment are good items, too. In fact, just about anything goes - at a price. We'll have more details later, but start saving and collecting now. Also, we'd be glad to hear from anyone willing to help on the Sale.

C. V. CAMP
BY
BOB PAUL

We left Meldon School at 10:45 A.M. Blue skies and a sunny day made it very enjoyable at the C.V. Camp at Chittenden Dam. A group of 23 attended. When we arrived we put our lunches on the chairs and made a mad dash for the water. The first one in was Judy Allard. Her first words were, "The water's fine - Brrrrr." Gradually everyone slipped in. Bob Paul inflated his rubber mattress while others were out in Craigie's rubber boat.

Everyone took turns riding in the C.V. boat. There was a slight leak in the boat so we had to wear our bathing suits.

About noon our stomachs told us it was time to refuel, so we ate. We all enjoyed our picnic lunches and Joe Hadeka especially enjoyed his BEANS. He took one smell of the beans and left the table.

After lunch Bob Paul took Judy Allard for a little ride. By some the afternoon was spent on the dock visiting, while others enjoyed swimming and boat rides.

Our food had not yet run out so we decided to stay for supper.

We left the C.V. Camp about 7:00 P.M. and arrived in Rutland about 7:45 P.M., tired but very relaxed after a pleasant day.

We are very grateful to the C.V. for the use of the camp and to Eleanor Walker for making the arrangements for us.

1956 INTERSECTIONAL HELD

Seventy-five GMCers assembled at the Hopkins Experimental Forest, Williamstown, Mass., on the weekend of Aug. 18-19 for the annual Club Intersectional.

Early comers began arriving late Friday P.M. and enjoyed a fine, moonlight evening.

This was new camping territory for Killington Sec. members and we took advantage of the opportunity to cover some of the southern end of the Long Trail. The general terrain here is much different than the Lincoln Mt. area where we hiked in early July. The Trail here for the most part followed pleasant, woody paths and old wood roads.

People were arriving all day Saturday and we returned from our hike to find quite a "tent city". We kept busy for awhile seeing who was there, but soon went down to the small pond where a dip in its cool water was most refreshing after our day's hike.

An after supper shower caused a brief lull in activities, but it was of short duration and we were soon gathered around a blazing campfire. Here the program included songs, Section reports, a talk on the work being done in the Forest, charades representing the names of some Long Trail Shelters by Killington Sec. and a stunt directed by Brattleboro Section. The program concluded abruptly with the advent of another shower. This was soon over, however, and the crowd reassembled to enjoy watermelons provided by Don Kent of the Brattleboro Section.

Early rain on Sunday made the day seem unpromising for either hiking or camping. By noon the majority had broken camp and were on their way.

Those attending from the Killington Sec. were: Miriam, Bennett, and Charlotte Bell; Louise Adams, Betty Ball, Joe Hadeka, Barbie Allard, Mary, Craigie, and Vera Perkins.

Many thanks to the committee for arranging a fine Intersectional

COOPER CLEAN UP

The long awaited repairs at Cooper Lodge on Killington have at last been made.

It all began with a letter from a councilor at Twin Notch Girl Scout Camp near Fort Ann New York. She asked if we had any project for a group of her campers on the Long Trail. After a little correspondence we settled on the repair and cleaning of Cooper Lodge as a proper project.

A trip was made to the Girls Camp to show the slide collection and make more detailed plans.

On a Saturday Bob Paul, Joe Hadeka, and Craigie Perkins made a trip to Killington carrying up paint, brushes, glass, putty, and all the tools needed for a good overhaul.

The camp was found in fairly good condition except for the disconnected stove pipe and a broken leg on the stove. Someone had tried to drag the stove across the stone floor. There doesn't seem to be any way to make repairs and we will eventually have to set the stove on a pile of stones. However it works as well as ever and takes little fuel which is a big advantage on Killington.

On Sunday afternoon fourteen girls and two councilors arrived. They proved to be good hikers and made the trip up the Bucklin Trail in about four hours with three day packs.

At Cooper Lodge we found two Canadian boys who had hiked all the way from Stratton Mt. After supper and getting settled we held a song festival. The boys had some new ones. If you hear "A Guy Had A Game with a Ping-Pong Ball" -- that's where it came from.

Next morning the boys left and we got to work. The window sash with broken glass were taken out one by one.

Old putty was removed, broken glass disposed of, and the sash cleaned up. Then the new glass was set, putty replaced, and the window washed.

The painting crew painted the outside of the sash, replaced it, and painted the inside.

About a dozen sash were done in this way. Meanwhile a gang cut the weeds near the camp and picked up the cans and glass scattered around.

Another group repainted the blue blazes on the spur trail to the peak.

The roof detail daubed two gallons of coating on the worse spots on the roofing paper. (Also on the shoes, hands, elbows, etc. of the girls involved.)

There was plenty of time for fun and several trips to the peak. Tuesday evening was spent at the top watching the lights. The seeing was just fair with considerable haze. However, there wasn't a drop of rain in the three days we were there.

Four or five of the girls slept out on the flat above the Camp, and that area became known as Porcupine Alley.

Before leaving on Wednesday morning the girls swept out the Camp thoroughly and disposed of all food leftovers.

The project was a great success from all angles. The girls had a good outing and the GMC was greatly benefited. The jobs the girls did are the kind we always postpone for what we consider more important work.

If more Campers could be induced to carry out a project like this it would help to make up for our man power shortage.

While we are on the subject, how about a work party to put that wallboard on Sunnyside?



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COMING EVENTS

The next two outings are in our fall series-outings. The transportation on these has to be arranged in advance so if you are planning to go please get in touch with Craigie or Vera Perkins by the Friday evening preceding the hike. These trips give you a chance to add to your total Long Trail mileage. Better come.

Time - Saturday, Sept. 29
Place - Cowles Cove to Birch Glen

This should prove an interesting trip. Since on approach trail is on the west side of the range and the other on the east it looks as though we'd have to divide the group for this one.

One group will drive to Hanksville and the "Beane Farm". Leaving cars there they will hike up to Birch Glen and from there north along The Long Trail to Cowles Cove and on to the intersection of The Long Trail with the Hedgehog Brook Trail, out this trail to the road to North Fayston and Route 100. The other group will go in from North Fayston and do the hike in reverse.

We'll meet somewhere en route (we hope) for lunch and exchange of car keys. Total hiking 7.2 mi.

Time - Saturday, Oct. 13th
Place - Boyce Shelter to Breadloaf Mt.

The last of our Fall series-hikes goes on from where the 1954 fall series left off. We will use the Burnt Hill approach trail which comes out on a public road back of Broad Loaf English School as we did before.

After leaving Boyce Shelter we will go on to Mt. Boyce, Battell Mt. and Breadloaf Mt. From there we will use another approach trail to bring us back down to a public road which leads to Ripton.

This trip promises at least two good lookouts and view of Skylight Pond. The total hiking distance on this one is about 8.3 miles.

RUMMAGE SALE * FRIDAY, OCT. 26

The Rummage Sale date has been set. Mark Thursday, Oct. 25, on your calendar as the day you will bring your load of rummage to be sold on Friday. The Sale will be in the Neighborhood Rooms as usual and we will be there from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Thursday to receive material and get it ready for selling.

There is a good market for most anything. Some of the items

in the clothing line which we usually find ourselves short of are the larger sizes in women's clothing and all sorts of men's and boy's clothing. We could always sell more children's things if we had them. Underwear is a good item, too, even if in need of small repairs. China, glassware, ornamental objects, cooking utensils, and the like are all good sellers.

If you have material and no way of getting it to us call Craigie Perkins (3-7954) before Thursday, Oct. 25th.

We need helpers anytime Thursday for sorting and pricing. On Friday help is especially needed for the first couple of hours (9-11) when business is really rushing. Please let us hear from you if you can help out at any time.

This is our one big money raising project of the year. It's success depends on having a large supply of material. Let's see if we can top last year's net of \$121.39.

UNSCHEDULED WORK PARTY

It started out as an afternoon walk by two Killington Sec. GMCers to take a look at the new bridge over Mill River which is nearing completion. Incidentally, if you don't think this bridge that Emile is building is quite a project you have a surprise coming!

The day was so nice that after viewing the bridge we decided to go on to Clarendon Lodge via the Long Trail. We were glad of the new markings here as the recent lumbering has certainly changed the look of things in this area.

Arrived at the Lodge we found that the last users had left a fine pile of wood and also a collection of leftover supplies which covered about half the table. Their intentions

were good as they had left everything well stored in plastic bags and a note saying all was fresh as of September 1st. Apparently it hadn't occurred to them that there might not be anyone along immediately to use them. As the supplies were already more than a week old we decided to dispose of them.

Burning seemed to offer the quickest and neatest method of disposal. So we stuffed a few papers and a little kindling in the stove, lit them and started dumping in the left-overs. Too late we realized that the stove grate was practically non-existent so everything was falling directly into the ash pan!

In the end we carted everything to the dump and cleaned out the stove. We also removed the boughs from the bunks and swept up the needles. Two windows were open when we arrived; these we closed and wedged shut with small pieces of wood - those latches really should be fixed.

There is a roof leak which needs fixing and the whole roof could well be coated. A metal strip should be put on the bottom of the door which is showing the effect of porkie gnawings. Something should be done soon about the stove.

This is the nicest shelter in our Section. A little work now will put it back in A-1 condition. Let's have a planned work party soon and do it.

NEWS FLASH

Two of our Killington Section members, Cecile Campbell and Emile Boselli, who have been working together this year in getting out SMOKE & BLAZES, are soon going into partnership in a big way. Cecile came back from her vacation with a very pretty ring and they have wedding plans for October 27th. Best wishes to you, Cecile and Emile.

CAMEL'S HUMP IN THE RAIN

There are many times during the year when Camel's Hump is a formidable mountain to climb. A few weeks ago, at the end of summer, six Killington Section hikers didn't think there was much to worry about in this respect. However, we had an experience worth remembering.

After planting one car at the Winooski river road crossing, and with the second car reaching the start of our hike, the Forestry Trail, we were ready for the climb. This was quite a time consuming operation. We had left Rutland, Vermont about 7:30 A.M. It was now 10:45 A.M.

By this time, it was raining, a drizzle that we did not know whether or not was to be just a mountain shower or an all day rain. Regardless of weather, we decided to go on. What's a little rain at the end of summer?

This is an easy trail. It climbs at a moderate grade, and goes through beautiful hard wood forest. We had decided to take the Alpine Trail where it crosses the Forestry trail in order to see the remains of the army plane which crashed here in 1944.

With the rain still beating down on us, we were wet from head to toe. In fact we were drenched, cold, and beginning to think we were a bit on the loony side. The sight of the wrecked plane didn't help any to heighten our spirits. The two youngsters (speedy hikers) hadn't been seen for some time.

On reaching the side cliff, just below the summit, the wind was blowing at terrific speed. We hugged the wall and inched our way along. Our hands were numb. The rain was letting up some, but the wind was more difficult to contend with. Someone's cap blow off, and was caught on the fly. We scrambled to the

top and were rewarded for about one minute with a view of the valley when the clouds separated just long enough for a quick look. The girls weren't on the peak. We didn't expect they would be waiting for us in that cold. "Most likely they ran for shelter below", was the thought we expressed.

When we reached the tin hut, we found them, cold and shivering, and wondering where we had been. They had missed the Alpine Trail, and didn't get to the top of the mountain at all. Those of us who had wool shirts in our packs, took them out, and after taking the wet ones off, put on the dry ones. What a comfort!

We hurried on to Gorham Lodge. What a blessed relief! A fire was burning in the stove, and two young men were packing and getting ready to leave. We stayed here longer than we should have but we wanted to get warm and a little dryer. We ate our lunch and then moved on.

From here on, the going was rough, in and out of woods, over ridges and several pronounced knobs. The sun was out at last, and the wind blowing strong enough to dry us off.

Over Spruce Knob and down to Wiley Lodge! It was getting late so we stopped only long enough to take a look at this beautiful lodge built in 1949 by the Long Trail Patrol. This Lodge was made possible by a generous gift from William O. Wiley of the New York Section. A fund for its perpetual maintenance has been established.

After leaving Wiley Lodge, we continued north on the Trail through the woods, following Gleason Brook, and finally coming out in a pasture that the Guide Book says comes "to the river road."

It was a long, long day. We won't forget Camel's Hump in the Rain.

BURNT ROCK MOUNTAIN

Saturday, September 15th at 7 A.M.: all aboard for another trip on the Long Trail.

We left one car at Couching Lion Farm and then drove back to North Fayston, if you know where that is. The Hedgehog Brook approach trail was an easy climb. Although it is not well marked we had no trouble following it. It apparently has had some use this summer.

Only an hour and a half was required to reach the Long Trail south of Burnt Rock Mountain. At this point we turned north toward the rocky summit. The Trail had been recently cleared and was in good condition. Blazes and signs were good in this area also.

At 12:30 we had lunch on the bare top of Burnt Rock Mountain which deserves its reputation for providing one of the best views along the Trail. There are no nearby peaks except the Allens directly north. We could see the White Mountains to the east and Vermont from Lake Willoughby to Killington. To the west we could see nearly the full length of Lake Champlain but low clouds hid the Adirondaks.

Speaking of clouds, they began to drift by through the pass below us and for a while we thought we were in for another wetting but it held off till we were most home.

The Trail led by Mt. Ira Allen just under the cliffs near the top. Then came the two peaks of Ethan Allen.

As we started down Camel's Hump came into view and was visible most of the way to Montclair Glen Lodge. The Trail was good and not too rough. The Lodge was clean and in good condition. The register had been there a year. We signed it.

After a short rest we descended to Wind Gap and start of the Dean Trail out to Couching Lion Farm. We passed several beaver ponds near the Gap with some signs of fresh work.

About 6 P.M. after eight hours on the trail we reached our car and started toward home.

This wasn't so exciting a trip as the Camels Hump battle but it was a good hike on a good Trail on a good day.

NEW ARRIVAL

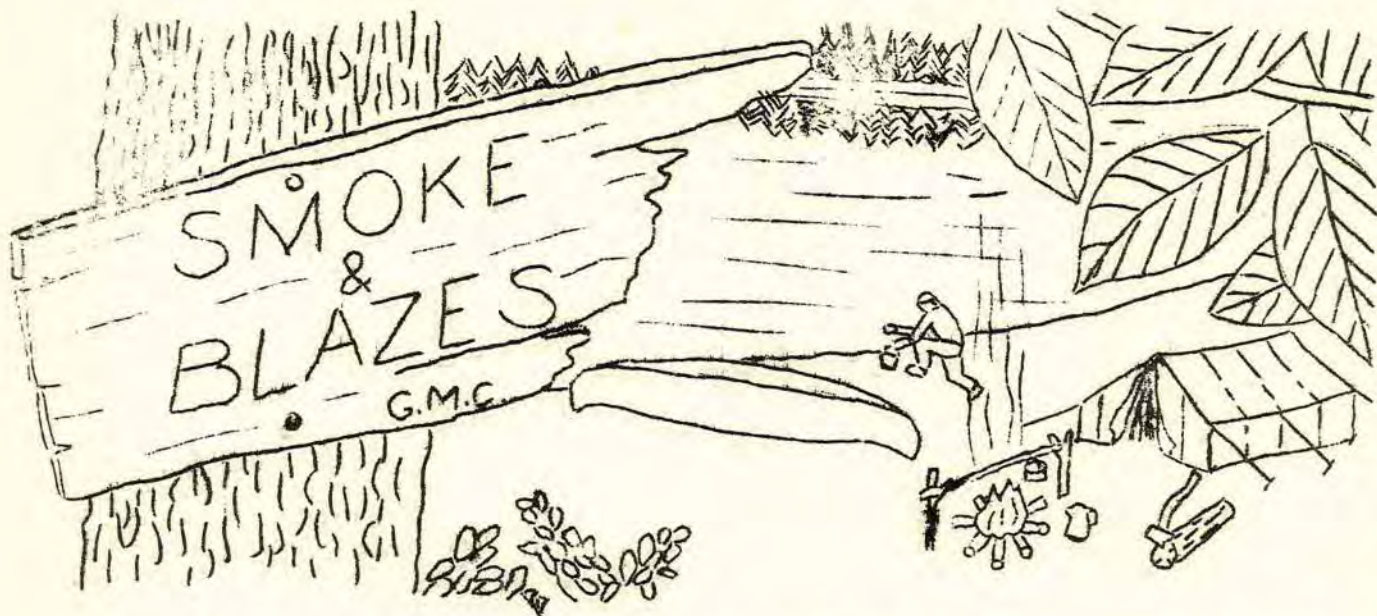
We have a new prospective Killington Section GMC member. Section president, Jack Martin and Janet Martin are the parents of another daughter, Nancy Lynn Martin, born on September 1st. Congratulations.

BOOK REVIEW - SWIFT IN THE NIGHT

"Swift In The Night", by H.B. Mowery is an entertaining and informative book on animals and plants. Anyone who enjoys watching foxes and rabbits, will enjoy the tales of these and other wild creatures, and most readers will be surprised to read that wolves are timid beasts. Hungry hikers will like the chapters on wild mushrooms, and on plants. Ever try fried dandelion blossoms? B.B.

SUMMER HOMES IN NATIONAL FORESTS

An article in the September issue of AMERICAN FORESTS explains how under certain conditions summer homes may be built in National Forests. When summer home sites are available in a specific Forest the location must be approved by the Forestry Service. Permits for the use of the land are issued from year to year, at a moderate fee. Restrictions and special rules vary with local conditions. An interesting idea.



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Killington Section Green Mountain Club

Oct. 1956

COMING EVENTS

TIME - Sunday, October 21
PLACE - Mt. Okemo

Here is a short hike with a wonderful view to a mountain we have not visited for several years. The road goes to within less than one-half mile from the top, so it will be a very short hike.

The trip will leave the Meldon School at 10:30 A.M., so everyone should be able to make this one without rushing. See you there.

TIME - Saturday, November 3
PLACE - Little Rock Pond

Previous trips to this pleasant pond have usually been during Spring flower or Summer glory. This should be a chance for an "off-season" visit for those familiar with the locale, and a trip of discovery for those new to Little Rock Pond. There is a possible good view from the Green Mts., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west.

This hike is about 4.8 mi. (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.), total, all on The Long Trail. The trip will leave Meldon at 9:30 A.M.

TIME - Sunday, November 18
PLACE - ? ? ? MYSTER HIKE ? ? ?

This relatively short hike offers one of the best views in our vicinity, weather permitting. (2 mi. 1500 ft.). We plan on leaving Meldon at 10:00 A.M., with prepared instructions for reaching the still to be revealed goal.

REMINDER

RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 26th

We need the support of everyone to make the sale a success. Remember we will be in The Neighborhood Rooms all day Thursday, Oct. 25th, to receive your contributions. It is important to have things in that day so they are ready for sale when we open on Friday morning.

We would still like to hear from people who would be able to help on the sale, either Thursday or Friday - or both!

With our big bridge project this year we are more anxious than ever to have the sale net us a good sum to help fill up our treasury. We need plenty of things to sell, so search out everything you have no further use for and let us have it. Contact your friends too, and see if they have anything they'd like to get rid of. Here is a chance to help yourselves and us at the same time.

COWLES COVE TO BIRCH GLEN

Divided we hiked, to save the many miles we would have to drive to plant cars. One group went in from N. Fayston, and one from Hanksville. All were to meet for lunch.

For a while the N. Fayston hikers weren't sure they would ever meet. Remembering a left-hand turn at the start of the approach trail, they started up a wood road, wondering why they didn't remember the little bridge and the old lumbering jobs. They tried a side trail which promptly petered out. The main trail suddenly lost itself too. As the perplexed group started back to the beginning, they remembered a discussion about two bridges when we took this trail two weeks ago. We had crossed one bridge too many. Soon we were on the right trail with its familiar blowdowns and muddy spots. We were glad to finally see the mustard-colored blazes.

It was the warmest day for weeks, which made the ascent seem steeper than before. But the woods were lovely, with that special golden autumn glow, and views near the top colorful indeed. A pause for light refreshment near the top of the Hedgehog Brook Trail gave everyone renewed pep. The last mile to Cowles Cove was through lovely evergreen woods. There the two groups had a leisurely lunch hour, near the nice, new shelter.

The Trail beyond Cowles Cove was pleasantly varied, with the first mile a scramble over rocks and roots, and so side-hilly one wished for wamawcofus legs, temporarily, of course.

The rest of the way was through pleasant woodland, and we stopped briefly at Birch Glen.

We had far-reaching, gloriously colored views as we neared the Beane Farm, and decided nothing was nicer than a hike in the fall.

BREADLOAF HIKE

Once again good weather made October 13th another good hiking day.

One car was parked at the Steam Mill site way off up in the woods north of Ripton. The other car was left at Breadloaf Summer School and six of us went up the Burnt Hill Trail to the Long Trail.

It was a long two miles up hill. The Trail was easily followed but could stand some brushing at the upper end and signs near the start.

Going north on the Long Trail, we found it had been recently worked as far as Batell Mountain. Boyce Shelter was in good condition.

The forest across this part of the Trail was almost completely blown down by the hurricanes. Now spruce and balsam are coming in and in a few years this will be a very pretty area.

At Skylight Pond, where we had lunch, we met a party from Middlebury College staying at Skyline Lodge, which was in fine condition.

Even though the air temperature was in the seventies, there was a thin coating of ice over part of the Pond at noon, believe it or not.

The slide down the Breadloaf Trail really was something! Don't ever try to go up that way with a pack. They should build a one mile ladder down from the top.

The trail was easily followed down to a lumber job but beyond that point just disappeared. We saw only two blazes and no signs in the last mile so we followed a wood road which happened to come out where we had left the car.

Too bad more people didn't come out for this one--- it wasn't too hard.

BEHOLD THE MOUNTAINS

"Behold the Mountains" by Frank Smythe, is a fine book on mountain-climbing around the world with good color photographs. Mr. Smythe climbed as high on Everest as anyone had until the last few years, and has climbed in Europe, Canadian Rockies, and on the Long Trail in Vermont. The last place was the only one in which he was hurt. He fell on a root. The book closes with fine autumn color photographs of the Rutland region. This is an exciting book, with many thrilling accounts of climbs, and is one of the most beautifully illustrated books on mountain-climbing I ever saw.

B. B.

ALONG THE TRAIL

Two Killington Section members hiked the Trail between the Middlebury and Brandon Gaps recently. This was a repeat trip for one of us and we were surprised to discover how much one forgets about a section of Trail in a couple of years. After we left the Lake Pleiad area the only things which seemed familiar were the rain and Sugar Brook Shelter!

We visited the Voter-White Lodge this time and enjoyed its porch which overlooks Lake Pleiad. We reached there before the rain and the Lake was really lovely with its tapestry background of hills in fall foliage. Altogether a good trip in spite of the rain.

We continue to marvel at how other Sections seem to be able to keep registers in their shelters. We'd like to know their secret. These registers are interesting to look over, and give an idea of how much the Trail is being used, and tell of conditions found by hikers.

NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

The National Parks Assoc. is an independent, non-profit organization with nation-wide membership guarding America's heritage of scenic wilderness. It was founded in 1919, and is the publisher of NATIONAL PARKS MAGAZINE.

21,000,000 acres of the most beautiful land in America belongs to you.

Because these lands are under the protection of the Government, most people believe that they will remain inviolate, but this is not necessarily so--not so long as selfish interests seek to have bills introduced in Congress making it legal to graze livestock, cut forests, develop mines, and dam rivers for power within the parks. It is possible for a small minority working through Congress to have its way over an unorganized majority.

Through the NATIONAL PARKS MAGAZINE, you will be informed of any plans proposed that would provide profit for a few, yet would destroy the heritage of many.

If you are interested, write: National Parks Association, 2114 F Street, N. W., Washington, 7, D. C.

HIGH SIERRA HIKE

Two of our Killington Section, California members, Bob and Thelma Perkins, spent part of their summer vacation hiking with the Sierra Mt. Club.

We think a story about hiking with that Club would be interesting to our Green Mountain Club members. How about a story, Bob or Thelma?



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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Nov. 1956

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, Dec. 1st

Place - Beechwood - Covered Dish
Supper

Once again it is time for our annual covered dish supper at Beechwood. We hope you will all plan to come. In order to be sure of a good variety of food we would like everyone to call Janet Martin, PR 3-8621, and tell her what you would like to bring by Friday night. It would be appreciated if you would call in the evening, if possible. Plan to come early and take a walk, or sit and chat during the afternoon. Supper will be served at 6 P.M. Please bring your own dishes and silver.

Time - Saturday, Dec. 15th

Place - Griffith Lake

This will be a new trip to most of us as we will hike to Griffith Lake by way of the Lake Trail from US 7 two miles south of Danby. According to the Guide Book this trail should be quite scenic as there are two good lookouts.

Since this is a fairly long trip - about 3.7 miles in-(3 hrs. estimate going up; 2 hrs. return-

ing down) we will leave from Meldon School at 8:30 A.M.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$121.03

Another successful Rummage Sale has come and gone, adding a substantial amount to Killington Section's treasury.

Each year we are pleased with the amount and type of material which comes in for the sale and hope that our members can keep on supplying us. We have a number of regular customers who watch for the GMC sale and come and buy, no matter how many other sales are in progress the same day. This keeps business good and makes us feel sure that we really offer good bargains, so the sale benefits sellers and buyers alike.

It's not too early to put aside a good big box marked "Rummage" to receive any items for which you have no further use as you finish with them. In this way you'll be ready for us when the call for Rummage goes out again next fall.

Our thanks to all who supplied material, and an extra "thank you" to "T" Valiquette, Ruth Postman, and Eleanor Walker who assisted in pricing and/or selling and cleaning up. We needed their help.

MT. OKEMO

Sunny, summer-warm weather, and an easy hike brought out several hikers on October 21st. Most of them drove to a parking lot about a half mile from the top, and had an easy hike up. Here were good picnic facilities, a fire tower with a wide though hazy view, rocks for little Carol Martin to play on, and a generally good place for relaxing. Several of the men tried to measure the fire tower, using various mathematical methods.

Meanwhile, two hikers and a dog, wishing a longer hike, had tried coming up the long way, along the ski lift. They started from a parking place at the bottom of the lift, and followed the poles, thinking this would be more direct than the winding road. It was direct, all right, directly up, a steep but peaceful ascent. Many pauses were made to enjoy the beauty of the woods, and catch the breath. During one of these pauses, a beautiful woodpecker, with glossy, ebony black, back, and a buttercup yellow spot on his head, flew into sight - the rare Artic, three-toed, woodpecker. It turns up in Vermont only once in a couple of years, though fairly common in the spruce forests of Canada. This made the whole trip worthwhile, to one of the hikers, at least.

The next question was what lay over the hill? Would it be more poles, the road, the fire tower in sight, or a dead end? The ridge in question had been in sight ever since leaving the road, but now it was finally topped, and there were more poles!!

Another ridge topped, and sight of a ski hut, but no road, no tower, just forest closing in. However, there was a map, and the hungry-by-now hikers

tried to deduce how to get to the top, and started off on an old, rough, woods road. But alas! It soon plunged steeply downhill, and the pair wanted to go up. What to do? A clearing was noted, explored, and it proved to be a ski trail, going up, so it was followed. But it wound around. They were getting discouraged. Mutterings were heard that retreat might be best. A dog barking sounded hopeful, but that, too, went down the mountain, obviously a beagle hunting. Shouts brought no answer. Finally a boy and his mother were spotted ahead. They were on the trail. The old lady said it was a half mile to the tower and a rough trail, but it seemed like a boulevard after the rough ski trail, and soon the tower was in sight.

The party was then reunited, all but the two dogs, who were speedily separated. At last, at 1:30 lunch was enjoyed by the famished pair, their appetites well whetted by the spice of adventure.

After a long, leisurely, lunch hour, everybody went down the mountain, thankful for the opportunity to hike in the sunshine of a wonderful, Indian summer, day.

A SUGGESTION

Recently one of our Jr. members asked why a story of Green Mountain Club activities couldn't be written up in the Rutland Herald so that other young people would know that there is such a thing as a hiking club where young people are welcome.

We think this is a splendid suggestion, and recommend that something be done along this line.

That something could be the appointing of a Jr. as chairman to follow through with the above.

LITTLE ROCK POND TRIP

by
Rachel Bell

On November fourth at ten-thirty, a group of 22 hikers, including Girl Scout Troop Two of Dana School, left Danby for Little Rock Pond, which was a two and a half mile hike on the Long Trail, each way. It was a mild gray day; some of us hiked in shirt sleeves.

When we arrived there, we discovered a beautiful, medium-sized pond. On an island we found a lean-to and a fireplace, over which we cooked our lunch.

We also discovered an old, partly sunken row boat. When it was time to get the water, three of us ---"Captain John Smith, Pocahontas, and an Indian guide"---paddled to the other end of the pond where there was a spring. Standing up we used the primitive paddles which were in the boat for oars.

We were all sorry to leave this lovely spot just as the sun came out, but we will return some time again!

MYSTERY SOLVED

With the first fall of snow, and enthusiastic group of a dozen hikers, the destination of the Mystery Hike was found to be the Tall Timber Camping Area in Mendon.

This proved to be an ideal spot for a day in the woods, to romp and play in the snow, to take short walks on the nearby trails, and to enjoy the shelter of one of the cabins.

We were pleased to see one of our members of long standing, Bill Allard, who was doing some hunting in the area with friends.

Penny, the Bell dog, became so tired, he wanted to stay in camp for the night, but was persuaded to move on.

FOR THE BIRDS

Why not start the interesting hobby of bird watching by feeding birds this winter? These free meals will bring you enjoyment and happiness, for birds soon become daily visitors when given proper food.

Birds appreciate a variety of wholesome seeds. Seeds of sunflower, broken corn, cracked wheat, hemp, buckwheat, millet, hulled oats and certain other seeds are favorite of most birds. A little grit is need to supply calcium and phosphorus.

Outdoor seed mixtures may be bought for as little as five pounds for \$1.10.

There are all types of bird feeders on the market. If you are a beginner at this fascinating hobby, why not send for a free catalog. The Hyde Bird Feeder Company of 56 Felton St., Waltham, Massachusetts will be glad to oblige.

A friend of ours with the long standing hobby of bird watching told us that he has come to notice what marked personalities the different species have. The flicker, despite his large size and formidable beak is always the perfect gentleman, so that even the little junco that is being chased off continually by the other birds will eat right alongside him without any fear. The blackbirds are crafty and smart. They are never satisfied with merely finishing the food when it is spread out on a cardboard but afterwards must also move the cardboard to see if they can find any more stray bits underneath.

Once started on this interesting project of feeding the birds, you will want to know more about them. There are books you will want to buy to help you identify your friends. There are even records of expertly recorded bird songs.

Why not get started?



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We know it's not original
And it's certainly not new,
But the staff of SMOKE &
BLAZES

Wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday, January 6th
Place - Gov. Clement Shelter-
Snowshoe Hike

It is hoped that this hike will be blessed with a fall of beautiful, new snow, but in any event there should be plenty of snow in this area in January for a good hike that will not be too strenuous. This would be a good trip for skiers too, as it follows an old road which is not plowed in winter. Hope we'll see you there with your skis or snowshoes. We will leave the Melton School at 10:00 A.M.

Time - Saturday, January 19 or
Sunday, January 20
Place - Tucker Lodge - Moonlight
Hike.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The annual covered dish supper was held at Beechwood on Dec. 1st. There was a good crowd of 36 for supper. About half of them came early enough to hike around a bit in the afternoon.

As usual everyone stuffed themselves on a variety of delicious dishes, including two very nice Hungarian dishes brought by Mrs. Horner. It's always nice to have something different as well as the old standbys like Mary's beans, Joe's mother's spaghetti, and Vera's lemon pies, that we enjoy every year.

The youngest hikers present, Carol Martin and Mike Keenan, even had their own table and chairs. It was good at this party to see some of our members who are not able to be with us as often as we might wish.

After supper, while a few of the ladies cleaned up, our president, Jack Martin, played his accordion and led the group in singing some old familiar songs. Then we looked back over the years to the early forties and some of Killington Section's first hikers. It was certainly amazing to see how many of our junior members had grown up into senior members.

GRIFFITH LAKE HIKE

This is the story of a hike that didn't come off. In spite of a beautiful fresh snowfall only a handful of people showed up at Meldon for the outing.

After a conference it was decided to go into Clarendon for more work on the broken sash.

This plan was carried out and the poor old Clarendon stove put on its usual good performance. We were warm and cozy even though the weather turned blustery and two of the sash were out for repairs.

One more trip to set the glass ought to put this Camp back in the excellent column. Who's going?

WANTED ! WANTED ! WANTED !

Wanted: more material for SMOKE & BLAZES. We need new writers, new viewpoints, new ideas. Too often we are putting out only three pages instead of four. There are plenty of people in the Club who could contribute material that would be of interest to all of us. If you ever did anything interesting it isn't fair to keep it to yourself.

Did you ever go on a trip? Go fishing? Get lost? Get found? Get mad? Read a book? See a movie? Watch an exciting commercial on television? Cultivate a hobby? Have an idea? Have an opinion? Care a darn about anything?

If you can answer "Yes" to any of the above let SMOKE & BLAZES have the story to pass along to the other Club members. They would be interested and maybe surprised.

ATTENTION JUNIOR MEMBERS

For loan - one pair of hiking boots, size 6-E. If interested call Janet Martin

at Pr-3-6821.

TIPS ON WINTER HIKING

In winter it is very important to be well prepared when one hits the Trail. In summer wet feet may not feel too good but in winter it could be disastrous. Therefore, it is always a good idea to carry a couple of extra pairs of wool socks. (Wool socks are best for hiking because wool retains more of its insulating properties when wet than other fibers which become matted when wet and cause blisters and cold feet.

Another must is an extra sweater. It is better not to be too bundled up when actually hiking because you will get uncomfortably warm and wet with perspiration. When you stop you get very cold. Then is when a spare sweater will feel extra good.

A small pack is a good investment because it will hold your lunch and extra clothing. You will find it easier to hike with your hands free, you are less apt to lose your balance, and if you find you are too warm you have some place to put that jacket or sweater. You may be glad you brought later in the day.

There is no need to stay home in the winter if you dress warmly and take care to be prepared for the cold and possible wetness of winter and spring hiking.

WE'RE SORRY

In one of our frequent mental lapses we omitted the name of Sharon Krause from the list of helpers at our recent Rummage Sale. Our apologies Sharon, we did appreciate your assistance.

TIPS ON CHRISTMAS TREES

Whatever plans you have for your Christmas tree a good tree to start with is important. Some of the things which are generally considered as characteristics of a good tree are: a good green color, symmetrical shape with full bottom branches and a good top, branches stiff enough to support lights, and needles which do not drop too readily.

What kind of a tree will you choose? Personally, we always thought the spruce was the ideal Christmas tree, but the experts say fir is better, especially for indoor use as spruce sheds it's needles too rapidly. Here is how you can distinguish between the two. Firs have flat needles spaced out along the stems which, when pulled off, leave smooth oval scars. Spruce has prickly needles, square in cross section, which leave small projecting stumps when pulled off.

Of course the size tree you will choose will depend entirely on where you want to use it.

You can sometimes improve the shape a bit by adding a branch if one has broken or there bare spots. To do this, bore a hole in the trunk where you want the branch and insert one taken from a place where it will not be missed. A few slivers of wood edged in around it will make it fit tightly.

Of course the fresher your tree is the better it will keep. You can add to its keeping qualities if, when you get it home, you cut an inch diagonal slice from the stump and place your tree in a pail of cold water with a cup of sugar added. Keep it outdoors until you want to use it.

When it comes to decorating your tree, the General Electric

Company offers this information on the effect of colored bulbs, which may give you some helpful lighting suggestions. Green bulbs accent the foliage color while red and yellow bulbs wash it out. The order of brightness of the bulbs is: white, orange, red, green, blue. When all colors are used at one time on a tree, using twice as many blue and green as the other colors will give the best effect.

Whatever tree you select and however you trim it, have fun.

OLD SUPERSTITUTIONS ON CHRISTMAS FOODS

Refuse mince pie at Christmas dinner and you'll have ill luck all the year.

Eat an apple at midnight on Christmas Eve and you'll have good health in the coming year.

If the loaf of bread is left on the table after the Christmas Eve celebration there will be no lack of bread in the house in the coming year.

If you do not have plum pudding at Christmas time you will lose a friend during the coming year.

A NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM

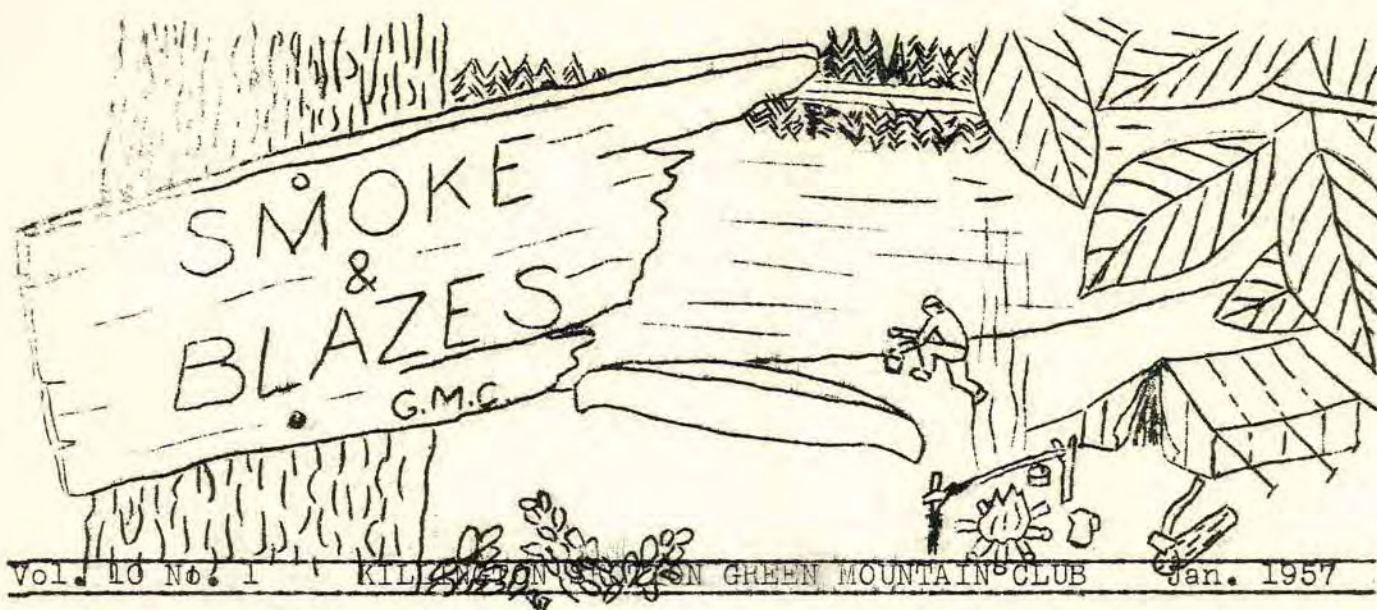
It was an old English custom to clean the chimney at New Year's so good luck for the coming year could descend.

Perhaps that is why we "clean the slate" and make New Year's resolutions.

Anyone know where the custom of not keeping them originated?

CHRISTMAS PLANTS

If you are giving plants for Christmas remember to choose those which will survive the warm, dry atmosphere of most of our homes in winter. You can't do much better than the Poinsetta or Christmas Cacti, old standbys but always welcome.



ANNUAL MEETING SET AHEAD

Time - Thursday, January 24th
Place - Riverside Reformatory
 Killington Sec. Annual Meeting

Please note this is one week earlier than the date given on our schedule due to previous booking of the reformatory.

We hope that all our members will try to make the supper and business meeting.

Supper will be served at 6:30 followed directly by a songfest.. The business meeting will be called to order about 8:00 with a short program of films after. The cost of the supper will be \$1.00. If you can't make the supper try to make the meeting.

Please make reservations for supper with Janet Martin, Pr-3-8621 by the evening of the 21st of Jan. so we can advise Miss Koltonski the exact number to prepare for.

COMING EVENTS

Time - Saturday, Jan. 19th 8:30PM
Place - Tucker Lodge by Moonlight

Everyone can say a short prayer and cross their fingers for clear not too cold weather on Saturday the 19th for our moonlight hike to Tucker.

After a belated scrutiny of "the Farmer's Almanac" we find

that the moon rises at 9:40 on Saturday and around 11 Sunday. So-- we'd best make our trek on Saturday. Be sure to bring your skis or snowshoes for hiking and a cup for the hot coffee and doughnuts which will be served. Hope all the romanticists will join us --- and, bring a friend.

Time - Feb. 9 Saturday, 9:30 AM
Place - Mt. Carmel

This is a new trip for winter hiking. We understand that the road is plowed as far as Mountain Top Inn so we plan to park our cars there. The hike in to Carmel Camp from there is about 3 miles with no very difficult pitches. From Carmel Camp it is 1/2 mile to the top of Mt. Carmel where a small steel tower allows a splendid view. The trip is planned to leave from Meldon.

SPECIAL

Mr. & Mrs. Horner have very kindly offered to conduct a ski class for a group of ten or a dozen members. If there is anyone interested, please notify the Horners at 12 Cottage St. City.

An Unscheduled Visit to
Bell's Camp in Winter
By Karen Kennedy

The Killington Section's latest hike was on Sunday the 6th of January. After a slight delay things got underway and everyone was ready to go at 11:00 from Meldon School. The group consisted of Rachel Bell, Joe Hadeka, Jack and Janet Martin, and Mr. & Mrs. Horner. We were joined shortly by the Bells and their Girl Scouts at Bell's Camp. The hike was originally planned to go to Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury for skiing and snowshoeing but as often the plans were altered because of zero weather. The group rode most of the way to Bell's Camp by station wagon and then hiked by road or the frozen lake. A fire was soon started and everyone enjoyed their lunch.

The day proved very interesting, a group of stalwarts hiked across frozen Bomoseen to the site of an old stone house on the opposite shore. Others who were equipped tried skating in front of camp. Alas, all good things must come to an end so the reluctant group headed back to Rutland at 4 PM. Thus ended a very pleasant day.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Have you looked recently at our "big mountains" about sunset time, especially after a new fall of snow? With their rosy peaks outlined against the sky, they look so warm and glowing it's hard to believe it's cold up there! Glimpse their frosty whiteness in the middle of the day, though, and you get quite a different feeling. Either way they are a part of winter that you shouldn't miss.

WOODS IN WINTER

Put your snowshoes in the car one of these fine, winter days and start off for a nearby woods. Even if you live near the center of town, 10 or 15 minutes will get you to where you can don snowshoes and take off over clean, unbroken snow, to enjoy the apparent solitude of the winter woods.

There is a great quietness here. You have the whole woods to yourself, or so you think, but you're wrong. Somewhere in crevices in old walls or holes in the ground, are chipmunks with their stores of nuts in semi hibernation. Skunks and woodchucks may be around somewhere even though you neither see nor hear them, as they too, hibernate to some extent. That small pool that you passed by may be the winter home of a turtle. They stay under water all winter. The crust over which your snowshoes click so lightly may cover a whole village of field mice. Wonder if they hear a noise on their roof as you walk over?

Here and there will be tracks. A snowshoe rabbit, a squirrel, or even a deer, may have passed by here not so long ago.

Visit the woods often, keep your eyes open, step lightly as you walk about these winter quarters - perhaps one day you will be rewarded by a glimpse of one of the residents.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Bob Perkins spent the weekend of January 5th with Craig and Mary Perkins. Bob was en route from Los Angeles, where he is now living, to Washington for a business conference.

Betty Ball spent Christmas with her family in Florida.

OLD TIME WEATHER FORECASTING

In Vermont the weather is a topic of never failing interest. It changed too fast to become monotonous and presents a challenge to try and predict what's coming next.

The old timers didn't depend on barometers and high and low pressure areas to foretell the weather. Instead they were guided by a variety of "sayings", supposedly developed from observation and past experience. We find a number of these recorded in copies of VERMONT WHITTIN'S, the publication of The Vermont Folklore Society.

Here are a few applicable to this time of year:

As the days begin to lengthen
The cold begins to strengthen.
(The temperature on Friday, Jan. 11
would seem to bear this out!);

Snow that comes in the "old" of
the moon will last, that which
comes in the "new" of the moon
will melt quickly.

When the cat rushes around and
chases its tail the wind will blow.

Thick skin on an onion (or
apple) means a "hard" winter.

Sunset clear on Friday night,
storm before Monday night.

If the snow on the road melts
off, the next storm will be rain,
if it blows off, the next storm
will be snow. (This is reckoning
without salt.)

Did you remember to observe
the black and brown caterpillars
last fall? No? Then we have no
way of telling whether we've had
our coldest weather yet or not.
If you had notices and the black
was heavy on the front end that
would show that the first part of
the winter would be the most
severe, while if it were heavy on

the rear end the last part of
the winter would be the worse.

Maybe Ground Hog Day will
solve that problem. As you
know if he sees his shadow he
goes back in for six weeks more of
winter. If he doesn't, there
will be an early spring. As
Ground Hog Day is February 2nd,
it's a waste of energy for him
to come and look. Anyone
want to bet there won't be six
more weeks of winter anyway?

For some who don't actively
enjoy winter weather it
might help to "while away" the
time to keep a check on some of
these sayings and see how much
foundation they have in fact.
We'd like to hear your conclusions-
if any!

"THE SINGING WILDERNESS"

THE SINGING WILDERNESS by
Sigurd Olson, reviewed in the Dec-
ember issue of AMERICAN FORESTS,
sounds like a book many GMCers
would enjoy.

We have all heard some of the
"music of the wilderness voices",
as the spring peeper, the cricket,
the robin calling for rain - a
few of the more familiar ones a-
round home.

"The SINGING WILDERNESS has
to do with the calling of loons,
northern lights, and the great
silences of the land lying north-
west of Lake Superior."

In this country travel is
still by pack and canoe over the
ancient trails of Indians. A
hunter, fisherman, and white water
canoist, Mr. Olson has travelled
hundreds of miles in the North
Woods. He hears music in the
"soft guttering of a campfire or
the beat of rain on a tent."

Sigurd Olson is writing of
the joy and satisfaction to be
found in the outdoors if you spend
a little effort and imagination.
to discover it.

His book might help us to
discover more of it right here in
Vermont on our own Long Trail



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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Feb. 1957

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had a fine year filled with many and varied activities. My thanks go to those of you who worked to make them a success.

During the coming year we look forward to completion of the new footbridge spanning the Mill River near Route 103. Tentatively a bridge dedication is planned as an activity during the main club annual meeting.

We note that our senior membership has remained steady while the junior membership has declined. Rachel Bell has agreed to act as a Junior Chairman for Publicity.

It is hoped that more joint activities can be planned like the hike with the Brattleboro Section during the year. It may be possible to invite a northern section along for our 4th of July trip.

Harold Valiquette has accepted the job of shelters chairman for this year. It is hoped that a thorough checking system will make it easier to keep all section shelters up to snuff.

Like the coming of seed catalogs we hope this year will be a fruitful and a happy one.

Jack Martin

COMING EVENTS

Winter Weekend - Feb. 23-24

Place - Craigue Perkin's Camp

Once again it is time for our annual Winter Weekend at Craigue's Camp. Those who have attended before will not want to miss this one and new members are urged to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to really get acquainted.

Vera has volunteered to plan the meals so we know they will be delightful. Since everyone takes their turn at cooking and cleanup it is a holiday for everyone.

As usual the cost will be kept at a minimum and separate charges will be made for each meal. These will average about 50¢ per meal.

Reservations must be made with Mary Perkins by Wednesday, Feb. 20. (Tel. 3-7954) Be sure and tell her whether you plan to stay over night and which meals you wish to attend. If it will be necessary for you to come into Rutland for Church on Sun. please make arrangements for your own transportation.

Time - March 10 or 17

Place - Swezy Camp - Bourn Pond
Joint outing with the
Brattleboro Section.

Donald Kent of the Brattleboro Section has written suggest-

ing a joint snowshoe-ski hike from Swezy Camp to Bourn Pond.

We are writing him suggesting either the 10th or 17th of March. Since SMOKE & BLAZES for March probably will not reach you before the 10th, please watch the Rutland Herald, or call Jack Martin the week before the 10th to verify the date and time.

Don reports the road is open from Manchester Depot nearly to Bourn Pond. He suggests, if he can assemble some jeeps, everyone could be transported into Swezy Camp. From there to Bourn Pond is all level or easy grades so should be good terrain for snowshoes or skis.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held Jan. 24th at Riverside Reformatory. There were twenty-four members present for the supper and songfest.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jack Martin at 8:00 PM. Sec-Treas Eleanor Walker read the Sec. and Treas. reports for 1956. A copy of the Treas. report is on the fourth page of this issue of Smoke and Blazes for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the meeting. Emile Boselli reported on the progress on the Mill River Bridge. If he can get some help drilling bolt holes he hopes to have the bridge completed by the time of the Annual Meeting of the Main Club in May. If this can be accomplished it is hoped to have a formal dedication at that time.

Pres. Martin submitted a proposal for checking the condition of cabins and shelters in our Section on a semi-annual basis. The following members volunteered to take a shelter:

Buffum - Vera and Eleanor

Sunnyside - Harold Valiquette

Clarendon - Mrs. Bell's Scouts
Gov. Clement - Joe, Barbie, Betty
and Tucker Holden, Rachel Bell
Cooper - Craigie
Pico - Betty Ball

These people will check the shelters for needed repairs before scheduled trips so that materials may be taken in.

The Winter Weekend outing at Craigie's Camp was set for the weekend of Feb. 23-24th. Although this is the same weekend as the Rutland Winter Carnival the majority of those present felt it was the best date. See Coming Events for further details.

Vice President Bailey is assuming the job of collecting and organizing the group of slides for the Section. Anyone with slides please get them to her as soon as possible.

Pres. Martin announced he would like a second Junior Member on the Executive Council as a Junior Publicity Chairman. Rachel Bell accepted the appointment.

Bennett Bell reported for the nominating committee. The following officers were nominated and re-elected:

President - Jack Martin

Vice President - Helen Bailey

Sec. Treas. - Eleanor Walker

The business meeting was followed by a very informative film called "Rainbow Valley" which was obtained from the National Forest Service Office.

"WELL DONE"

Congratulations to Joe Hadcka and Rachel Bell for the fine article in the Rutland Herald last month. That's the kind of publicity we can use more of.

SNOWSHOES FOR SALE

2 pairs @ \$3.00 per pair

Mrs. George Cobb Tel. 3-8772

188 Grove St., City

1 pair @ \$3.00

Mrs. Arthur Cheney Tel. 3-6509

24½ Crescent St., City

THE MOONLIGHT HIKE

by

Barbara Allard

The night was clear, the stars were twinkling, and it was the perfect night for a moonlight hike when we went in to Tucker on January 19th.

Five nice people went in a little earlier than the others so they could start the fire and make some hot water. While they were there they spent their extra time sharpening icicles.

When the others came they were welcomed by candles in the windows and inside the soft music of a ukelele. There was a choice of drinks and also a choice of doughnuts. The crowd sang to the music of the ukelele and a harmonica that had come with someone.

Suddenly someone noticed something strange. The stove had gotten red hot along with everyone else. It began to cook the wood in the oven.

Everyone was having a nice time but it had to end so we blew out the candles, packed up the instruments and strapped on our snowshoes. And on the way out we met - Mister Moon.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If your name isn't already on the 1957 membership list- (see last page of this issue), our publishers, Cecile and Emile Boselli, have requested that you get it on as soon as possible. They have to make a new address tape for mailing your SMOKE & PLAZES. The sooner they can do this the easier it will be for them. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. (Dues coming in will make Treas. Eleanor Walker happy too)

TUCKER WORK TRIP

On Sunday Jan. 27th, a work party was held at Tucker Lodge, loaded with lunches, tools, glass and putty four Club members walked in over the crust without the use of snowshoes.

Broom and dust pan were applied to bunks and floors. It is remarkable how much junk accumulates between sweepings.

Then it was lunch time. Each had brought his own. Some had coffee and sandwiches while others tried fried mitten. One absent minded put chili sauce on the floor instead of on her hot dogs.

After lunch the process of digging off the hardened putty was started. One at a time the sash were worked on at the table. Of course there was room for only three workers so the poor old cripply was allowed to loaf. One of the workers tried to lay down on the job --- and broke a pane of glass. The putty was "just right" and before long Tucker boasted nine new lights of glass.

Time out for photography. "A picture is worth a thousand words".

Back to Rutland by four-thirty. A good job done and a good time enjoyed by all. When do we go again?

TAKE A LOOK

If you were at the Covered Dish Supper and wore overshoes, you might check and see if you have a mismatched pair. If you find you have, Betty Ball would be glad to hear from you. It appears that overshoes were pretty well scrambled at that party.

1957 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard
Judy Allard
Wm. Allard Jr.
Betty Ball
Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Charlotte Bell
Rachel Bell
Maude Canty
Mrs. Jean Davies
Janice Duby
Ruth Fostman
Charon Godweis
Jos. Hadeka Jr.
James Hayward
Elizabeth Holden
Mrs. Emery Horner
Emery Horner
Carol Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Nancy Martin
Mrs. Wm. Mitchell
Wm. N. Mitchell
Pearl Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Thos. Ranney
Judy Russell
Deanna Ryan
Charles Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Catherine Sargent
Mrs. L. E. Smith
L. E. Smith
Eleanor Walker
Gay Ward
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette

TREAS. REPORT - JANUARY 1, 1957RECEIPTS

On hand, Jan. 1956	\$504.02
From dues	143.50
Interest on money	
in bank	9.09
Cr. from Winter Weekend	4.05
From Sale of Guide Books	11.00
Donation	3.00
From Rummage Sale	<u>121.04</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$795.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Exp. 1956 Annual Meeting	\$ 6.50
Stamps	2.37
Schedules (2 sets)	16.00
Membership Cards	5.50
Outing Com. Exp.	7.89
To bal. exp. sugar party	3.87
For Guide Books	6.60
Mat. Mill R. Bridge	242.34
Supplies, Smoke & Blazes	54.26
Work by Patrol	93.00
Ins. on Sunnyside and	
Clarendon	10.88
Dues to Main Club	28.60
Mat. for shelter repairs	<u>11.85</u>

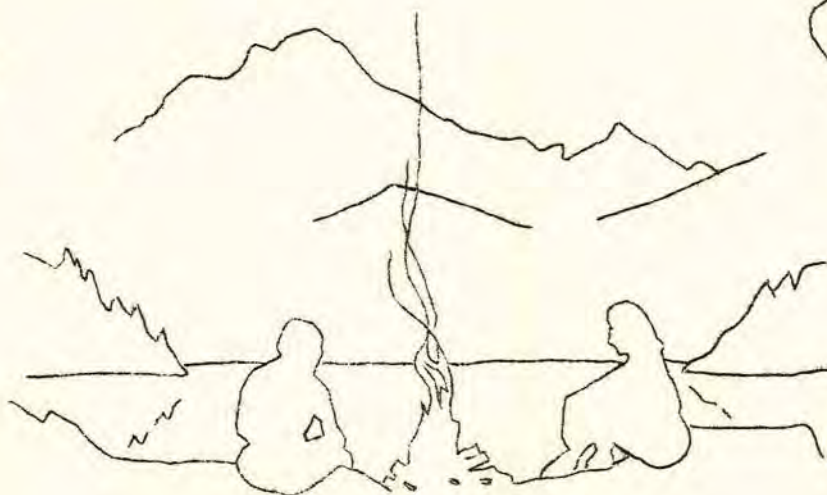
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$489.66

Cash bal. on hand 1/1/57 \$306.04

Membership in 1956

65 Senior Members
22 Junior Members
2 Service Members
1 Life Member
<u>83 Total</u>

SNOW



BRAND

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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

March 1957

COMING EVENTS

Time - March 10 - Sunday

Place - Sunnyside

A trip to Sunnyside had to be substituted for the proposed joint outing with the Brattleboro Section as Don Kent felt this was too late to get into Bourn Pond as he had suggested. We haven't been to Sunnyside for some time so it is hoped there will be a good turnout.

Time - March 24 - Sunday - 6:30PM

Place - Mendon Town Grange Hall

ANNUAL SUGAR PARTY

Reservations: Jan Martin PR3-8621

Come one, come all to the Annual Sugar-on-snow Party. Make your reservations with Jan Martin by Friday March 22. The cost will be approximately 75¢ per person depending on the price of syrup this year. Jan Catozzi has agreed to be in charge of square dancing in the evening for members and their guests. So everyone get busy and see if we can't have several sets of couples organized for dancing -- Boys bring your girl and girls bring a boy and we'll all have fun.

Time - April 7 - Sunday

Place - Girl Scout Camp

Everyone who attended this hike last year will remember the beautiful walk up the Notch road to the Girl Scout Cabin. To those who didn't go, don't miss it this year. The Scouts have graciously allowed us the use of the cabin again so we hope there will be a good turnout. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 AM for this trip. If there are any who prefer to leave at a later time they can meet us at the cabin as we will probably stay a couple of hours.

Time - April 13 - Saturday

Place - Bird Mountain

Please note there is only one week between this and the last hike due to a conflict with Easter weekend. We will hope for good weather and no April Blizzards for this hike to one of our favorite mountains.. The group will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM for this trip.

YOUR NEW SCHEDULES ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEET

The following committee chairmen for 1957 met at the home of Pres. Jack Martin to make plans for this year's activities:

Trails - Craig Perkins
Shelters - Harold Valiquette
Outings - Joe Hadeka
Publicity - Rachel Bell
Photography - Helen Bailey
Smoke and Blazes - Editor:
Janet Martin; Assist. Ed:
Vera Perkins; Publishers:
Emile and Cecile Boselli.

Also present were Sec.-Treas. Eleanor Walker, V. Pres. Helen Bailey and Pres. Jack Martin.

The following budget for 1957 was adopted:

Smoke and Blazes	\$55.00
Shelters	20.00
Trails	20.00
Outing	25.00
Photography	20.00
Secretary Exp.	10.00
President Exp.	10.00
GMC Dues(Main Club)	40.00
Fire Ins.	15.00
Publicity	10.00
Bridge (completion)	10.00

The reduction in membership was discussed, especially Junior membership which has dropped considerably. Joe and Rachel agreed to study the old register books and to try and contact some of the young people who have attended our hikes in the past and also to interest other teen-agers in our activities. (Anyone who attended the Winter Weekend knows what a grand group of young people they persuaded to attend.) Senior members could help by inviting any young people they know who like to hike or camp to come on some hike with them. It was stressed that when new young people are asked to attend a specific activity, every effort should be made to see that some one they know or others their age are also planning to attend.

The new Editor of SMOKE AND BLAZES reported that Vera had agreed to stay on as Assistant Ed. and Betty Ball would continue to write book reports and articles from time to time. It is hoped that our other regular contributors will continue to help us out and that new ones may be added. Mr. Kirk has been invited to write for us and has graciously said he would if and when his health permits. We certainly hope he will be feeling stronger soon.

The meeting was closed with light refreshment and informal discussion of various problems of scheduling etc. which confront us.

SLIDE COLLECTION GETS STARTED

A meeting of several members who take pictures was held March 4t to help Photography Chairman, Helen Bailey, in her selection of slides for the collection. A group of about 40 slides was selected. It was noted that we especially need more pictures of activities; Sunnyside and Pico shelters; and fall scenes. If anyone has slides at any time please contact Helen as we want to improve and round out the scope of the collection from time to time.

Helen is now getting duplicates made of the slides selected. We will soon have a group of slides to show interested groups which will give them some idea of our activities. We hope that all members will suggest their use to their friends in other organizations. We will let you know through SMOKE AND BLAZES as soon as the collection is ready for use.

ADDITIONS TO 1957 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anna Berg	Polly Perkins
George Kirk	Thelma Perkins
Sigred Patch	Robert Perkins
Anne Perkins	Robert Paul
David Perkins	

CLARENDON WORK PARTY

by
Joe Hadeka

A group of four ventured to Clarendon Lodge on Saturday, February 16th to repair the broken window latch set glass, and fix whatever needed fixing. On the way up we soon discovered that the road was a sheet of glare ice and jumping from one bare spot to another required a sensible amount of skill, especially if you were carrying a pack full of glass. Isn't that right Craigie?

We soon arrived and found the Lodge in good condition. A smokey, smokey fire was soon smoking from the stove, but the skilled stovemanship of Barb Allard presently put warmth into the cabin and the smoke up the chimney. So, thanks to Barb a pleasant, smokeless, afternoon was enjoyed by all.

After dinner a three man team was established to screw the sashes into place. Craigie elevated Joe on his shoulders to a presentable height, then Sharon Krause, the screw holder, handed the screws up to Joe, while Barb Allard would distract Joe as much as possible from the inside. However, the work was soon concluded and on the way down we discovered slipping to be quite contagious. Oh, members, the next time you see Sharon ask her how her beans were!

CARMEL TRIP

Saturday, Feb. 9th while a wet day in town was a good day on the trail. The country had a good white covering and the air was mild with a promise of more snow. We left our cars at Mountain Top Inn and from there hiked along the old road to "New Boston," where we took the blue trail for Carmel Camp. Shortly before we reached camp fresh

snow began slowly drifting down.

Arrived at the shelter, into which the 8 of us just barely fitted, we found evidences of frequent use by some one. There was a fine supply of good wood and a fire was soon crackling merrily, water was on to heat, and wet shoes and socks were drying out.

As there would be no view from the top of the mountain, we spent a leisurely lunch hour and then started the return journey. It looked for a bit as though this might be made in a little blizzard but the storm soon quieted down and gradually "pettered out". Our timing was perfect as just as we reached the cars it began to rain.

This was a good winter hike let's try it again sometime.

"BEARS IN MY KITCHEN"

Anyone who enjoyed the film about forest rangers at the annual meeting will enjoy this amusing and exciting book about a forest ranger and his wife, as related by the wife. Everything seemed to happen to him. He froze his feet on a winter trip in the Back country of the Sierras. He had to rescue two foolish hikers on the bare face of Half Dome. He occasionally had to fight drunken Indians, was once shot by a Mexican, and, in short, led anything but a dull life.

Misadventures of other rangers are also included. Being a ranger's wife is far from dull, too, Margaret Merrill, author, had thrilling times, driving the tortuous road from Tuolumne Meadows down, entertaining Mrs. Roosevelt, keeping a woman from suicide, and enjoying the day to day contacts with people and with wild animals.

This gives a good picture of our National Parks and the rangers who serve there.

WINTER WEEKEND

As usual, a "good time was had by all" at the winter weekend. We have it reported for you from both the junior and the senior point of view.

WINTER WEEKEND

by

Karen Kennedy & Joe Hadeka

The annual winter weekend was held on the 22, 23, and 24th of February. A large number of members attended plus a new group which included Susan Riberdy, Patsey Champney, Karen Kennedy, Frank Altrui, Dave Gouchoe, and Jack Welch, who were Joe Hadeka's guests. Another newcomer was Kate Sargent who came with Betty Ball. The new group arrived Friday afternoon and were assigned to quarters. After this Craigue showed the new guests around.

During the first evening the group hiked up to the service building and cabin on an exploration trip. Two of the members decided to spend the night at the new cabin. After a full day the group retired for the night about 11:30 P.M.

The next two days proved to be equally as interesting and exciting as the first. Kate Sargent amazed the younger members with her eccentric tales and unusual style of playing pinochle.

Delightful meals were prepared by Vera and Mary, and Craigue did his part by keeping everyone comfortable by his friendly actions.

At 7:30 P.M. Sunday the main part of the group headed back to Rutland, leaving a trail of pleasant memories behind.

WINTER WEEKEND

The senior as well as the junior members had a busy, pleasant time at the winter weekend. Some were busy in the preparing deli-

cious meals, and special thanks go to Vera, Mary, Pearl, and Janet for their efforts in this line.

Everyone, however, had time, at some time, to go up to inspect and admire Craigue's new cabin, a beautiful job, with built-in cupboards, bunks, even bookshelves.

Although snowshoes were not necessary there was enough snow to make things beautiful. The woods were full of birds, and showed why birds hadn't needed to come to feeders this winter. The evergreens are loaded with cones, providing plenty of natural food.

Some of the hillsides were a maze of animal tracks. Red squirrels and chipmunks were seen.

The best moment of the trip, for this reporter, was on an early morning birdwalk, when the rising sun gilded the trees in the pond clearing, and a medley of bird song rang out that would have done justice to a spring day. Two purple finches tried to outdo each other, and a half a dozen goldfinches all caroled their spring song with great vehemence. A ruffled grouse drummed in the distance, and five crows flew north, all to remind us that spring would soon be here, though a crisp, winter's day, sunny and brisk like the Sunday of the winter weekend, is near perfection.

There were other pleasures beside the fun of walking, including the sociability of games and chatting with others. Bali proved a favorite as usual.

Pocie thought it dog heaven with so many hikes and people to pet and play with her.

Many thanks to Craigue and Mary for their hospitality, and to Vera for her careful planning.

We would like to add here that all agreed the presence of the junior members and guests was a real addition to the weekend fun. This was a fine group of young people, congenial and cooperative. We hope they will join us often in our activities.



IN MEMORIAM
FROM
GMC SECTION SERVICE NEWSLETTER

"Loone E. Smith, President of the Green Mountain Club, died suddenly February 11, while he and his wife were in Boston for a camping meeting.

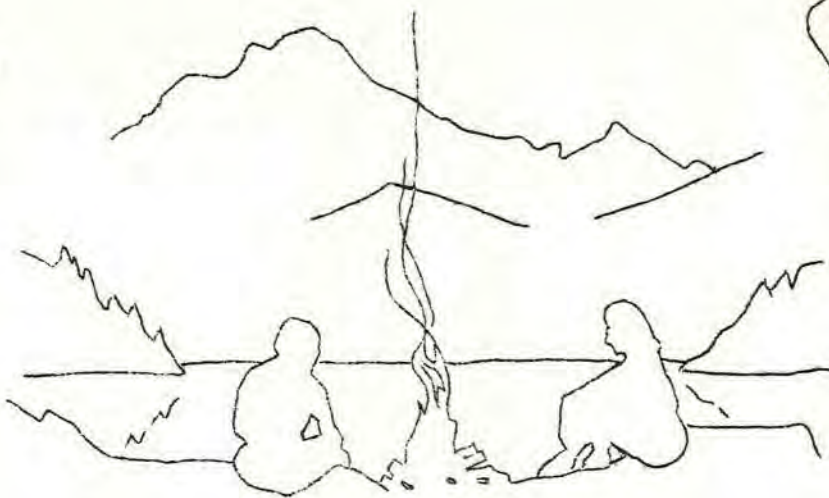
Our Club has lost a true and active worker. Mr. Smith was sincerely interested in the Long Trail and the G.M.C.

A native of Leominster, Mass., and educated in the public schools there, he graduated from the Univ. of Mass. in 1914. He immediately began a career in boy's work which has continued and developed over the years. In 1921 he started Camp Sangamon for Boys and has been active in Boys Club, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Rotary Club, Rutland Fair Assoc., Masons, School Board, McClure Library Assoc. He was Pittsford Town Rep., 1943-46, and Supt. Weeks School 1935-37.

In all recent camp catalogs he included the Long Trail as an activity for his camping boys. Most years his boys have hiked on the Trail and usually did some specific work like repairing a shelter. Through this interest and his membership in Killington Section, he became a Trustee, being elected President last annual meeting."

Killington Section has given a copy of the book A FOOT PATH IN THE WILDERNESS and a Guide Book, in his memory, to the McClure Library in Pittsford of which Leone was a trustee. We join with the entire club in expressing our sympathy to his wife and family.

Spot



Pancake

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COMING EVENTS

Time - Sunday May 5 10:30 AM

Place - Greenwall Shelter

This hike offers the interesting variety of woods, old roads and open pasture. You will cross the pasture ridge before reaching the shelter and will want to stop here for a bit and admire the excellent and extensive view.

Greenwall is an open front Forest Service Shelter just a short distance off the Trail. It's an attractive spot for a picnic lunch on what we hope will be a fine day.

The total distance on this one is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles so it's not too strenuous for anyone to enjoy. Let's try for a record attendance.

Time - Sat., May 18 - Breakfast

Place - Clarendon Lodge

This is a return to the schedule of an old favorite, the Pancake Breakfast. It's a go-as-you-please affair so pick your own breakfast time and bring your own "makin's for your pancakes. Coffee will be provided as usual. If you need transportation and have difficulty in arranging it call Janet Martin (3-8621) by Friday the 17th

and she will help you fix things.

If you'd like to be on hand to greet the breakfasters as they arrive this is a good opportunity for an overnight. Plan to spend the day as there is plenty which can be done in that area. Just what the day's activities will be will depend on weather conditions etc.

Of course there is no law which says you must have pancakes for breakfast, but who can think of anything better? See you at breakfast on May 18th.

HAVE YOU THE 1956 GUIDE BOOK?

Just another reminder to get your copy of the 1956 edition of the Guide Book from Eleanor Walker. Each copy she sells nets a small profit for our section but to get them at the discount she has to buy 10 copies at a time. Eleanor now has 10 copies on hand and would be very glad to sell some.

COMING ARTICLE

Our next issue will have a story on Killington Section members "The Bells" trip to Florida.

WARNING

THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF S&B UNTIL YOUR NAME GETS ON THE 1957 LIS

SUNNYSIDE HIKE

Sunday, March 10th was a perfect day for the only winter hike to Sunnyside we had this season. There was quite a spring storm of wet, rapidly melting snow in the city on Saturday the 9th. As we climbed the hills from Cuttingsville toward Sunnyside, however, we found 4 or 5 inches of nice, fluffy snow. A couple of die-hard snowshoers had brought along their snowshoes and were able to use them to good advantage after we left the Spring Lake Ranch Road.

Arrived at Sunnyside we found too much evidence of former users as is all too often the case. Apparently no one had even looked for the dump and there was a variety of left-over food and miscellaneous rubbish scattered about. Probably we should be thankful that at least they hadn't thrown it all around the door-yard, as is so frequently the case at Tucker. How can we train these people? One group pitched in picking up rubbish and taking turns wielding the broom and in a comparatively short time it looked like a different camp. During this interval the wood and fire squad had been busy and we were soon enjoying a cozy lunch around the stove.

As usual, after lunch the talk turned to things we hoped to do at Sunnyside (some of these were speedily carried out the next weekend) and to trail work in general.

Some of the party took a hike over to Spring Lake, some going only as far as the hilltop for the view and others going on to the Lake itself.

The return trip to the cars was accomplished without mishap, although the slippery road made walking hazardous in spots and produces some impromptu gymnastics at times. When we could take our attention off our feet we admired the view and all agreed that a trip to Sunnyside makes an excellent winter outing.

GIRL SCOUT CAMP

BY
Joe Hadoka

A party of ten met at Mel-don School on Sunday, April 7th. In spite of the few clouds that were floating above it looked like a very promising day. This year we missed the snow and Mrs. Bell's Girl Scouts, but we soon were climbing the hill to "the Notch" with no thought in mind but to reach camp. After an hour of climbing we arrived. We opened the Rotary Building and Craigue went to get wood. Emilo soon started a fire while Churchill Scott and Dave Gouchou opened the shutters. By the time all had completed their little tasks coffee water was hot and we sat down to enjoy lunch. Some lounged around after lunch while others took short walks around the camp area.

About 4 o'clock we headed back toward home. Craigue thought we were on a freeway there was so much traffic on the way down. When we reached our cars at the crossroads, the party split up, looking forward to Bird Mountain next week.

VERMONT DIARY

Some of you may have read the delightful diary put out several years ago by this same Middlebury College librarian, Viola White. That was called "No faster than a walk".

This enjoyable book has the same sense of quiet beauty in it, the same appreciation of nature, shows the pleasures of walking, tells briefly of good books. The author has learned to find happiness in simple things, and imparts her joy in living, in fine and descriptive writing.

SUNNYSIDE WORK PARTY

On St. Patrick's Day In The Morning a work party of seven (7 count 8em) drove as far as Sarcka's and walked the rest of the way in to Sunnyside. There were three Old Timers, two Once Beforers and two First Time Outers.

Everybody was full of energy and got busy getting water, sawing wood, build ing the fire, and picking up around camp. Sash were removed and the very tire-some task of digging out the old putty began.

Just about then somebody said "Well look who's here", and Fuzzy (Man Mountain) Miller walked in carrying a big arm-ful of hard wood ready for the stove. He had bummed his way from Rutland to the gorge and hiked in over the Trail. (How about that?)

Fuzz proved to be an expert glass setter and the ten new lights were finally all in. One sash, completely repaired, was dropped flat on top of the wood pile. Not a pane broke! The Luck of the Irish, it is !

Later in the afternoon some of the party explored the countryside, Fuzz started back the way he had come, and more picking up was done around the camp.

During the day the road had thawed out considerably and we were lucky to just barely pull through the mud holes coming out.

Yes, girls, those strange animals were pigs.

Another good job done and a pleasant day all 'round. When do we go again?

GREETINGS FROM R.I.

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Horner sent greetings to their hiker friends from Pawtucket, R.I. where they are now living.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

Rachel Bell

It was a pleasant evening when forty people gathered on March 24th at the Grange Hall in Mendon for the Annual Sugar-on-Snow Party. Many were a bit skeptical about where the snow would come from, but it appeared on time, thanks to Joe Hadeka, Bob Paul, and Jack Martin who "mined" it in Mendon.

Of the forty persons present half were adults, fourteen were teenagers and the rest toddlers. Barbara Simpson of New York was a guest.

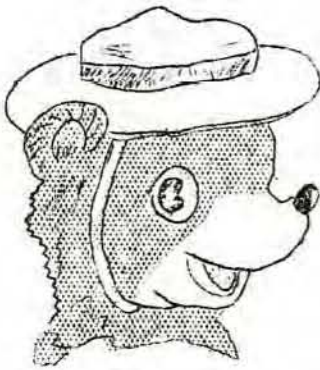
Donuts and pickles, cokes and coffee were served with the sugar-on-snow. The kitchen duties were handled by Vera Perkins and Eleanor Walker on preparation and Janet Martin, Helen Bailey and Mary Perkins on cleanup.

After we had our fill of sweet stuff we went upstairs for some lively square dancing. Getty Page and Janice Catozzi were very successful in leading this activity. Kind of them to have volunteered. For variety we danced "Rock around the Clock" and the "hokey pokey".

Everyone had a splendid evening. We want to thank the folks who worked hard in order to give us such a good time.

ADDITIONS TO 1957 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Louise Adams
Cecile Boselli
Emile Boselli
J Lucius Carey
Fred Field
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Raymond Miller
Robert Paul



SMOKEY SAYS

"Be Careful With Matches And Fire"

The number of times the fire truck has been by our house in the past few weeks has prompted me to do a little reading up on the subject of fires. We are more apt to think of late summer and fall as the dangerous times of year for fires. Actually there are more fires in April and May according to figures I obtained from the State Forestry Office, thus it is perhaps a good time to review some of the rules for fire building. To quote from our own guide Book:

"Where a stove is provided, it is advisable not to store kindling near it. The fire should be allowed to burn out before leaving. Avoid using water, which may crack the stove.

"On State land, fires may not be built except in authorized fireplaces. In the GM National forest permits are needed for fires except at the shelters.

"A State law prohibits the building of fires on private property between April 1 and November 1 without the consent of the owner. The existence of a shelter means that consent has been given to build fires in the stoves and fireplaces there, and these are the places where fires should be built.

"Of course, even if owner permission has been granted, safe locations should be chosen and safe procedures followed. Mineral matter - sand, gravel, rock - is a safe base if the fire is kept within bounds. However, vegetable soil, roots, needles, stumps, etc are not safe. In dry weather such a fire could be carried underground by smouldering humus and later come to the surface and be fanned into flame by the wind. In any case, the thorough extinguishing of a fire, stirring the ashes and making sure they are cold, is essential to safety. For obvious reasons, fires no larger than necessary are desirable.

"It is well to remember that one serious fire might have a disastrous effect on the good relations the GMC has with land owners, by whose courtesy the Long Trail exists. Within a few years, several Long Trail shelters have burned. Fortunately, weather conditions were such that no forest fires resulted. But hikers were inconvenienced, and the rebuilding cost the Club considerable money and labor. If a little more care had been taken, these expenditures could have been used clearing miles of trail and repairing many shelters."

BIRDS OF THE LONG TRAIL

I believe the commonest year-round bird on the Long Trail is the black-capped chickadee. Everybody knows his lively winter song, but fewer know the spring, clear whistled "phoe-be" The true phoebe has a similar two-parted call, but it is much harsher, and huskier. The phoebe is the little gray bird that always wags its tail. It nests on buildings sometimes, on Clarendon Shelter, I think, and under bridges, and can be found on roadsides, and near homes.

Another tail-wagger is our state bird, the hermit thrush. This thrush has a reddish tail, that it raises and lowers slowly, rather than the gay wag of a phoebe. This is the bird that gives the lovely flute-like song with every phrase repeated higher and higher, singing especially as evening deepens in the deep woods.

Another evening singer is the wood thrush, with a reddish head instead of tail, and larger spots on the breast. This bird sings nearer towns, and in woods of lower elevations.

The most beautiful singer, to my mind, is the tiny winter wren, a small, brown mite that has a bubbling, rippling song that goes on and on and on, often heard in the mountains, especially near mountain brooks.

One bird always found on the mountains and easily seen is the slate-colored junco, with gray breast and back, and white outer tail feathers. They will be migrating in large flocks in late April, sometimes hundreds in a flock, and nest on all our mountains. They have a pleasant trill. They can easily be told by their flashing tail-feathers.

Flashing outer white tail-feathers also tell a meadowlark at a distance, along with his jerky wing-beat. A close view reveals a yellow breast, and black crescent.

Another bird easily told in flight is the flicker, with his typical woodpecker undulating flight, and white rump. This brown-backed bird spends some time on the ground eating ants. He also has a black crescent on a yellowish breast. Like many of the woodpeckers he has a spot of red on the head. The largest of the woodpeckers, the pileated, has a flashing red crest, and is crow-sized. He is seen several times a year in these parts. You can tell where he has been working because he leaves great oblong holes in the tree trunk

Another bird that leaves signs of his presence is the yellow-bellied sapsucker, who drills rows of tiny holes in a trunk, and comes back for the sap. This bird can be most easily told by his vertical wing stripe, and his red throat and top of head.

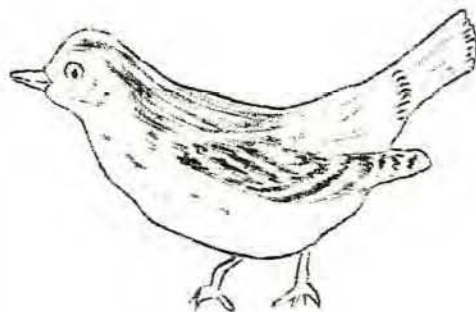
Woodpeckers are easy to find because they give away their presence with their loud pecking.

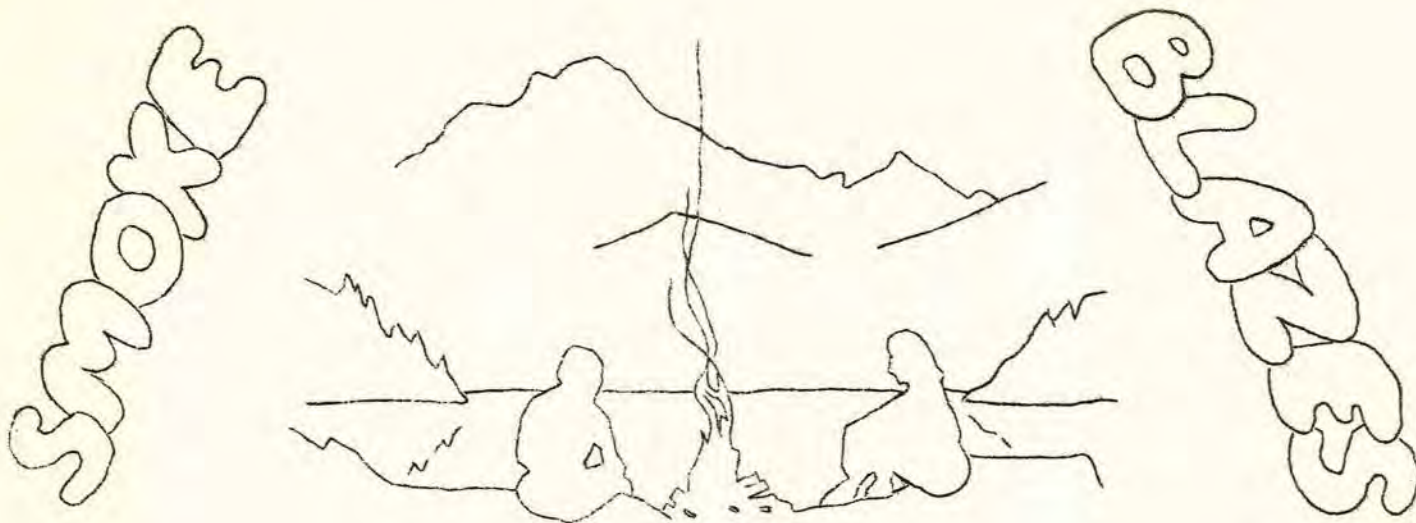
The ruffled grouse also reveals his presence with his rolling drumming, done with his wings. It is very difficult to see him drum, unless you have a blind near a drumming log, as Henry Potter of Chippenhook has. This bird is often seen in our woods, though, usually as it flies up with a roar. The female is adept at the broken-wing act to protect her young, leading the observer away by pretending to be hurt, and then flying off. Meanwhile, her chicks have hidden themselves so well that it is practically impossible to find them.

The killdeer, a bird of open fields, is apt to do the broken-wing act, too. This handsome plover has two black rings on his chest, pointed wings, and is often seen flying swiftly over a field, crying "kill-dee, kill-dee."

These are just a few of the common birds that may be seen along the trail.

Betty Ball





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COMING EVENTS

On May 8 the Governor ordered the woods closed due to their tinder dry condition. Therefore hikes will only take place if it rains sufficiently so that they are opened again by the scheduled dates. Watch the Herald for further information.

Time - Saturday May 25 9:30 a.m.
Place - Pico Peak and Shelter

This will be a chance to get up on the mountain and also to get our section of trail in order for the summer hiking season. It has been some time since we've had a trip to Pico so we hope there will be a good turnout. There shouldn't be too much trail work to do since the Patrol was over this section last summer. However the shelter may need a bit of spring cleaning! We will meet at Meldon at 9:30 A.M.

Time - Sat. and Sun. June 1-2
Place - G.M.C. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be held in the Baptist Church Rooms and the Long Trail Lodge. Due to the fact the Lodge is unable to accommodate us Sat. morning and at

lunch time the meetings and lunch will be held at the Church.

The morning meeting will open at 10:00 o'clock with a coffee hour; followed by the morning meeting at 11:00. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church at 1:00 and will be followed by the afternoon meeting about 2:00. As in past years, dinner will be served at the Long Trail Lodge at 6:30 P.M. There should be time for a short hike in the afternoon.

On Sunday we have planned to have a dedication ceremony at the bridge over Clarendon Gorge that Emile has been working on so diligently. There will be time and opportunity afterward for hiking either to Clarendon Shelter or Sunnyside for lunch. The dedication will be at 11:00 A.M.

Time - June 15 Sat at 9:30 A.M.
Place - Governor Clement Shelter

This is another of our spring trail checking hikes but also a good trip for those who don't want too strenuous a hike. We will meet at Meldon School at 9:30 for this trip also. Those who find a later hour better can meet the group there for lunch.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by Joe Hadeka

A promising sky on April 13th provided a beautiful day for our Bird Mountain trip. As everyone knows this mountain usually brings rain or gloomy skies when everybody reaches the top to look at the extensive view. But for the few that climbed to the top a clear view was their reward for the steep pitch. Rachel Bell, Susan Ribordy, Vera Perkins, Eleanor Walker, Betty Ball, and Pokio, Dave Gouchoo Fuzz Miller and two new boys, Bill Egan and Dan Onion both from Castleton attended. Jack and Janet Martin drove over with us but were unable to attend the hike. There was two inches of snow on top and that's all we ran into. Everyone tried their luck at building a fire but no one succeeded until Vera tried her luck and experience. Soon the water was boiling and everyone ate their lunch. Soon after we left for the cars and a welcoming committee of six dogs plus one three legged one gaily greeted us. Soon after an exciting brawl we were on our way. We finally climbed Bird on clear day, too bad you missed it gang.

MAY

May be chill, may be mild,
May pour, may snow,
May be still, may be wild,
May lower, may glow,
May freeze, may burn,
May be gold, may be gray,
May do all these in turn-
May May.

-Justin Richardson

(reprinted from poem quoted in
May Readers digest.)

HIKE TO GREENWALL

Sunday, May 5th, was recognized as a perfect day for a hike by 18 members who met at Meldon school at 10:00 A.M. for the Greenwall trip.

Cars were left at the point where the Trail crosses the Wallingford-East wallingford "gulf" road. Here we learned for the first time that the people living in the house at the "crossing" were keeping up a register of hikers started by the former residents. Of course they don't get them all, but a quick glance through the pages showed an impressive number of hikers with many states represented. This register went back more than 20 years.

The woods were already putting on their spring flower show with the delicately striped spring beauties, yellow woods violets, and adder's tongues in especial abundance.

Some of the crowd forged ahead swiftly, but most of us took a leisurely pace enjoying the variety of terrain which this hike offers. One of our young members, Carol Martin, who has been hiking with us for a couple years via pack-basket, had fun doing part of this hike on her own, while sister Nancy, age 8 mos., seemed to enjoy her first pack-basket trip.

After a leisurely lunch hour at Greenwall, some mustered up ambition to go the white rocks look-out, but the temptation to take-it-easy was too much for others who spent a pleasant afternoon talking and loafing in the sun.

On the return trip we paused to enjoy again the gorgeous view from the hill pasture which we cross on this trip. When we reached the cars all agreed we could think of no nicer way to have spent the day.

FAMILY JAUNT TO FLORIDA

By Mim Bell

On twenty-four hours' notice the Bells-Bon, Mim, Rachel and Charlotte- went on a southern safari, thirty-five hundred miles in twenty days.

The gear included a Ford station wagon; a "Stowaway" carrier, Wardrobe case, suitcases, two sleeping bags with air mattresses, water jug, thermos, plastic dishes, electric hot plate, canned food, tour guides, a notebook for a log of the trip, and money of course.

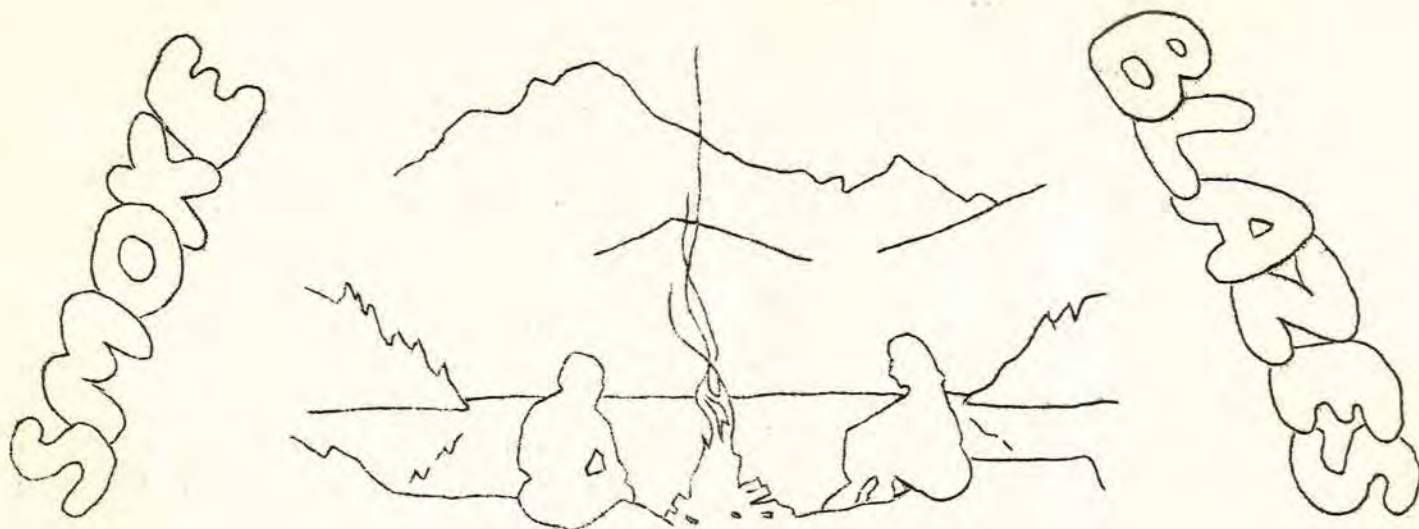
Interesting stops included The Motel on the Mountain at Suffern N.Y. the Annapolis Campus; Lee's home in Richmond; Williamsburg and William and Mary College; Norfolk and Virginia Beach; the ferry trip across the Chesapeake Bay; beautiful Washington DC; quaint old New Castle Del; The negro country in the sand hills central section of the Carolinas and the coastal elegance of Charleston and Myrtle Beach; Savannah (Juliette Low's home and the Pirate's Den); the cotton fields and pecan groves of Georgia; old Spanish St. Augustine, with Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum and the little train to take us around town Castillo San Marcos and the oldest house and school in America; Marine Land, where the trained dolphin jumped 16ft through a hoop for his fish and we saw the sharks fed by hand; driving along the sand at Daytona Beach; watching the spectacular kite flight 60ft. in the air on water skis at Cypress Gardens; Rollins College at Winter Park; the endless groves of citrus trees; a barbeque with friends in their patio in West Palm Beach; beaching and swimming in the olympic-sized salt water pool at the Colonnades in Palm Beach Shores; wonderful meals and entertainment there--dancing, a magician, bingo and movies; a visit to an interesting reptile farm with snakes and alligators; and everywhere the lush palms and flowers

of the tropics; the warm Florida sunshine and feeling of gaiety and relaxation.

Going that way without reservations, we were twice glad of the sleeping bags and mattresses for the girls when we found in two places only one room left. Another way we used them was for night travelling. When we wanted to roll off a hundred miles after supper, we put the back seat down and spread out the sleeping bags and air mattresses (quickly blown up at the nearest gas station) and they rested comfortably while we drove.

We planned ten hours of travelling and sightseeing a day, ten hours in bed, and the other four hours were for dressing and meals. We were actually more rested when we reached Florida than when we started, for we were too excited to sleep much the night before we left. We geared our speed to Charlotte's need of ten hours sleep and the rest was good for the older ones as well. We made about 350 miles a day unless we wanted to stop to see spots of especial historic interest or great beauty. We cooked about one meal a day in the motel, either breakfast or supper, but never more than that because we wanted to taste the cooking specialties of each region and to talk with the local people. Our southern clothes were in the car top carrier out of the way on the way down and back and our winter coats and overshoes were up there while we spent the week in Florida.

We felt this a most educational kind of family trip to make--worth the time and money many times over. By taking Route 301 down and Route 17 back we really saw those states along the way, and now when we sing "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny", "Carolina Moon Keep Shining", "Way Down Upon The Swannee River" we know what we're singing about.



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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JUNE 1957

COMING EVENTS

Time: Sun -- June 30
Place: Clarendon and Fox Lot

This is the last of the scheduled work parties so we hope that there will be a good turnout even though Clarendon was visited only a month ago. The Fox Lot which we plan to visit on this trip is a part of what is sometimes called "Flat Top" mountain east of Clarendon. From this vantage point, a splendid view of the Otter Creek and its valley can be obtained. Trail work will consist of working North from Beacon Hill. The meeting time at Meldon for this hike is 10:30.

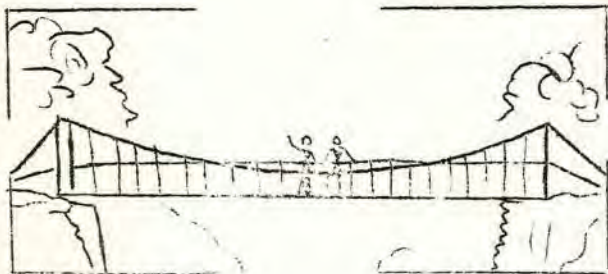
Time: Sat - July 13
Place: Little Rock Pond

Pack your bathing suit or your fishing pole and join us for a hike to Little Rock Pond with its jewel-like setting in the highlands of the Green Mountains. Come along even if you don't swim or fish as this is fine spot to loaf and cool your feet after an hour on the trail. We will meet early at 9:30 at our Meldon School rendezvous a day's outing.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Killington Section President Jack Martin was elected a trustee of the GMC at the October meeting of the board of trustees to finish out the two year unexpired term of Helen Bailey. At the annual meeting he was appointed chairman of publicity and Membership for the near club. Those of you who attended the meeting at the Baptist Church rooms saw the display of GMC and Conservation material which he arranged. You probably noticed the articles and photographs which appeared in the Rutland Herald the following week about the meeting and bridge opening. Mr Merusi promised a copy of the pictures for our own Killington Section Albums. Our congratulations and wishes for success, Jack.

We hope that you saw the fine display which the main office put on in the window of Wilson's Clothing store publicising the Green Mountain Club. We might add that all can help GMC by talking to one's friends about our work and trips, and by requesting showings of the slide collections of the main club and of our section. The section slides are now at Jack's house due to the resignation of Helen Bailey who leaves Rutland for Springfield, Mass. Good Luck and hiking to you, Helen.



GMC OPENS SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGE

Sunday, June 2nd was a day we had looked forward to for a long time and it was disappointing to wake that morning to the sound of pouring rain. This was the day set for the opening of our new bridge over Mill River. Hopefulley we recalled the old adage, "Rain before seven, clear before eleven." However as eleven o'clock approached it became evident that something had gone wrong somewhere. There was no sign of clearing.

As the bridge opening appeared to be rained out, we decided to take our lunches and join forces with the GMCers who had spent the night at Craigue's Camp. The camp living room with its cheery fireplace fire was an ideal spot for a rainy day. Jack Martin showed the newly assembled Killington slide collection and Emile had excellent slides showing the bridge at various stages of construction.

Soon after lunch the weather showed definite signs of clearing, so at 3:30 P.M. a group of GMCers were on and at the new suspension footbridge for its official opening.

This bridge is important as a link in the 2050 mile Appalachian trail from Maine to Georgia as well as being a part of the 260 mile Long Trail which runs the length of our own Green Mountain chain. Carol Martin, youngest hiking member of the section was assisted in the ribbon cutting ceremony by Jack Martin, Arthur Koerber and the builders of the bridge, Emile and Cele Boselli.

Killington Section presented Cele and Emile with a colored picture of Mt. Mansfield (Emile's favorite mountain) and a copy of the TREASURY OF VERMONT LIFE, and a token of their appreciation.

PICO SHELTER AND KILLINGTON

By John J. Welch 111

On May 26 the Green Mountain Club hiked up to Pico Shelter. Members of the hiking party, who hiked the two and one-half mile trail to the lodge, were Joseph Hadeka, Jack Welch, Brewster Altrui, Tom Glibbery, Karen Kennedy Paul Anderson, and Betty Brown. Also a few novice hikers accompanied the party. Their names were James Hadeka, Peter Altrui, Robert Leonard, and Gary Blue. The troop was of course accompanied by Craigue Perkins. Joe and Jack were the first members of the party to reach the lodge. The others arrived about 20 minutes later. There the whole party remained, had lunch, and rested.

Jack and Joe then set out alone to hike Killington Mountain. On the way to the summit they met another group of hikers who were spending the night at Cooper Lodge just below the summit of Killington.

The rest of the party set out for the lookout station at the top of Mt. Pico. The party remained a little while before Mr. Perkins drove them home.

According to the schedule set up by Mr. Perkins and the boys he would take the girls home and then pick up the two boys at Brewster's Corners and the bottom of Killington at 6:30. They made it with plenty of time to spare---about an hour!

All in all it was a very exciting hike. We all had a great time and are looking forward to another real soon. Anyone interested in attending these hikes is more than welcome and I am sure that they too will find Mr. Perkins a most friendly fellow.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

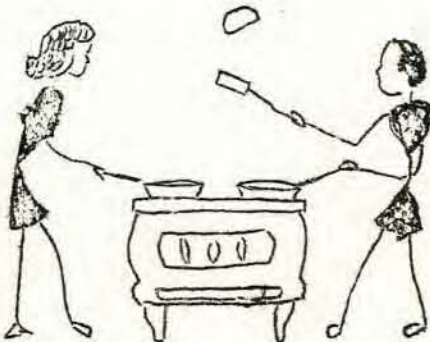
BY

Joe Hadeka

This year like last, an overnight crew hiked in to Clarendon on Friday night. The only chapetone was Craigue who accompanied Susan Riberdy, Karen Kennedy, Patsy Chupney, Gena Leonard, Frank Altrui, Dave Gouchoe, and Joe Hadeka. We all were settled by 10:00 PM as stragglers came from after shhool to 10:00 o'clock. At 2 A.M. Saturday morning all were in bed and around 3 o'clock were all quiet. The reason why we stayed up so late was to celebrate Dave Gouchoe's birthday, I guess.

At 7 A.M. we awoke and the only one to have pancakes in that group was Craigue. Around 8 o'clock the cheerful "ruff-ruff" of Pocie could be heard coming up the path. He was followed by Betty and Marie Gray who recently returned from Florida. Later on more members arrived including President Martin and family.

Short walks were taken to the Gorge where we visited Emile who was busily working on the bridge and disturbed the fishermen as much as we could. We all enjoyed our weekend and hope you did too.



TRAIL CHECKING

Trails chairman, Craigue Perkins, made a trip to Cooper Lodge via The Trail from Clement Shelter.

He reported that though the road is a bit rough there is no difficulty in driving a car in to Clement. He found Clement clean, and in reasonably good condition. The top of the chimney here needs repair.

From Clement on to Cooper there is plenty of brushing out to be done above Gov. Clement but the trail can be followed without difficulty.

In the vicinity of Cooper Lodge the birch leaves are just coming out and the general appearance is of early spring.

Cooper Lodge was in good order, but the stove pipe here is down and a trip to Cooper will be necessary with materials to make the needed replacement.

A DAY AT GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

On Staurday, June 15th, eight people found Gov. Clement a good place to spend a hot day. There was a cool breeze most of the day, and, even more cooling, the icy waters of Cold River.

Even tho we drove way in to the shelter- (the fact that we were taking in the "makings" for a new picnic table furnished the excuse for this) - we got our exercise after we arrived. There was brush to be cut and cleared away and the usual odd and ends to be picked up. Some went to work on this while Craigue built the table which was ready for use at lunch time. After lunch, work was resumed with Craigue and Jack Martin as the most steady workers. The rest of us alternated working and resting with the rest periods predominating.

It is amazing how much can be accomplished around a shelter in a day of moderate work by a few people- and what a good time can be had in the process.

ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC
JUNE 1-2, 1957

Following a ten o'clock coffee hour, the G.M.C. annual meeting was called to order at 11 AM in the Baptist Church rooms in Rutland. The Secretary's report was given by Mrs Lillian P Lodge of Union, N.J. The Treasurer's report was given by Ted n. Goddard of Old Bennington. Section Presidents reported as follows: Jack Martin for the Killington Section; Rod Bliss for the Burlington Section; Don Kent for the Brattleboro Section. John Paulson of the Bennington Section reported for his group. Reports by letter were received from the Barre, Montpelier, and Middlebury Sections. Miss Francis Green spoke for the Worcester Section and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Fieldsends who were to speak at the evening meeting. Speaking for the New York Section was Mrs. Laura Woodward Abbott of New York, the woman for whom Laura Woodward Shelter near Jay Peak was named. She has been a member since 1916. Killington Section member George Kirk was the only other member present who has been a member that long.

It was announced that seven persons had earned their End-to-Enders awards during the past year. The Guide Book committee reported that the next revision will be put forth two years hence. One special feature of the meeting was display of GMC publications and Conservation materials arranged by trustees Louise Goeres and Jack Martin.

Unanimously reelected to office were Mr. Ted Goddard of Newfane as Clerk and Miss Minerva Hinchey of Rutland as Corresponding secretary, and the following trustees: Paul Newcomb of Rutland Larry Dean of Burlington, Arthur Koerber of Pittsfield, Mass., Alan Gormly of Holden, Mass. AND

Miss Louise Goeres of North Haledon, N.J. A resolution was read and adopted in homage to Mr. Leone Smith of Pittsford the GMC President who died this year.

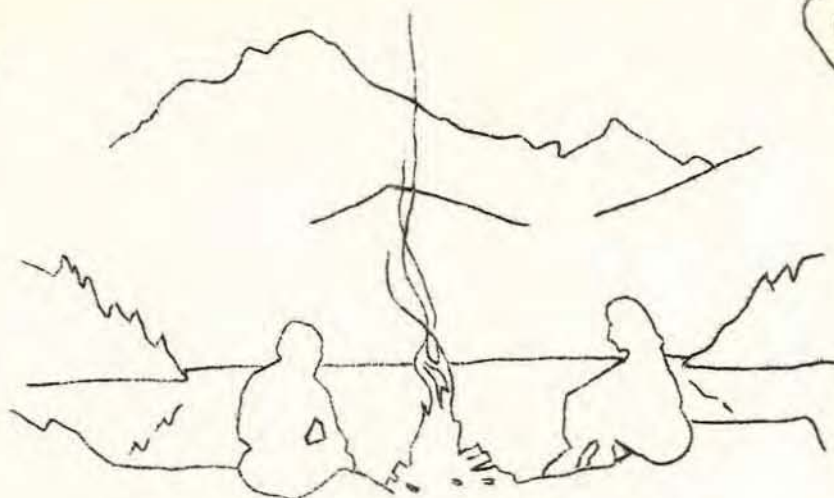
While the trustees were meeting at the Long Trail Lodge in the afternoon, several members took hikes in the vicinity of Pico and Blue Ridge. At the trustees meeting, the following officers were elected: Pres: Arthur Koerber, Pittsfield, Mass. V-Pres: Ted Talbot, Burlington, Del.; Treas: Ted Goddard, Old Bennington; Auditor: Minerva Hinchey; Asst Clerk: Lillian Lodge, Union, N.J. Matters discussed and disposed of by the trustees included, the procurement of uniform registers for all shelters on the LT, assignment of trail maintenance to particular sections of the club, the problem of suitable and uniform trail-highway crossing signs, and the appointment of committees. Their meeting closed with the designation of a Long Trail conference and trustees meeting on Nov 2nd.

The business of the day being completed, the group was ready for an evening of sociability. This began with dinner at Long Trail Lodge at 6:30 P.M. Following dinner everyone found comfortable chairs in the Chalet lounge, and started the evening off with community singing of Long Trail songs, Louise Goeres, "Mim" and "Ben" Bell led the singing. The main feature of the evening program was the showing by Mr. Fieldsends of some of his beautiful colored slides of Vermont scenes.

Thanks are due to the chairman of the committee for the Annual Meeting, Mrs. Lillian Lodge, for a most enjoyable day.

Our next GMC get-together will be the Intersectional to be held in the Mt. Mansfield area on Aug. 17-18. We'll give you more details later, but save those dates and plan to attend.

SNOW



FLAMES

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Killington Section Green Mountain Club

July 1957

COOLING EVENTS

Time: Sunday, July 28

Place: C V Camp, Chittenden

We hope we'll see you all at this annual affair and that we will have a warm and pleasant day for swimming, sitting, and chatting, and of course eating. So, pack your lunch and your swim suit and join in the fun. This is an outing enjoyed by old and young alike. We will meet at the Nelson School at 10:00 A.M.. Those who can't go until later just come along when you can. Why not ask your folks along on this one, Junior members? I'm sure they would enjoy this outing too.

Time: Saturday, Aug. 10

Place: Lincoln Gap to Breadloaf

This outing was scheduled particularly for those who are seeking to complete the entire length of The Trail for an End-to-End award, but I'm sure it will be a worthwhile trip for anyone to make whether they have done a lot or a little.

This section includes several good sized mountains. Mt. Grant, elev. 3661 ft; Mt. Cleveland, 3500 ft; Mt. Roosevelt, 3560 ft; and Mt. Wilson, 3756 ft.

Since this is a long trip,

(a little over 12 miles), and a long drive, an early start is planned. For this reason and the fact a car must be planted where the group will come out, those who wish to go should contact Vera Perkins (RA 3-2941) before Friday, August 9th so that arrangements can be made.

Time: August 17 - 18

Place: Intersectional
Mount Mansfield Area

The details on this trip have not reached us yet from Don Havens of Burlington, so look for complete details in your Aug. 3 ONE AND BLAZES. Trips to the Mansfield area have always been great favorites so why not plan to attend and make Killington Section's group one of the largest.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

We hear that Officer Bob Perkins has been at the highest point in the U.S. - Mt. Whitney (elev. 14,495 ft.). He hiked in 9 miles and made a base camp at timber line and then went to the top of the mountain and back to camp the next day. We have asked Bob for a story on his trip and hope to have it in time for your August issue of ONE AND BLAZES. If it doesn't arrive in time for that watch for it in a later issue.

SPECIAL NOTICE

As your editor I am very sorry to have to announce that our printers, Ceile and Smile have asked to be relieved of their duties since they are planning to leave Rutland in the near future. We certainly will be sorry to see them go and we wish them the best of luck.

Their resignation leaves us very short handed and unless some of you folks will help us out I'm afraid the paper will have to be curtailed to a one or two page news sheet if it can be continued at all. We hate to do this so won't some of you volunteer to help us out?

What we need is someone to cut the stencils and run off the paper. The first is necessary because I can't seem to get onto speaking terms with Jack's typewriter - granted I'm a poor typist anyway but sometimes I think the thing is a "one man" machine since when I use it it continually skips spaces, gets capitals out of line, and generally behaves like an unruly beast. The second problem is that I have no mimeograph -- Craigue has offered the use of his but we need someone to run them off since I can't do it by remote control and besides it would hardly be safe to let Carol and Nancy in on the production. So---- how about some volunteers? The work can be divided among several. Call me at 11 3-3621 or Vera at 3-2941 right away.

Janet Martin, Editor

STOVE PIPE INSTALLED

If you happen to arrive at Cooper Lodge, Millington, some cold, wet night, you should find everything in order for your comfort.

Craigie Perkins, Joe Maceka, and a cousin of Joe's made a trip

there a short time ago to install the needed stovepipe. On this same trip they also replaced a window sash which someone had removed.

LITTLE ROCK FOND

by

Judy Allard

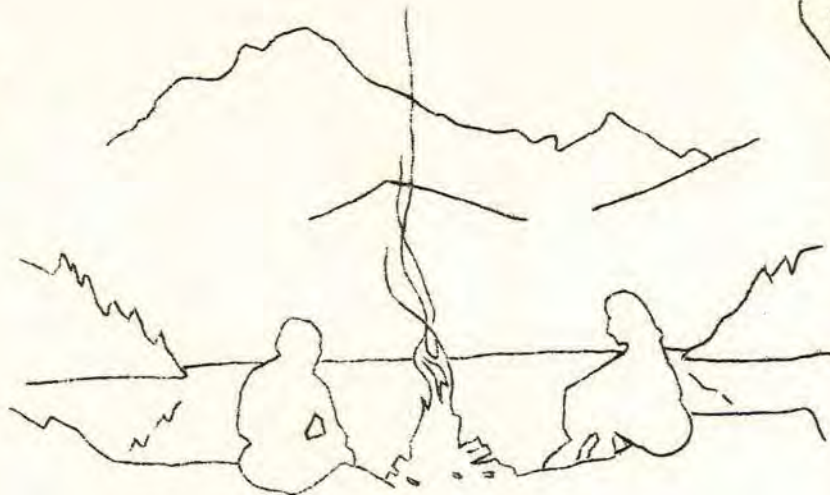
At 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 13, a group of 14 left from Meldon School for Little Rock Pond, on what appeared to be a dreary day. During the 2 1/2 mile hike in, the sky started to clear. By the time the pond was reached it was all cleared and the sun was shining brightly. Craigie Perkins brought the rubber boat in and it was used almost every minute- (except, of course, at meal time). When we got there we found a group of Eagle Boy Scouts from Quincy, Mass., staying for a week in the shelter. Later another group came in to stay over. A few of us went in swimming and the water wasn't too cold! As we started back the sky clouded over again.

We all had a wonderful and joyous day at Little Rock Pond.

"SEAL MORNING"

"Seal Morning" by Rowena Farre is the entertaining account of life in a remote croft in the Scotch Highlands. Rowena and her aunt were 7 miles from the nearest neighbor, but had enough animals to keep them from being lonesome, with a baby seal, two otters, two squirrels, and even a pet rat. They often hiked in the high misty moors and mountains, sometimes dangerous when fog came up. Once Rowena went on a 5 day hike alone across the wilderness, having little left to eat when she finally came out again to civilization. Rowena and her aunt had little money, but found joy in simple things, and this book is full of the happiness found in the world of out-of-doors. This should appeal to G.O.C.s.

SNOKE



AND BLAZES

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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Aug.-Sept. 1951

CO. HIG EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Sept. 15, 10 A.M.

PLACE: Harwood Pond

This National Forest recreation area is a beautiful spot. From the pond we can follow a USFS road to Mad Tom Notch and Mad Tom Notch Shelter (2½ mi.). There we can have lunch or if ambition prevails we can go on to the summit of Styles Peak (Elev. 3404) from which there is an excellent lookout.

We will leave Feldon School at 10:00 A.M. This is a new trip on our schedule so all you young adventurers come and enjoy this outing. The trip can be as much of a jaunt as you wish to make it.

TIME: Sat. - Sept. 22, 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Gov. Clement to Cooper Lodge to Shrewsbury Peak.

A Killington Peak trip in the Fall is always a beautiful one. Due to recent lumber operation in the vicinity of Gov. Clement it is possible to drive to the shelter, with care. From there it is 4.1 mi. to Cooper Lodge, (3½ hr.). After about a mile on

the return trip a side trail takes us over the summit of Shrewsbury Peak where more fine views should present themselves before our descent to Northam and the home trip.

The return from Cooper is only a half mile longer than to Gov. Clement with a 2½ hr. time estimate. Total hiking time is less than six hours with added time for meals and viewing. The fall foliage should be at or near its high point and the cool autumn weather makes for ideal hiking. Dig out your boots or sturdy shoes and join us.

NOTICE

New schedule cards are enclosed with this issue of SNOKE AND BLAZES. If you know of anyone who might be interested in extra schedules notify President Jack Martin, or Outing Chairman, Joe Madeka or Publicity Chairman, Rachel Bell.

We hope that as many of you as possible can find time to come out for one or more of the events which you find listed on the card. Place your schedule by the 'phone where it will be noticed and handy.

If you look inside a cloud you are supposed to find a silver lining. More likely you'll find our four would-be End-to-Enders.

Yep, we did it again! Started south from Lincoln Gap in the pouring rain. There were only a few real showers during the day. The rest of the time it rained steadily. It was only during the first five minutes that we were getting wet.

The Trail climbed steeply out of the Pass to what should have been a look-out. We decided it would make a good objective for a half-day hike sometime.

Part way up Mt. Grant the Trail followed an old wood road through what is now known as "Mallow Hollow". We noticed the mud here only because it was over a foot deep. The climb to the summit was easy and then we drifted down to Cooley Glen Shelter for a fireless lunch.

The climb up Mt. Cleveland was quite steep and we did it a little too fast. Toward the end of the day we felt the effects.

On to Mt. Roosevelt. Up to this point the Trail was completely overgrown. There were no blow-downs but little to show where the Trail was supposed to go except the feel of the harder packed earth under our feet.

From Mt. Roosevelt south to Breadloaf the Trail was much better. We passed two or three lookouts more or less clouded in.

At Breadloaf Shelter we had another lunch with a fat porky for company. The rain actually let up for a time but soon after really came down again.

At the top of Breadloaf we had our first and only trouble finding the Trail. It seems the Long Trail south actually goes north at this point. We just couldn't believe that the West Lookout arrow

really pointed west. Luckily the sun shown through the clouds just long enough to get us oriented and we finally found the Breadloaf side trail. A new and complete set of arrows is needed on this summit.

The Breadloaf side trail was well blazed and in good condition. At least it was in as good condition as a vertical trail can be. We had already hiked eleven miles in the rain and the last two down the mountain to the Steam Mill Meadow (signs?) seemed more like four miles.

At last we reached the car we had planted there the night before. We drove up a back road to Lincoln Pass to retrieve the car we had left there long, long ago that morning. Got there about dark and so home to bed. But definitely!

BUCHANAN MT. DEDICATED

On Sun. Aug. 4th, three Killington Sec. members enjoyed a trip to Westfield for the Dedication of Buchanan Mt.

It was a fine day and the exercises were held on the lawn of the Hitchcock Library, Westfield, in the Jay Peak area.

Roy and Helen Buchanan were escorted to seats of honor on the platform by a group of "End-to-enders". Harold C. Collins, a past President of GMC then told of Roy's years of work on The Long Trail, all but a half mile of its 260 miles having been laid out by him. Roy is also responsible for the erection of 22 of The Trail's shelters.

Buchanan Mt. was formerly known as Old Splatterfoot - a name originally given it by Roy. We hate to lose such a colorful name but we are very happy that there is now a Buchanan Mt. on The Long Trail and glad that we could be present when Roy was accorded this well deserved honor.

OUTING T.C.V.C.P.
by
Bob Paul

At 10:00 A.M. Sunday July 28th, we started off for Chittenden Dam to spend a day at the C.V.P.C. Camp. Although the weather didn't look very promising it seemed as though everyone had a very good time.

Among the people who were there were the following: Vera Perkins, Betty Ball (the Bird Watcher), Marie Gray, Eleanor Walker, Jack Welch, Joe Hadeka, Steve Pfennig, Tom Terenzine, Janet Martin and her two children, Bob Paul, Doreen Paul, Claire Perfetti, and the last of the gang Craigie Perkins. Mary Perkins made a trip up in the morning to supply transportation but couldn't stay because of Camp guests.

Most of the younger group were interested in swimming and boating. A few of the party took in a short walk. Betty Ball and Marie Gray also went for a walk where they discovered a very rare bird. The way Betty described it was that it sounded as though the bird were drinking. The call of this bird was, "Which, three beers".

Before this bird watching expedition occurred, everyone had lunch.

Even though there were scattered showers during the afternoon, all present seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The main party broke up about 6 P.M. All in all it turned out to be a wonderful day.

OFF TO OHIO

We regret to announce that we are losing our bridge builders. Cecile and Emile Boselli left about Sept. 1st for Ohio where Emile has accepted a position with the Ohio Edison Co., in Akron. They will live

in Cuiahoga Falls, Ohio.

We were pleased to see a feature article in The Burlington Free Press recently on Cecile and Emile and their bridge building project. We wish them luck in their new location.

HIKE TO GRIFFITH LAKE
by
Pat Truneau

Since I am new to the Killington Section of the G.C. by way of my uncle, resident Jack Martin, I will try to write this story as it comes to me.

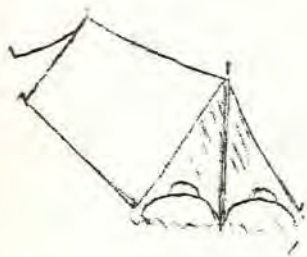
On Aug. 24th five members met at Seldon School in beautiful weather. They were Joe Hadeka, Judy Allard, Carol and Jack Martin and myself. We drove to Danby and a little below to a gravel road where we found the "Lake Trail" sign indicating our starting point. We followed the trail through pretty woods, by a spring, past a farm, and then steeply up to a fine lookout where we could see out over Danby to a mountain with its quarry piles.

After about 2½ hours we reached Griffith Lake, a small but pretty pond in the middle of the forest. We found an old camp on the lake shore with a sort of a dock over the water, there we chose to eat. An hour or so later, reluctantly, we headed down, reaching the car in about two hours.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are sorry to be so late with this month's paper. In an effort to get the paper out nearer the first of the month we are making this a two-month issue.

We wish to express our thanks at this time to Pearl Nichols who has assumed the duties of Typist; Craigie Perkins for Printing; and Eleanor Walker for addressing.



G. C. INTERSECTIONAL

On the weekend of August 17-18 the Struggler's Notch State Park was the headquarters for one of the best Intersectionals of recent years. The crowd started assembling early and by Friday evening more than 40 G. Cers were registered.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear and everyone was eager to get started on the day's activities. Mt. Mansfield was the common objective with some riding the lift, and others hiking up to the top. A variety of trips were taken from the top with everyone enjoying to the fullest a perfect day on the mountain.

The Saturday evening get-together was held in the lounge of the Park Recreation building. The number present from the different sections was reported with Willington tallying 14. After items of special interest had been presented, and a few stories of experiences on The Trail recounted a couple ski movies were shown.

Sunday was another fine day and trips were made to Spruce Peak and Sterling Pond by many groups. Everyone seemed loath to leave the weekend over and it was 6 P.M. before the campsite was pretty well cleared.

The total registration reached 107 which must have been rewarding to the committee which did such a splendid job on arrangements; even to providing good weather!

We were sorry not to have more Willington Section members there to enjoy the fun. Better plan now to be on hand next year.

THE CAVE OF THE WINDS

by

Barbara Allard

Among the more interesting spots on Mt. Mansfield is the Cave of the Winds. During the G. C. Intersectional, three other members and myself took a trip down into the cave. Although only one of us had a rope and experience, two others had flashlights and we were ready.

We crawled over a few rocks and made the first and easiest descent by means of a ladder and some heavy rope. Reaching the first level, we stood on a ledge and one by one disappeared into the black hole at our feet.

At the next level there was less room to stand and down we went again. This time quite a ways. Somewhere along the way one of the flashlights took a short cut to the bottom. There were still three of us to get to the bottom. Every once in a while we would get a cold gust of air and out would go the cry, "Close that door!"

When you are dangling on a rope in total darkness and you don't know where the bottom is, you are apt to get a funny feeling.

The cave itself is just a series of crevices in the rocks and is much colder than a cave. There were sheets of ice over the walls. The walls are mostly from 3 to 4 feet apart and the cave goes down about 60 feet.

When we got to the bottom of the cave we found the flashlight and I guess it wanted to get out as it worked better than before.

After sliding down an ice slide and climbing over several obstacles we were at the very bottom. Ice barred our way to the chamber where the bottle is kept that you can put your name in.

As we were wet and a little chilly we started right back. We can't wait to go again.

UP T. WHITNEY
by
Rob Perkins

Mt. Whitney, highest peak in the United States at 14,496 feet, was the destination for this transplanted G.C. on the long 4th of July weekend. Having climbed in the mountains of southern California, but not in the Sierra Nevada, I didn't know what conditions to expect so wife and children were left at home and four day's food was packed.

In order to get an early start I left Los Angeles right after work on Wednesday, drove about 100 miles and slept beside the road in the Mohave Desert. Up at dawn, another 100 mile drive got me to Lone Pine for breakfast. A road leaves the highway at Lone Pine and climbs to 8200 feet at Whitney Portal close up under the abrupt eastern face of the Sierra. I was on the trail by 9:30 with Mt. Whitney 13 trail miles away and 6300 feet up. This works out to be about like climbing Pico three times and the fourth time going on to Killington.

The trail is an excellent one maintained by the Forest Service. It is nowhere very steep or difficult as it is designed for a horse trail as well as for hiking. The grade is very steady with numerous switchbacks. The first part of the climb is thru typical western mountain forests - evergreens, large by Vermont standards but not the giant sequoia. The lack of underbrush is evident. Full grown trees appear to have sprouted from the sand and gravel ground.

In four miles I reached Mirror Lake at 10,600 feet. This is the last camping spot below the timber line and since I needed wood for cooking, this was it for the first day. Another time I would bring a small stove and camp a mile or two further in. After a leisurely meal I unrolled my sleeping bag and went to bed at dusk.

Conveniently at 4:45 AM

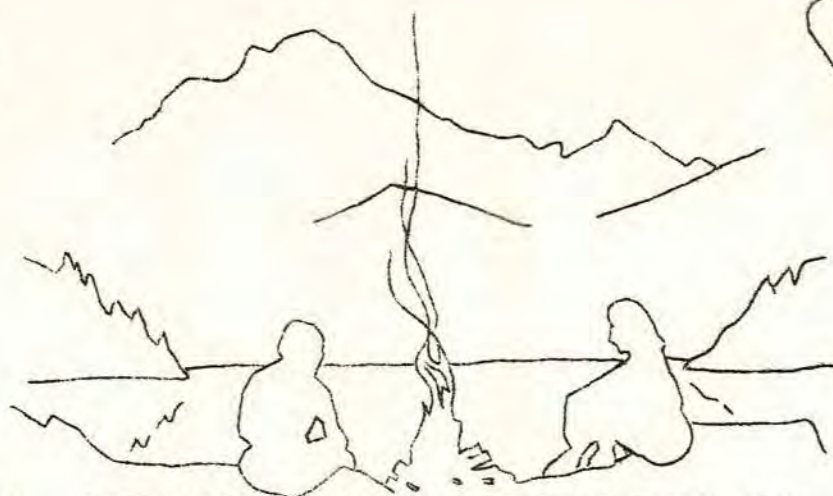
I was awakened by a loud blast from Yucca Flats, some 75 miles away. After breakfast, leaving my pack at Mirror Lake and taking only a trail lunch and camera, I was on the trail before seven. I was above the trees almost immediately and in three short miles passed Consolation Lake which was still frozen over solid. Here the climb up the actual face of the mountain begins and the next four miles is a continual series of switchbacks. The trail was clear and dry except in three or four places where large snow drifts remained. I think the altitude was having some effect as each mile seemed longer than the last. However, I reached the pass, 13,600 feet, by 11:30 and decided to go the final two miles to the top.

From the pass to the top the trail goes along the ridge with views over into the Sequoia Park wilderness on the western side of the mountains, with numerous lakes and forests. This final two miles, although partly level, required several rest stops and took nearly two hours. The view from the top was only fair, the day being a little hazy. The Owens Valley and Lone Pine lie to the east, and high mountains in the other three directions. It was sunny and warm on top - tee shirt weather.

The trip down was uneventful. The trail was now a brook in spots, the afternoon sun having melted more of the snow. I was back at Mirror Lake by six o'clock, tired, but no more so than would be expected after any 18 mile hike. I lazed around camp the next morning, packed out to the car after lunch, and was back in Los Angeles by 10:00 that evening.

Next time you're in California - why not climb Mt. Whitney?

SMOKE



GRANVILLE

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Oct. 1957

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Oct. 13, 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: Hadeka Farm, Granville,
New York

This will be a good, colorful, fall hike. The trail is about a mile long leading to a picturesque pond. About one quarter mile away on a not too steep hill there is an abandoned tower once used as a library. An extensive view can be seen into a beautiful eastern New York valley, including a view of the Comstock Prison.

We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M. Our starting point is about 25 miles from Rutland in Middle Granville.

This is not too difficult a hike so I hope as many as can will come, for a very enjoyable day.

J.H.

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RUMMAGE SALE

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROOMS

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SATURDAY, NOV. 9

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TIME: Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: Bald Mountain

It has been several years since we have climbed this nearby mountain. However, it is a very pleasant trip which is not too difficult. The reward is an excellent view of the Otter Creek valley. Since it is so nearby, the starting time will be 10:30 A.M. at Meldon School

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HAPGOOD POND TRIP

A very small group consisting of the four Martins and Miss Bjorg Jensen, exchange teacher from Norway now teaching at Rutland High School, went on the trip to Hapgood Pond. By reason of threatening weather we drove close to Mad Tom Notch shelter. The rains descended in the midst of lunch so we beat a hasty retreat into the shelter and decided that even if it stopped the trail would be too wet for hiking to Styles Peak so instead we went for a short auto tour.

RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, NOV. 9

It's that time again! You get out the children's winter clothes only to find they've grown out of them. Your summer things look pretty well beaten up too. You want to freshen up the house for the winter days ahead when you'll be spending more time in it. The GMC Rummage Sale solves your problem. It's just the place to dispose of those things which you no longer want, but which are still too good to throw away.

You'll be doing a bit for GMC too. We need money to help build up the treasury after the expense of materials for that fine bridge over Mill River. We have other Trail and Shelter maintenance projects too. So let's make this the best sale yet.

The Sale will be held in the Neighborhood Rooms on Saturday, Nov. 9. We will be at the Rooms from 9 to 5 Friday and would like to receive everything that day. There is always a big rush when we open the sale so it is important to have everything arranged and priced before then. If you have material but no way to get it to us, call Craigie Perkins - 3-7954 - Thursday evening, or call Vera Perkins - 3-2941 - earlier that week.

We need help on both Friday and Saturday. On Saturday the need is greatest from 9 to 11 A.M. for selling and again at the end of the day for clearing up. We can keep you real busy any time Friday. Let us hear from you if you can help on either (or BOTH) days.

Anything usable is salable. Dishes, kitchen utensils, curtains, bedspreads, clothing of all kinds (especially children's) are some of the items in greatest demand. Costume jewelry, gift items and nic-nacs also sell well.

Get together as much as you can - collect from your friends and neighbors too. If we have a good stock on hand our customers will do the rest.

SOUTH END

It's very dark at 5 A.M. as the would-be-End-to-enders found out when they rose for the trip to the south end of The Trail. Due to the early take-off, though, we were on the trail by 8:30 A.M. at Williamstown, Mass. This was an approach trail and was hilly indeed. In fact at one point it was nearly perpendicular, with slippery rocks and few holds. Fortunately, this didn't last long. We did this hike in the fall, so it would be cool, but it was hot and muggy, which didn't help at all on the climb.

From the top of the rocky scramble, it was a gentler ascent to the junction with the Appalachian Trail. We noted different plants than farther north, with quite a bit of sassafras, and some real chestnut.

From the junction with the AT, the trail went over a lot of rocky open area, colorful with the copper and rust tones of the extensive blueberry bushes. There were blueberries there too. There would have been several fine views if the fog hadn't been too thick.

The woodland we finally entered was unusually beautiful, with many open glades, colorful with clumps of plum colored hobblebush, and carpeted with gayly-colored leaves.

The brooks were dry, so we ate a dry lunch in an open part of the woods. Even the brook at Seth Warner Camp was dry, when we came to that.

The trip down County Road to the waiting car was an easy one, though it was still hot.

One more lap needed doing, the road walk into Fay Fuller, from the main road. We did this and this completed the Long Trail walking for the three Perkinses.

SIX & SEVEN - MILES AND ANOTHER DAY OLDER

That's Trail miles, and everybody knows a Trail mile is equal to 5280 times the age of the hiker times the weight of his pack, divided by the square of the conversation. (Provided it isn't too square.)

So that we might get a good start in the morning, the car was planted on the East Arlington Road the night before. After a supper in Bennington we drove out to the Fay Fuller Camp to stay over night.

We found the camp in excellent condition in every respect. Somebody had done a good job of cleaning up. (Thank you Bennington.)

After a good night's sleep and a six-thirty breakfast we set off bright and early. (all right, just "early" then.) For some undetermined reason it wasn't raining, and we felt uncomfortable. The Trail up Glastenbury Mt. climbed steadily on an easy grade and we got to the camp well ahead of Guide Book Time.

We couldn't find any water and had to do a little guessing on which path was L.T. North.

The lookout's cabin near the tower was found open apparently to let out the hedgehogs that had chewed up through the floor.

Too bad these two half ruined Camps on Glastenbury can't be combined to make one completely ruined one.

About eleven-thirty we ate a dry lunch beside what should have been a rushing brook. The Trail was easy and soon we reached Caughnawaga Shelter. A porky lunching on the bunk boards left without exchanging greetings with us. We found water here and rested a few minutes.

About two-thirty it started to drizzle and we felt more at ease.

The Trail was in pretty good condition. Paint had been applied recently apparently by Tom Thumb as the blazes varied from chest high to below waist high.

Two beaver ponds were skirted and at last we came out on the East Arlington Road about five-thirty.

Everybody felt so full of pep that we decided to hike the piece along the road, thus running our total up to sixteen miles and making our longest but not hardest day on the Trail.

TUCKER LODGE REPAIR

In August it was discovered that two sash at Tucker Lodge were ruined and that porkies might be able to get inside.

Joe and Jimmie Hadeka and Craig Perkins lugged in forty pounds of cement and new window-screening. The worst of the holes in the foundation were cemented up and wire placed over all window openings.

On another work party Bob and Churchill Scott helped install the two new sash and paint them.

Anybody want to paint the rest of the sash and apply creosote?

BREVITIES

Buffum Shelter was inspected by Vera Perkins and Eleanor Walker and found in neat condition. The old stove needs some repair for when the snows of winter make outdoor cooking difficult.

Margie Allard is home for a two weeks vacation.

Sharon Krauss is at UVM as a member of the Class of '61

Tom Ranney is a freshman student at Castleton College.

KILLINGTON FROM THE SOUTH

Where were you all on Saturday, Sept. 28th? Wherever you were it couldn't have been nicer than it was on Killington.

Starting time found three hikers, Barbie Allard, Vera and Craigie Perkins, at Heldon. Pres. Jack Martin was on hand to help with transportation if needed. However, the hikers decided to omit Shrewsbury Peak and have all the available time at Killington. This eliminated any special transportation problems and we were soon on our way.

First stop was Gov. Clement where we left the car. A quick check of this shelter disclosed one puzzling circumstance. The old picnic table had been replaced in the shelter and the new one left standing on end by the outdoor fireplace. We noted again the improved appearance of the surroundings as a result of the brush cutting and clearing up which was done on a visit there last spring.

Leaving Gov. Clement, we started climbing almost at once. After passing through the fairly recent lumber operations, the trail, worn into the side of the mountain and sloping away steeply on our right, took us through woods, bright with sun on fall leaves and roofed with a sky seeming to grow bluer as we climbed toward it.

After about 2 miles of a gradual but steady climb, the trail follows along the ridge and there is little noticeable climbing. We began asking ourselves, "Where is Killington?", as we couldn't see it ahead. Then, suddenly, there we were at Cooper Lodge!

Craigie had brought up a new grate for the stove and while that was being installed

Barbie initiated a "Clean-up Campaign". The grate fitted perfectly. Water was soon hot and lunch being enjoyed. We counted 7 broken lights of glass which we hope can be replaced before winter.

Immediately after lunch we left for "the Peak". The view was good, especially toward the northeast. There was ice in the rock crevasses and a crisp wind on the peak, but the sun was bright and we lingered there as long as we could. En route to and from the peak we met in all 9 other hikers.

The return trip to Gov. Clement was interesting. The trail seen in reverse, with the sun slanting into the woods at the late afternoon angle, gave us many new impressions.

Back at Gov. Clement, we found Jan and Jack Martin with Carol and Nancy. After a welcome cup of coffee and a pleasant chat, we all headed back to Rutland.

There won't be a better hike this season. Too bad you missed it!

"HILLSIDE HARVEST"

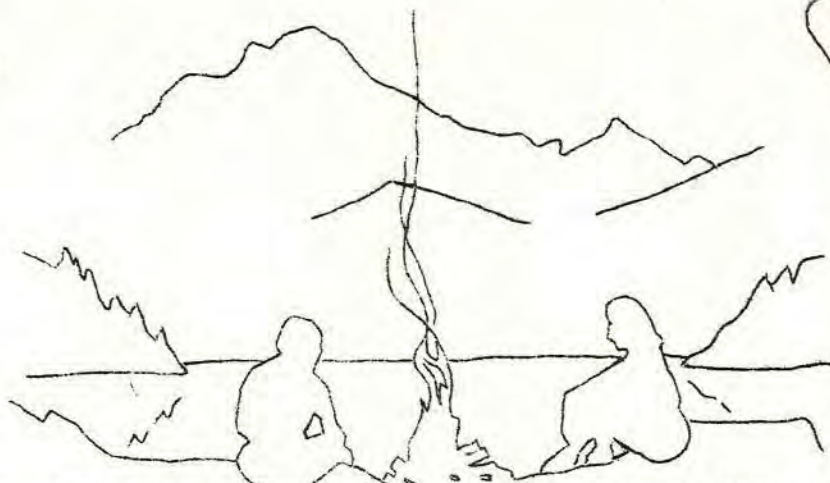
Outdoor lovers will enjoy the beautiful prose descriptions of familiar scenes and of everyday animals, plants, and birds, in this book by Lansing Christman. This a book to be savoured slowly, not swallowed in a gulp. It makes one realize the beauty around us. This countryman finds great joy in his hillside pastures all the year around, and passes on to the reader his keen delight in the world of nature.

He write of such things as summer sunsets, September grapes, old fence rows, hill farm apples, wood-box cricket, hillsides of larch, muskrat marsh.

(Canover House, pub.)

E. Ball

Smoke



Blazes

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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Saturday Nov. 9, 9:00 AM

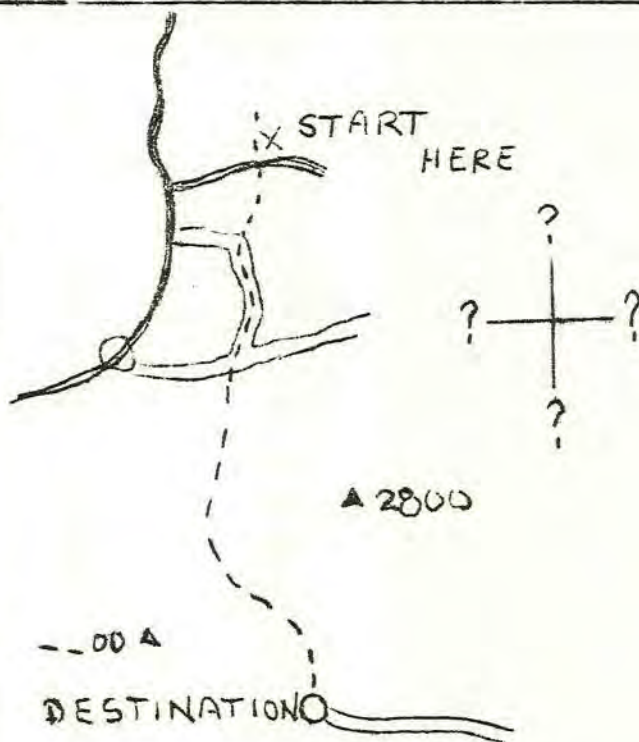
PLACE: Neighborhood Rooms
Rummage Sale

Materials to be sold should be ready on Friday Nov 8th. If you can't get them to the Marble Bank Neighborhood Rooms yourself call Vera Perkins 3-2941, or Craigie Perkins 3-7954. All articles must be in on Friday to permit sorting and labelling with prices.

TIME: Sunday Nov.10, 10:00 AM

PLACE: Mystery Hike to Somewhere

This promises to be an enjoyable and interesting hike to . The wind may blow or the snow may blow but you staunch hikers just need to pack that lunch and join us for a trip in the late Fall woods of Vermont. We promise a variety of terrain over which you can hike without difficulty to see a very nice view, weather permitting. Here is a fragmentary map which we found deep in a pile of Smoke and Blazes, a clue maybe?



TIME: Sunday, Nov 24, 9:00 AM

PLACE: Voter-White Lodge &
Lake Pleiad

We hope there will be good attendance for this joint trip with the Burlington Section. The lodge overlooks Lake Pleiad and the Middlebury College ski area. This lodge was built in 1952 by the MMC and has a beautiful site. It is only 0.2 mile west of the Long Trail at a point 1.2 miles from Middlebury Gap. Come along for this easy hike.

COMING EVENTS (con't)

TIME - Sunday, Dec. 8 - 6 P.M.
PLACE - Beechwood - Covered Dish
Supper

The covered dish supper this year will come the first week in December. Due to a conflict with the Community Concert we have changed the date from Saturday to SUNDAY, so please change the date on your schedule cards.

As in the past we would like to know what you plan to bring so that we can keep a fair balance between salads, main dishes, and desserts. Please call Janet Martin, 3-8621, and tell her what you would like to bring. Please remember to bring your own dishes and utensils as it saves on the cleaning up. As usual there will be someone there from 2 P.M. on, so come and enjoy the afternoon too. Supper will be at 6 P.M.

A VISIT TO NEW YORK STATE

It was a perfect fall day when 9 GMCers journeyed to the Hadeka farm in Granville, N.Y., on Sunday, Oct. 13th.

After parking our cars in the farm dooryard, we started out for "the tower", objective for this hike. Joe led us over the hills and through the woods until finally we sighted the golden dome a-top a hill about two fields away.

Our watches and our appetites suggested that we stop for lunch first and investigate the tower later. Accordingly, Joe directed us to a perfect picnic place near a small pond. This spot was complete with a maple grove in full fall coloring, an old stone wall, a ready to use fireplace, and even a handy supply of firewood.

After a leisurely lunch we visited the tower which is an interesting marble structure of three stories, with two fireplaces on the second floor, and topped by a gilt dome set on marble pillars. Unfortunately, what was once quite an imposing structure, now shows the deterioration caused by abandonment and vandalism. The glass which enclosed the sides is broken out. What was once, apparently, a small patio has grown up to weeds. Nothing, however has spoiled the excellent view which the tower affords.

Various legends as to the original owner and his purpose in building the tower have grown up. From a Granville resident we have what seems to be the real story. Unfortunately, it is not as exciting as the legends. It seems that the tower was built by a wealthy bachelor, who, at the time, lived with his mother and owned a fine house in Granville. They also had elaborate homes in several other places. He built the tower as a library and study and used to spend much time there when in Granville. He would often entertain house guests and local friends there for afternoon tea. He lived to be over ninety.

After his death the books were removed and the tower fell into dis-use and disrepair. The story that it belonged to a New York banker who finally committed suicide probably springs from the fact that a close friend of the owner, who also had a home in Granville, was a New York banker, became involved in some International banking deals during the war and eventually did commit suicide.

All in all this was a new and different trip and made another pleasant day to add to the many such which our Out Schedule has provided.

BALD MT. AGAIN

'Quality rather than quantity' was the keynote of the group which gathered for the trip to Bald Mt. It was a return to a favorite spot for two of the five hikers while for the other three it was a first trip.

We drove to the top of 'the Notch'; left the car, and started out on the once familiar trail. We soon discovered that the trail had undergone many changes due to hurricane damage. We were doubtful at times that we were on the trail, but eventually it turned in the right direction and we reached the spring - last chance for getting coffee water. We almost lost the coffee water farther along when a fallen log proved unequal to the combined weights of 3 hikers.

The rocky top, when reached, provided the same splendid view we remembered. On this bright October day it was a most comfortable place for our picnic lunch. It was hard to believe it could ever be cold enough there to freeze coffee in the cups - we still maintain it did though, one December day!

We lingered for awhile considering the possibility of some of the party returning via Red Rocks and Clarendon, but decided to leave this for another day.

Starting back we missed the trail completely and just wandered along in the right general direction enjoying the fall woods. Finally we came out at the road a few yards west of our car, having crossed the trail somewhere without knowing it.

This is a good, near-by, hike and could well be given a place on the schedule quite often. Again, it's too bad so many missed it.

CONSERVATION BEGINS AT HOME

By Charles M. Wilson

from an article in the March '57
Nature Magazine

The author notes that birds and wildlife live mostly on the edges of fields, woodlands, road and waterways. To develop his old Vt. farm as a wildlife refuge he made a survey of his property to "count the blessings".

He found 25 species of grasses of value to wild life. To increase them he did some selective thinning along wood and field edges. He also found intermittent stands of such standbys for bird life as elderberry, wild cherry, sumac, buckthorn, haw, wild grapes, and other berries as well as small acorn oaks. These he is protecting, particularly against fire.

Then his attention turned to fence rows and garden edges where he hand sowed such feed supplements as grain, sorghum, kaffir, milo, maize, and dwarf sunflowers.

The last part of the farm he attempted to improve for wild life was along the surface waterways by planting wildlife feed crops which grow in or near water. This is a largely undeveloped field in the U.S., but these plants strengthen edges, make valuable, fertile soil, and help with water conservation and erosion control. One of the plants he used here is wild rice. Others are muskgrass, pondweed, wild celery, pickerel plant, spike-bush, and the American pond lily; in moist places: water smartweed, sweet flag and three square rush.

The author has found evidence that his old farm is now supporting more and varied forms of wild life and he no longer finds starved carcasses of wild life in the spring as he did when he first came to the farm.

TRAIL CONFERENCE

On the 2nd of November the trustees and officers of the GMC met in the main club office at 108 Merchants Row. The reading of the minutes of the June meeting was followed by several reports.

Vice-President Ted Talbot, of Wilmington Delaware, reported on the possible changes which are contemplated for the next edition of the Long Trail Guide Book. His suggestions were concerned with a new and larger map sheet to be used with the various divisions of the LT.

Mr Ben Rolston of Schenectady presented cost data on the preparation of a supplement to the 1956 edition of the Guide. Material to be included in the supplement as outlined by Mr Rolston are (a) Poor conditions on the LT, (b) Additions to the system, (c) Relocations of the Trail, and (d) Planned or possible changes in the above.

Mr Don Havens of Burlington reported on the 1957 Inter-Sectional which was attended by 109 assorted hikers. Mr Larry Dean of Burlington made a progress report on the GMC history which, it is hoped, will be ready for the 50th year of GMC in 1960.

Mr Paul Newcomb, the GMNF supervisor spoke to the assemblage about the proposals for and status of various ski developments as they affect the GMNF. We were particularly interested in the development which is proposed for the Clay Brook Basin on the Eastern flanks of Lincoln Mountain near Warren. The LT follows the Lincoln Mountain skyline and any ski development proposal

might have an adverse effect on the LT or shelters. It was the opinion after some discussion that the development of the Basin as outlined in the prospectus would cause no undue harm to the area in question. Any slight changes in LT location would be the responsibility of the permittee or the GMNF. One advantage would be the increased opportunity for maintenance in a presently somewhat inaccessible stretch of Trail. Mr Gene Bamforth of Montpelier was voted a life member of the GMC.

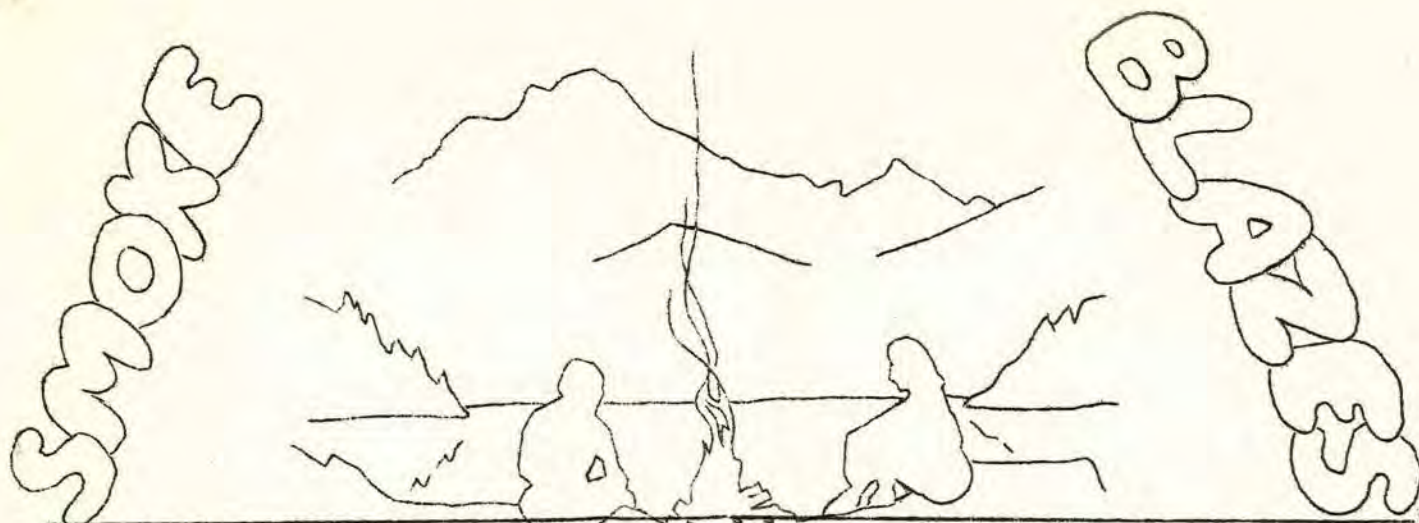
The 1958 Inter-Sectional outing will be under the direction of the Killington Section. If you have any ideas for sites, trips and activities for the Inter-Sectional please contact the section officers. We are open to suggestion.

An annual Trail Conference was held in the GMC office after the trustee's meeting. Reports were received from the various sections concerning conditions and maintenance of their portions of the Long Trail and shelters.

Problems discussed included that of the extent and nature of vandalism at LT shelters. Reports were received concerning camp registers, trail blazing, Long Trail- highway crossing signs, and the supply of water at certain shelters during dry summers such as we have just had. We were glad to see two members of the Middlebury College Mountain Club at the meeting.

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An amusing story heard at the meeting concerns a happening during the summer's LT Patrol. The boys met a strangely constituted party complete with a loaded rifle bearing advance guard. The man scouting "up front" explained that "this was Wild country" and one shouldn't take any chances "in the Green Mts."



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December 1957

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. December 21, 10 AM

PLACE: Mount Carmel

Last year's trip to Mount Carmel encountered very bad weather. We hope we will have better luck this year. Hikers will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM and drive to the Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden. From there they will hike on to New Boston, thence up the New Boston Trail to Carmel Camp where they will have lunch. A short steep trail leads to the top of Mt Carmel which has a small steel tower on the summit. Fine views of the Green, White, and Adirondack Mountains.

TIME: Sat. or Sun. Jan 4 or 5
7:00 PM

PLACE: Moonlight Hike, to
Tucker Lodge

The winter moonlight hike has become a widely enjoyed annual affair. If you have never been, dig out your snowshoes and red flannels and come along. We promise an unusual and rewarding experience. Weather permitting, the trip will be on Saturday. If that proves cloudy we will go on Sunday. If you are in doubt or need to borrow snowshoes,

contact Pres John Martin (3-8621)
Hikers will meet at Meldon at
7:00 PM.

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Covered Dish Supper

The annual covered dish supper at Beechwood was held on Sun. Dec. 8th. There were thirty members and guests present. The table was laden with good things to eat and everyone ate and ate and ate. As always there was an excellent variety of old and new favorites to satisfy the tastes of everyone from the three little ones on up. This has always been a good family outing and we were glad to have so many family groups there. We even had two very well behaved four legged guests.

The afternoon found many of the group hiking around the surrounding wooded area where they made note of the growth of the red Pine forest which has been recently been pruned and thinned.

LAKE PLIEAD

A very small group gathered for this trip but the weather seemed too unpleasant for so long a jaunt. We are a bit red-faced to learn that a group from Burlington did go. Our apologies to them for not having the coffee hot on their arrival.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS #96

Once again the Rummage Sale proved to be a successful money-making project. Although we fell a little short of the \$100 we aimed for, we were well satisfied with results.

Thanks are due to all the people who brought in material for us to sell and especially to out of town members who took the trouble to send us material.

We also want to thank the following people who helped in getting ready, selling and/or cleaning up: "T" Valiquette, Churchill Scott, Isabel Makins, Janet and Jack Martin, Betty Ball, Barbie Allard, and Eleanor Walker.

The sale involves a couple of good, full days of work, but it's fun too, and we don't know of any easier or surer way of making around \$100. So-- start your box now and begin collecting items for us to sell next fall.

MYSTERY HIKE

The Mystery Hike scheduled for Nov. 10th, remains a mystery. Again this year a first snow fall caused a last minute change in destination.

When we met at Pelcon School it looked as though we were in for a wet day, overhead as well as underfoot. As there was no shelter at the planned destination we decided to go to "Tall Timber" instead.

There we found the ground well covered with snow and, walking through the woods, experienced the thrill which the first snow always brings.

While some of the party were getting the fire going in the Service Building, others went for a walk. Barbie Allard and Joe Haecka, finding the rubber boat available, decided it was just the day for a cruise around the

newly enlarged pond.

By lunch time the sun was shining, and after a pleasant lunch hour, the ambitious junior members remarked that it would be a good day to go to Clarendon and put in the new window sash. Craigie quickly took them up on this proposition and they were soon on their way.

The rest of the group lingered awhile longer and then returned to Rutland. Arriving about 3 o'clock, it seemed too nice an afternoon to go in early, so four went on to Clarendon to check up on the workers there. The old stove, as usual, was doing its best to smoke the workers out, but they were going ahead valiantly with the work of installing new window frames. Incidentally, plans are underway for getting another stove in this winter.

On the way back to the car we enjoyed a fine sunset and agreed that the day had been successful even though not as planned.

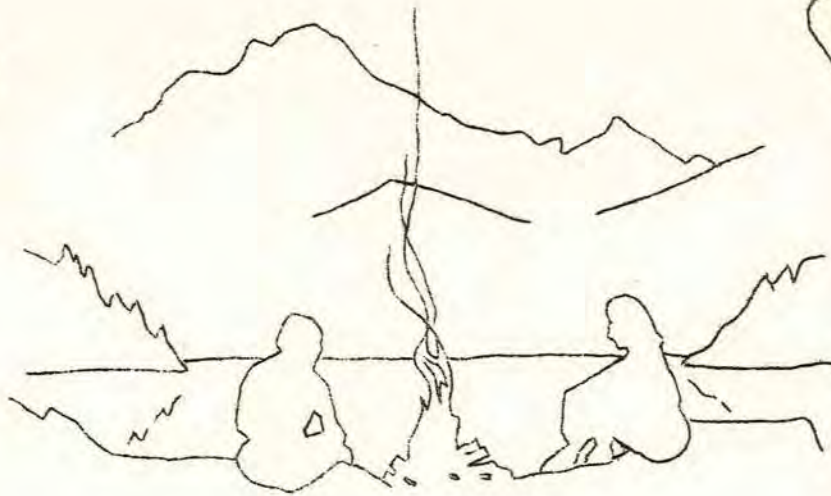
(No, we won't tell you where the mystery hike was to have gone --we're saving it for another time. You'll still have to come to find out.)

COMING SOON KILLINGTON SEC. ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be coming in January. Watch for the announcement of date, place, etc., and plan to attend.

* WE WISH YOU ALL *
* A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS *
* and *
* A HAPPY NEW YEAR *

Snow



Blazes

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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Jan 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Jan. 13, 11 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

This is a beautiful but easy trip to make in winter. If we get a good snow it will be a fine opportunity to try out snowshoes and skills from Santa Claus. However, if there isn't much snow between now and then, boots or overshoes will be sufficient.

Come and try out the new stove and view the repairs completed by several recent work parties. We will meet at Meldon School at 11:00 AM. This should make it late enough so that some of our members who can't usually make it on Sun. will be able to be with us too. If not they could always join us later as it is only a short walk. Do try to come along.

TIME: Thur. Jan 23, ANNUAL MEETING
PLACE: Riverside Reformatory

As in the past few years this will be a supper meeting followed by the business meeting, election of officers, and closing with a short program. Because it is necessary for Miss Koltonski to know how many to plan for on meals,

reservation must be made by Tues, Jan. 21 by calling Mrs Jack Martin PH 3-8821. Supper will be at 6:30 with the business meeting coming to order about 7:30.

We hope all members will make an effort to be at the meeting as several important matters need to be discussed: (1) How can we increase our membership, especially among young adults? (2) Can our income be increased? (Source-Lues & projects) (3) Should the winter weekend be changed so as not to conflict with the new dates of the Rutland Winter Carnival? (4) Is Smoke and Blazes to be or not to be? (5) Suggestions for hike schedules? (Average attendance has been about 5 to 7 with some hikes cancelled because no one showed up.)

TIME: Sat. February 1, 10 AM.
PLACE: Snowshoe to Sunnyside
Camp

We certainly hope that by February there will be enough snow for snowshoeing. It has been several months since we last visited Sunnyside so we hope you will all plan to come.

The trip will leave Meldon School at 10:00 o'clock so pack a lunch and join in the fun.

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SPECIAL

WINTER WEEKEND - FEB. 15-16 OR 22-23

The final decision as to which date to hold this annual affair will be decided at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 23. So-- if you have any preference and can't be at the meeting, let us know before that time. You may call PR 3-861 to state your preference, or let a friend who will be at the meeting know your wishes.

TAKEN ANY KODACHROMES LATELY?

We have made a good start on the Killington Section collection of colored slides, but we want to add to it and perhaps replace some we have with better ones when available. If you have any slides taken since slides were selected last winter, or any you have never submitted for consideration, why not bring them to the Annual Meeting? The Club will get duplicates of any selected for our collection.

HIKE TO CARMEL

The temperature was like early spring, but the prospects for a pleasant day were only so-so on Saturday, December 21st.

Nevertheless, a group of six put aside their Christmas preparations and met at Meldon School for the trip to Carmel.

Driving up the hills to Mt. Top Inn, we found that road conditions too were suggestive of early spring, but we made the parking place at the Inn without difficulty. Leaving our car we hiked briskly along the old road leading to New Boston.

Signs of what was once one of the main Communities of Chittenden are rapidly disappearing. Each time we pass through here we notice the further collapse of some landmark of former

habitation. A few cellar holes and the small 'burying ground', a short distance from the settlement, will soon be all the traces left. Incidentally, why was this community called New Boston? Tradition has it that in the "cold year" (this was in 1816 when there was a frost every month in the year and no crops)- a group of people in Boston, Mass., collected food supplies and sent to this community. From then on it was known as New Boston.

The trail from here was doubling as a brook course for most of the way on this particular day, but the sun was peeking out and we found much to enjoy as we covered the distance to Carmel Camp.

We found the camp, though just as small as we had remembered it, in good condition inside. However, the general appearance of the dooryard left much to be desired. It seems strange, as one of our party remarked, that people able to hike the 3 miles to the camp wouldn't have the strength enough to at least throw the cans and bottles a bit farther than just outside the door! Perhaps it would help if there were a specially designated dump area with a directional sign. It might be worth a try.

After lunch most of the party went to the top of the mountain for the view from the fire tower. They found it very windy on top but were rewarded for the climb with a fairly clear view.

On the way back to the car it looked for a time as though we might finish the day with a walk in the rain, but only a few sprinkles materialized. During the ride home from Mt. Top Inn we were treated to a fine sunset.

We had looked forward to this as a good snowshoe outing, but though we were disappointed on that score, it was an enjoyable day all the same.

CLARENDON LODGE REPAIRS

At long last Clarendon Lodge has been restored to Al condition.

Item One: When originally installed the front windows opened outward and were supposed to be operated by a crank arrangement. Impatient people needing air in a hurry soon wrecked these devices and the windows were either nailed shut or let swing in the wind. As a result one sash was torn off and another completely demolished. Two work parties have replaced the broken sash and moved all sash to the inside of the window openings so that they open inward. The badly torn plastic screens will be replaced in the spring by aluminum screens on the outside of the openings.

Item Two: For more than a year the old stove has been a nuisance and a fire hazard. Someone broke out the end of the firebox by trying to jam in wood that was too long. This was wired back in place long ago and we have been lucky it didn't fall off spilling hot coals over the wooden floor. On Dec. 28th an other large kitchen range was carried in and set up. Roger Pike got the loan of a Jeep truck and the following muscle men turned out to juggle the hardware; Churchill Scott, Bennet Bell, Jack Martin, Ray Catozzi, Craigue Perkins, and Fernand Bartlett. (Yeah, that's right! If you remember him you are a real oldtimer.) No snow, only a little ice, and somebody had scraped the road so it was no trick to drive right to the door. All parts went together neatly and the stove was given the "smoke test". OK.

Maybe the Killington Section isn't as nearly dead as it acts sometimes!

MOONLIGHT HIKE

January 4th proved to be a clear but cool day with a beautiful full moon rising over the eastern mountains around 6:00 o'clock. Lured by the full moon eight hikers, bundled as if for a trip to the South Pole, gathered at Meldon School at 7:00 o'clock. Three others followed at 8:00. Everyone journeyed up the mountain, parked the cars, and started in to Tucker Lodge.

The first few minutes we really felt the subzero temperatures but a little brisk hiking soon took care of that and we enjoyed a beautiful walk through the moonlit woods. It was so clear and bright the flashlights proved unnecessary except inside the lodge.

Once at the lodge, the coffee pot was put on the stove and all eight advised and cajoled the stove to do its part. At first it seemed quite reluctant to rouse itself sufficiently to overcome the zero temperatures. But finally, thanks to the beautifully split wood left by Ray Catozzi's Cub Scouts, the stove got red hot and the doughnuts and coffee too. We all agreed store doughnuts never tasted so good. After an enjoyable gab fest all eleven packed up reluctantly for the return trip. As always the walk out seemed all too short and we were back home by 10:30 declaring we'd go again soon.



ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Betty Ball spent the holidays in Florida visiting her parents at their home there.

Cards recently received bring us the news that the Bob Perkins' family enjoyed a short vacation at Palm Springs, California.

"T" and Harold Valiquette spent Christmas and New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Valiquette.

Marie Grey has left for Elkton, Florida with her parents to spend the winter. Strangely enough her address is Vermont Heights!

Sharon Krauss was home for the holidays from U.V.M.

We were glad to have a call from Helen Bailey when she was in Rutland for a short time during the holidays. Helen is enjoying her new teaching position in West Springfield, Mass.

A note on a Christmas Card from Maxine and Carl Newhall gives the following news as to their activities - we quote - "--we're raising cats, on a purely involuntary basis; working on the house, and doing very little else.

We both miss the G.M.C.'s, but after removing a couple of floors with their beams single-handed, and replacing them with the same crew, we are a little apathetic about physical effort just for fun--".

It was good to hear from them.

We were glad to have a card from Cecile and Emile Boselli and have asked them to give us some news of their activities. We hope to have this to share with you soon.

HAVE YOU A GMC EMBLEM?

A GMC emblem is a good looking addition to your jacket or knapsack. Not only that, but wearing one helps to let people know there is such an organization as the Green Mountain Club.

Eleanor Walker has a supply of emblems and will have them available at the Annual Meeting for 50¢ apiece.

AN EVERYDAY TREE

The hemlock is an everyday tree. It is often considered as a humble cousin in the evergreen family. The popularity of the spruce and balsam during the Christmas season brings them especially to our attention and we tend to disregard the hemlock with its stately, unpretentious beauty through all the seasons.

The Indians had a name for the hemlock. They called it "Oh-neh-tah" - green-on-the-stick, from its flattened leaves arranged in two ranks on each side of the twigs. These leaves are a glossy, green on the top and a pale grayish green beneath. A crushed handful of the foliage gives off a spicy fragrance. The inner bark is a ruddy, chestnut red.

The hemlock is often found in company with gray birches on rocky, thin-soiled uplands, in cold swamps, and on the sandy banks of ravines. Welcome as it is in winter, adding its touch of green to an often otherwise drab-colored countryside, it attains its greatest beauty in early summer. Then the new growth shows its delicate, light green, and the tiny, new, brown, cones will give glints of bronze in the sunlight.

Yes, the hemlock is an everyday tree, but it holds its own with the other evergreens which together add so much to the beauty of our locality.

SMOKE AND BLAZES



Special Issue KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan. 23, 1958

HOW IT STARTED

One warm, summer day, a group of Killington Section members were soaking up sunshine on the rocks at Lake Pleiad. The talk turned to speculations on what would be a good name for a Section newspaper, when and if we ever had one. Someone suggested that something about blazes might be appropriate. Some wise person (guess who?) said there was usually smoke before you got a blaze. SMOKE AND BLAZES was kindled.

The idea of a Section newspaper had been discussed before but apparently it needed a good name to furnish the spark to really get it going, for in September of that year the first SMOKE AND BLAZES was published. That first issue ended with the following suggestion to readers:

Send criticism to
 Craigue Perkins
Send suggestions to
 Mary Perkins
Send favorable comment to
 Vera Perkins

(N.B. We didn't receive any of these!)

With the January 1958 issue SMOKE AND BLAZES started its 11th Vol. We thought its ten year existence might well be celebrated in some way. Result - this special issue made up of bits of this and that about Section Activities, collected from past issues.

ANNUAL EVENTS

We have had the following activities every year:

Rummage Sale
Covered Dish Supper
Annual Meeting
Winter Weekend
Sugar Party

We've had Hikes every year to:

Clarendon Lodge
Tucker Lodge
Spring Lake Camp (wherever it happened to be!)
Little Rock Pond
Cooper Lodge

DO YOU REMEMBER ?

The "Hike Cue" Contest
The "Valiquette Special"
The cold shower at Pico
The Photography Contests
Boiled snow for coffee on a moonlight hike to Tucker
"Rosie The Roaster"
The kerosene torch hike

7 WONDERS OF RUTLAND COUNTY

At the Annual Meeting in 1949 the following were selected by popular vote as the 7 Wonders of Rutland County:

Killington View
Pittsford Ice Caves
White Rocks
Bird Mountain
Spring Lake
McLaughlin Falls
Deer Leap

LARGE PROJECTS

Saga of Sunnyside

Sunnyside, alias Spring Lake Camp, alias the Blue Triangle Camp, has a long and somewhat flighty career. It was first suggested in 1948 that the material in the Blue Triangle be moved to Spring Lake, and accordingly, in Jan. '49 demolition was started. On Feb. 13th the sections and boards were tobogganed across the lake; the laborers being rewarded by a spaghetti supper with Maude Canty's mince pies as the crowning feature.

From Feb. to July the boards and sections were carried up the hill by various members and a group of boys from Camp Sangamon. Reconstruction began in Oct. In July '50 Churchill Scott took in the pipe for anchors. By Nov. the boarding and side walls were in, also the posts along the back and all the rafters. In Dec. 200 boards for the roof and six 90 lb. rolls of roofing paper were taken by truck to within 1/4 mile of camp--from there it went by relay. Ugh. The roofing job and the arrival of the "Valiquette Special" followed this. In April and May of '51 the bunks were installed, joists for the floor laid, the floor completed and the doors hung.

In June of '53 it was decided to line the camp with masonite and this was started. However, in Dec. came a demolition order!

So---1954 saw it moving again; to the present site. In July, holes for the foundation posts were dug and in Nov. the cedar posts were set, levelled, and sawed off and the 6 sills and sleepers joined to them. Then in Jan. '55 rebuilding began and continued, with pauses to dig boards out of snowbanks, until the objective of completion by Annual Meeting time was reached. Thus endeth the 7 year travels of Blue Triangle Camp. Construction engineers all agree that further moves are extremely undesirable, also impossible!

Clarendon Shelter Becomes a Lodge

Perhaps you noted a brief pause in 1952 when no major work was going on at Spring Lake. The club was not resting on its laurels for in Jan. talk of what to do about Old (1921) Clarendon Shelter began. Various makeshift methods were discussed but in May a generous offer of a donation of up to \$250 was made by Mr. W.C. Wiley. After this windfall demolition began almost immediately. With Carl Newhall in charge and 5 work parties in May, the new camp rose on the site of the old with amazing rapidity. By June the outside was nearing completion. It should be noted that Carl and Maxine put in 400 hrs. of labor. On Oct. 25, less than a year from the time talk began, a housewarming and spaghetti supper was held with The Catozzis as chefs.

How to Cross the Gorge

Before Sunnyside was completed the unsafe bridge over Mill River was destroyed. In May '55 a Log bridge was installed amid much speculation as to whether there was enough weight (about 500 lbs.) on the ends to withstand the river. Plans were made to add chains to anchor it but the river got the log first and a few people got their feet wet at the Annual Meeting. Something had to be done, but what?

In Aug. Emile Boselli came to the rescue by volunteering, complete with plans and specifications, to build us a steel suspension bridge. The board OKed the plans and from then on it was practically a one man job! Not quite two years later, after untold hours of labor by Emile and Cecile, and \$465.84 from the Killington Section treasury, the bridge was completed.

On a rainy Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1957 this important link in The Long Trail was formally opened by the builders and club officials of The Green Mountain Club.

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN ?

Seven 65 lb. rolls of roofing paper carried to Killington.
Had nearly 100 at a Card Party in Vera Perkins attic and earned \$50.

Making of Killington Section slide collection authorized.
SMOKE AND BLAZES staff started hollering for help.

Old bridge over Mill River burned.

New Guide Book came out.

Our Lake George Steamer trip.

Mr. Meron Fisher of New Bedford, Mass., gave Buffum new roof.

Killington Section publicity folders published.

16 windows carried to Cooper Lodge on Killington.

Killington Sec. arranged and staffed a booth at Rutland Fair.

An unscheduled snowshoe party to Killington caught in a thunder shower.

Article on GMC by two junior members appeared in Rutland Herald.

Present stove at Cooper carried in and installed.

How many did you know? Here are the dates: 1948 - 1950 - 1955 - 1950 - 1954 - 1956 - 1956 - 1949 - 1955 - 1949 - 1955 - 1956 - 1957 - 1955.

END-TO-ENDER TRIPS

In the years 1952-57 hikes were scheduled covering the entire length of The Trail. Here are a few facts connected with these trips:

Long Trail mileage 255.3 mi.
Approach trail mileage 75.4 mi.
Number days hiked 40
Number days with rain 13
No. overnight trips 7
Longest day's hike 16 mi.
Shortest day's hike .2 mi (we drove to Bolton with the rubber boat to cross Winooski R.)
Largest no. hiking 8
Smallest no. hiking 3
No. completing End-To-End 3.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ?

We've built or rebuilt 2 shelters.

We've built and officially opened 1 bridge.

We've earned \$1056.46 in the 10 years with Rummage Sales.

We've had 210 scheduled trips.

We've cancelled only 6 hikes because of rain.

We've had the most outings at Clarendon Lodge(14), with Tucker and Spring Lake-Sunnyside next(12), and Little Rock Pond third(11).

We've driven as far as 125 mi. to start a hike.

We've scheduled trips covering the entire length of The Long Trail.

We've had 3 trips outside Vermont.

We've had as many as 35 on a hike and as few as 1 - both in 1950. The 35 were at Spring Lake when members from Burlington and Worcester Sections joined with us for an inspection trip and stayed to work. The 1 was when Pres. C. Scott went on the McLaughlin Falls hike the day after the "big blow" of Nov. 1950. The same year also reported 26 on a Stratton hike.

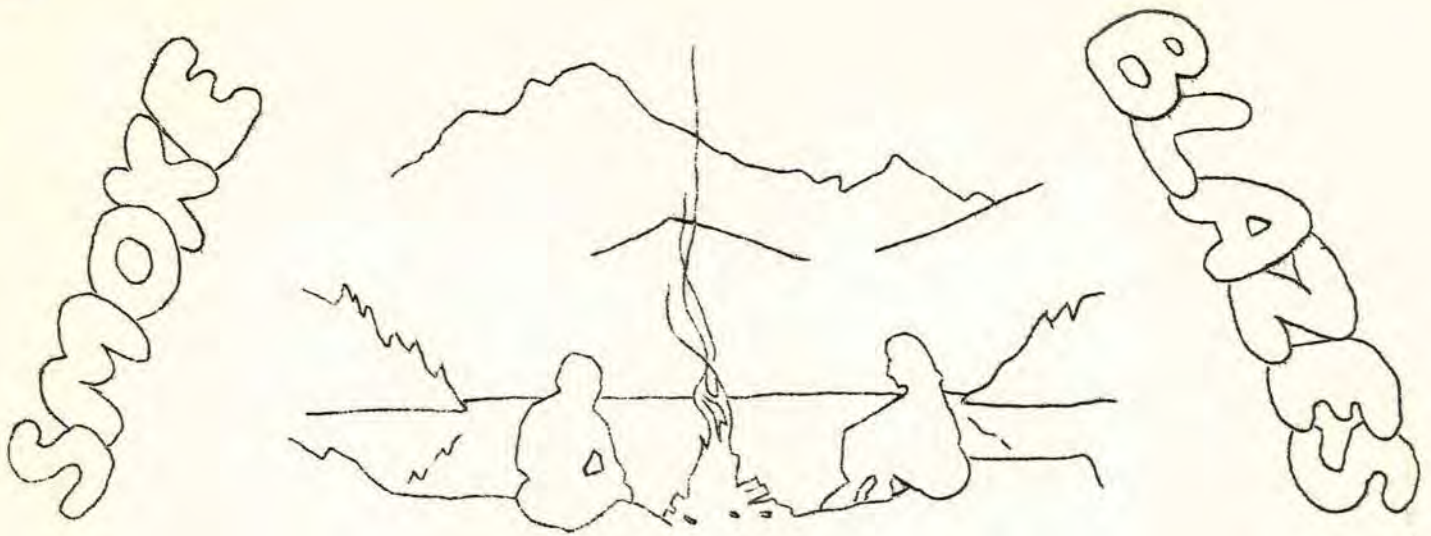
We've had as many as 27 for one meal at the Winter weekend.

Our coffee pot (sometimes black, sometimes shiny) is 20 yrs. old. It's still in use though it now serves merely to boil water as we switched to Nescafe in 1955 - thereby eliminating a major topic of conversation on outings!

DID WE SUCCEED ?

From the files of SMOKE AND BLAZES we have tried in this issue to remind you of some of the accomplishments, the good times, and the special laughs we have all enjoyed as members of the Killington Section G.M.C. over the past 10 years.

We hope we've succeeded.



COMING EVENTS

TIME: Saturday, Feb. 15

PLACE: Parade - Rutland Winter
Carnival

It was decided at the Annual Meeting to enter a float in the Rutland Winter Carnival parade. Harold Valiquette has agreed to loan the club a truck. Jack and Janet Martin will supervise the decorating...a Winter Camping scene with a mountain tent, skis, snowshoes, the G.M.C. coffee pot warming on a "fire", and three or four Junior Members to add life and beauty to the scene. If you would like to help contact Jack at 3-8621.

TIME: Fri. thru Sun., Feb. 21-23

PLACE: Winter Weekend - Craigie
Perkins Camp, Mendon

Please note the dates of the Winter Weekend are now the weekend of Washington's Birthday due to a conflict with the Winter Carnival. We hope the change will enable more of our out of town members to join us.

This year six meals will be planned and served: Fri. supper; Sat. breakfast, lunch, and supper; and Sun. breakfast and dinner. It is absolutely essential that the food committee know just how many

will be there for each meal so that just the right amount of food can be purchased. Everyone please make reservations with Janet Martin (Fr 3-8621, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland) by Thurs. evening Feb. 20. If you can't come for overnight, come for one or two meals... we'll be glad to see you whenever you can drop in. Plan now to come and help make this the biggest Winter Weekend yet.

For the information of those from out of town - Craigie's camp is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off Rt. 4 in Mendon. We will be glad to send more detailed information if requested when you make your reservations. This is a share the work - share the cost outing with the cost of meals figured from actual cost. There is no charge for sleeping but you do need to bring blankets or sleeping bag. Snowshoes or skis are advisable for the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk from Rt. 4 in to camp. See you there!

TIME: Sun. March 2, 10 A.M.

PLACE: Buffum Shelter

Another good trip for snowshoes to a truly beautiful spot in Winter. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 A.M. This may well be the last snowshoe hike of the season so don't miss it.

ANNUAL MEETING

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by those members who attended our Killington Section Annual Meeting held at Riverside on the evening of January 23rd.

After an excellent chicken pie supper, served to us under the direction of Miss Helen Koltonski, the regular business meeting was held.

President Jack Martin presided at the business meeting. The regular reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted.

The matter of the desirability of an increase in dues was discussed and it was decided to take no action at the present time.

It was decided to enter a float in the winter carnival with Janet and Jack Martin in charge of decorations, and Barbie Allard and Joe Hadeka assisting. It was suggested that the outings for the coming year be planned specifically to accomplish the needed work on trails and shelters.

The date for the Winter Weekend was changed to Feb. 21-23 to avoid conflict with the Winter Carnival dates.

In response to an urgent request for more assistance from the staff of SMOKE & BLAZES Ray Catozzi volunteered to type the stencils.

A tenth anniversary issue of SMOKE & BLAZES was distributed to members at the meeting.

The following slate of officers was presented by the Nominating Committee and was elected for the coming year:

President	-	Bennett Bell
V. Pres.	-	Mary Perkins
Sec.-Treas.	-	Eleanor Walker

Following the business meeting Miss Bjor Anker Jensen, teacher at the High School, gave an interesting talk on Norway.

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GMC OUTING TO CLARENDON LODGE

by
Bob Paul, Jr.

The sky was blue patched with snow white clouds, when we started out at 11 A.M. from Meldon School on Sunday, Jan. 19.

Lunches packed and snowshoes loaded in the trunk, all three carloads of passengers, winter robed, started for Clarendon Lodge on this very cold day.

Two of the party left their cars at the edge of the main road but one man decided to get his car completely off the road (maybe you all know who - C.S.P.) He plowed into a 4 ft. snow bank.

We all started down the road for the trail. Some went on snowshoes while others walked along. Later all decided snowshoes were the solution to the problem of the best way of travelling.

The camp finally came into view with all the pines around it glittering with beautiful snow.

The first three to arrive were Craigie Perkins, Ray Miller, and Bob Paul. First things must come first, so a stovepipe that had seen better days had to be replaced by a new one which we had brought with us, then a fire was started. About 15 minutes later the rest of our party arrived. The camp was beginning to be warm by that time.

The two little Martin children enjoyed the trip up for Carol got a toboggan ride up, and Nancy came in papoose fashion in her seat on a packboard.

Coffee was made and lunches eaten by hungry hikers.

"T" and Harold Valiquette came in later and had a lunch of delicious hot chicken wrapped in foil.

About 3 P.M. we decided it was time to start back to the cars. Upon arrival everyone packed their equipment and left except C.S.P. and Mary Perkins, Ray

Miller and Bob Paul.

We thought we were going to breeze right home but due to circumstances which only the four of us know, we were delayed about an hour. Luckily we were equipped with shovels, chains, a fairly good tripod jack, and muscles. After extensive shovelling, and pushing the car off the jack we managed to get the chains on. Finally we were home ward bound.

TRIP TO SUNNYSIDE

Ten hikers met at Meldon School on February 2nd for the trip to Sunnyside. Four more hikers joined us at the camp during the day and there were still three more whom we never saw but who contributed greatly to the day's enjoyment.

Here's how it was. We started off in a blizzardy snow flurry with some doubts as to just how pleasant this trip would be. We had heard that Sunnyside was in bad condition. We had visions of finding the doors open, the camp half filled with snow and a major operation required to provide an even half-way comfortable lunch hour.

We parked our cars just off the highway at the start of the Spring Lake Ranch road and proceeded on foot up the long hills to the point where we could don snowshoes and take off across the fields to Sunnyside Camp.

Our first glimpse of the camp was encouraging with doors tightly shut against the wind and snow. Imagine our delight when on pushing open the door we found the camp not only spotlessly clean, but fairly warm with a neat pile of dry wood and a stove still warm from an early morning fire. Further investigation informed us that for all this we were indebted to D. Peterson, R. Kenyon, and B. Rolston, G.M.C., from Schenectady. They couldn't have been

gone long. We were sorry we didn't meet them but we certainly appreciated their efforts! If everyone would leave camps in this condition how much it would add to the pleasure of Long Trail hiking.

After lunch part of the group stayed at camp to greet new arrivals while others snowshoed over the hills, and we do mean hills, for a look at Spring Lake. Two of these travellers found that sitting on ones snowshoes and sliding is an excellent way of getting down the steepest places. In addition to the fun of this trip the beauty of the lake, its edge bordered with frosted evergreens and large flakes of snow blowing across its surface, made the excursion well worth while.

With everyone back at camp extra hot drinks were enjoyed after which we started packing up for the return trip.

The journey back to the cars was an exciting one for some of the younger members who, with the help of a sled and a "saucer", made some fast runs down the hills. It really made the oldsters wish they had borrowed sleds and brought them along!

A trip to Sunnyside is an excellent winter outing, especially with good snow conditions. We are glad we have this camp and hope the coming season will see the rest of the wall board up and the camp entirely completed.

1947 - 1957

Those members who were not at the Annual Meeting will find enclosed with this issue of SMOKE & BLAZES a copy of our 10th Anniversary issue which was distributed at the meeting.

Look this over carefully and note how much was accomplished. Let's do as much in 1957 - 1967!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of JAN. 1, 1958

RECEIPTS



Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 306.04
Received from dues	129.50
Credit from the Winter Weekend	2.60
Contribution from Helen Frink	3.00
Received from the sale of badges	2.50
Interest on money in the bank	6.09
Received from the Rummage Sale	96.10
Three Guide Books sold	3.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 548.83
Over in the cash	4.90
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TOTAL	\$ 553.73

DISBURSEMENTS

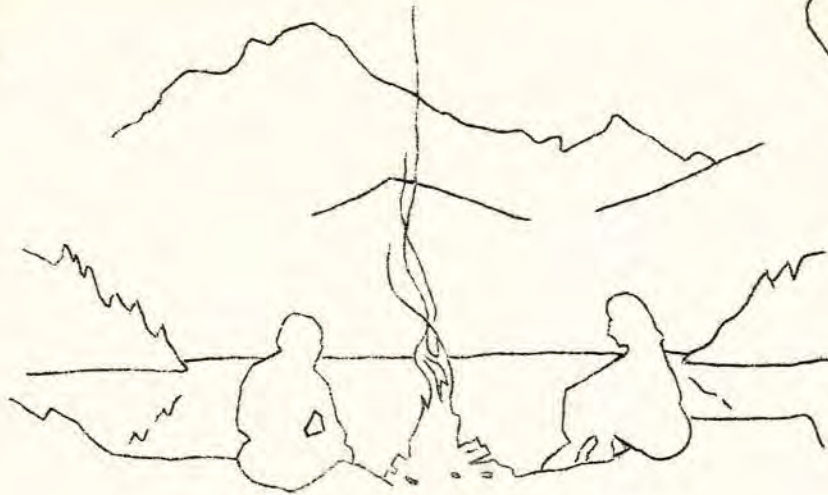
Expense on Annual Meeting Jan. 24, 1957	\$ 12.50
Cost of books given the Pittsford Library in memory of Leone Smith	3.20
Paid to Helen Bailey for slides and case for slide collection	10.45
Balance to cover Sugar Party	2.75
Paid to South End Press for Schedules	16.00
Postal Cards for Publicity Committee	1.00
Paid to Emile Boselli for supplies to complete Clarendon Gorge Bridge	10.00
Supplies for Coffee Hour for Main Club Annual Meeting 1957	4.80
Paid Main Club for Badges	9.00
Postage	2.00
Outing Committee Supplies	5.51
Smoke & Blazes Expenses	51.02
To Jack Martin for gifts presented to Cecile and Emile Boselli	11.50
To Fred Field Ins. Co., for insurance on Clarendon and Sunnyside Shelters	10.88
To the Main Club for Guide Books	6.00
To the Main Club for dues	27.40
To Craigie Perkins for shelter repair supplies	31.15
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TOTAL	\$ 215.16

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958 \$ 338.57

1958 MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE STARTED IN MARCH SMOKE & BLAZES....
BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THAT LIST!

• • • • •  Happy Valentine's Day 

SMOKE



BLAZES

Vol. 11 No. 3 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB March 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., March 15, 10 AM
PLACE: Governor Clement Shelter

This will probably be our last snowshoe hike of the year, weather permitting. The route, by road or trail, will depend upon mud and/or snow conditions so watch the Rutland Herald for details. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10:00 in the morning.

TIME: Sunday, March 30, 6:00 PM
PLACE: Sugar Party, Vera Perkins' attic.

Due to an apparent lack of interest which has kept the crowd rather small at the sugar party the past few years, it has been decided that it is a waste of time and money to hire a hall for this event. Vera has kindly offered the use of her attic again if we don't mind carrying up a few chairs and card tables. We will not attempt to have any square dancing, just sugar-on-snow with pickles, doughnuts, and coffee. Reservations should be made with Janet Martin FR 3-8621 before Friday night, March 28, so that the committee will know how much food

to purchase. The charges will depend on the number attending and the price of the syrup this year. Plan to be there at 6:00 PM for this special treat.

TIME: Sunday, April 13, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Mystery hike

Because of trail conditions usually found this time of year this trip will remain a mystery until the day of the hike. I'm sure it will be an interesting trip wherever it goes. One rumor says Blueridge! We will gather at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

OUR NEW HEADING

The new heading for SMOKE AND BLAZES which appears on this issue was drawn by Janet Martin. Jan designed the heading, reproduced on our Anniversary Issue, which was used on the first issue. During its 10 year existence SMOKE AND BLAZES has also had headings designed by Ray Catozzi, Jane Sabourin, Hilma Erickson, and Emile Boselli. (If you don't have a new heading this time you will next month - we had a few of the others left.)

WINTER WEEKEND by Pat Bruneau

At Saturday noontime I arrived at Tall Timber with a good appetite after snowshoeing up a half mile from the car. On the trail we met Judy Allard with the toboggan. She pulled Carol Martin up to camp behind Bill, Louise, and Lori Wadsworth, and Jack, Jan, and Nancy Martin. Inside we met Mary, Craigie, and Vera Perkins and Barbie Allard. Soon Fran and Jim Green, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Helen Mitchell arrived. A delicious lunch was soon served.

After lunch it was decided that the teenagers would sleep in one of the cabins in the woods, and the grownups in the house. So in the afternoon Barb, Judy, Craigie, and I took our packs out to the cabin by toboggan. Craigie slept with us to watch the fire during the night. While we were there we got wood for the fire and made our beds.

While we were doing this Joe Hadeka and Dave Gouche arrived with big appetites from skiing. Just in time for supper Bob Paul and Dave Leonard walked in.

In the evening we had a showing of the Killington Section's slides and others taken by Fran Green, Vera, and Jack.

After Barbie and the boys got back from taking their packs to the cabin, Fran started to pop corn. The stove wasn't hot enough so she put the pop corn inside the stove; that was too hot. So she took the flaming pan out to the snow bank.. too bad, it smelled so good!

When the slides were over the teenagers and Craigie started for the cabin. The sky was beautiful. When we reached the cabin, Craigie made the fire and we waited until it got warm inside. While the fire was going well, the cabin started to get full of smoke because of a little snow in the chimney. So we opened the door and windows. Barbie and I decided that we would close the bedroom door to keep out the smoke. But when we

opened it later there was more smoke inside than out. That caused a laugh from the crowd.

Since we still weren't sure the smoke was coming out OK, Craigie went up on the roof to see by flashlight and it was. Then he and Barb got snow for water for tea. The tea wasn't bad either...with a few pine needles from the snow! After that we sat and talked until midnight when all went to bed. Some still talked until 2:00 AM.

At 6:45 AM we were all up and ready to go down to the camp for breakfast at 7:30. After breakfast some went to church and a few went home.

By lunch time the crowd had grown to twenty-four who enjoyed a delicious lunch topped off with a cherry cobbler in honor of Washington's birthday. After lunch those from Massachusetts had to start for home. Although some of us were tired, we had fun and are looking forward to next year.

FEB. 22 OUTING - OLD STYLE

A special gala outing on Feb. 22nd is traditional in Killington Section. This year our Winter Weekend was the big event. Years ago this annual outing consisted of a sled-barge ride to the top of Sherburne Pass, with luncheon served at the Club House by a committee and a program of activities there.

The Herald of Feb. 15, 1924 announced the plans for the outing that year. There was to be a flag raising on Pico, snowshoeing, skiing, dancing, and a sugaring off party.

Unfortunately, a big blizzard on the 21st completely blocked the mt. road. A trip to Bird Mt. was substituted with a special trolley providing transportation. About 30 hikers snowshoed to the peak while the others stayed at "The Rocks" where all had eaten lunch.

Styles in outings change with the times but there are still enough people who enjoy a winter outing to keep alive the February 22 tradition.

BEAVERS AND FLOOD CONTROL

by George L. Kirk

In these times when flood control is necessitating expenditure of large sums of money, it may not be generally known that beavers, which are becoming plentiful in Vermont, may be an important factor in preventing water damage even though they may at times become a nuisance.

An example of their value to man has been cited in the far West. A small stream, having its source in high mountains, became a raging torrent after every heavy rain or during spring thaws. The result was that much valuable soil was washed away on its lower reaches and extensive damage resulted.

Someone thought of introducing beavers and a pair were obtained and liberated on the brook. They went upstream where they and their progeny built a series of dams and in time these held back the water during thaws and storms and further damage was averted.

Beavers were responsible for many of the mountain meadows which hikers on the Long Trail occasionally observe.

Long ago a colony of beavers would build a dam on a stream and live at the site until the food in the area was exhausted. Then they would move on, leaving their dam and pond to Nature.

Years later the barrier rotted and some of the water escaped from the pond. Silt gradually filled up the basin, moss grew where the silt piled up above the water level. Seeds became lodged in the moss and vegetation appeared various growths flourished in the soil formed by rotting grasses and other plants. Man came along and cleared these areas and some are producing good hay today.

Excavations in some of these meadows, as at Lunenburg, Vt., have brought to light sticks, plainly showing the marks of beavers' teeth, which had been preserved in the muck, perhaps for centuries.

WINTER CARNIVAL PARADE

This year for the first time Killington Section had a float in the Winter Carnival Parade. The designer and builder was Jack Martin with assistance from his wife and Ray Catozzi who made the signs. The float was in the form of an open faced shelter with the "forest" encroaching from the rear. In the foreground (on the tailgate of the truck) was a simulated fireplace with our faithful coffee pot on top. Inside the float were five hearty Junior Members: Barbie and Judy Allard, Gay Ward, and the Catozzi boys sittin' or kneeling in the snow. We were sorry that the roof didn't get snow covered...we should have waited a day!

Jack and Jan wish to thank all those who helped in any way: Craigie for trees, Ray for signs, Harold Valiquette for the use of his truck, the Juniors who rode in the float, and Vera and Amy Perkins for baby sitting! Sorry we didn't win a prize, but at least we advertized the Club which was the main object, afterall.

WE REPEAT

As we have said before we always welcome material for use in SMOKE AND BLAZES. We were pleased to receive Mr. Kirk's article and hope more will follow. Material should reach us by the first of the month for use in that month's issue. Why not let us hear from you?

DESERVED PUBLICITY

It seems that "Emile's bridge" is getting some well deserved publicity. A picture of the bridge was used as the cover picture on THE APPALACHIAN TRAILWAY NEWS in January, and the spring issue of VERMONT LIFE carries a story and picture of the bridge. Congratulations, Emile.

BUFFUM IN WINTER

Maybe you thought there was still a lot of snow in Rutland on Sunday, March 2nd - however, if you had been with us on the trip to Buffum you would really have seen snow!

As we parked our cars at the side of the East Wallingford Gulf road and took the Trail to Buffum Shelter, we found ourselves surrounded by snow and more snow. The snowshoeing was excellent and a new fall of snow on Saturday night had given the trees a fresh frosting. The sun came out occasionally adding interesting shadows and a general sparkle to the scene.

Arriving at the shelter location, by looking carefully, we found Buffum sandwiched in between 40 inches of snow on its roof and 44 inches on the ground.

An outdoor lunch seemed a good idea and a fire was soon blazing merrily on logs laid on top of the snow. A large piece of canvas spread on the snow in front of the fire made an excellent picnic spot and in an incredibly short time coffee was ready and lunch being enjoyed.

After lunch we relaxed and visited by the fire, taking advantage of the mild temperature. A friendly chickadee hopped about the shelter entrance and seemed not at all disturbed by our presence. Apparently this spot is a favorite of chickadees and well as GMCers.

As four o'clock approached and our fire settled deeper and deeper into the snow we reluctantly decided to start the homeward trip.

As always the hike out was all too short and too soon we were back in town. A good winter outing is pretty hard to beat.

NEW SCHEDULES ARE ENCLOSED
WITH THIS ISSUE

1958 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Martha Adams
Barbara Allard
Judy Allard
Wm. Allard, M. D.
Betty Ball
Bennett Bell
Charlotte Bell
Miriam Bell
Rachel Bell
Pat Bruneau
Ray Catozzi
Polly E. Crocker
Sally A. Crocker
Ruth Fostman
David Gouchoe
Frances Green
Jos. Hadeka, Jr.
James Hayward
Betty Holden
George Kirk
Carol Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Nancy Martin
Raymond Miller
Pearl Nichols
Robert Paul
Graigue Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Ellen Russell
Charles Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Robert Scott
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Lori Wadsworth
Luise Wadsworth
William Wadsworth
Eleanor Walker
Carleton Wilson

We miss the names of many "regulars" on this list, and hope to see them on next month's list.

BOARD MEETING SOON

Fres. Bennett Bell has called an Executive Board meeting for Wednesday, March 12, at 8 PM, at Mary Perkins, 129 Bellevue Ave.



Vol. 11 No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB April 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., April 26, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

It looks now like there might still be considerable snow in the woods for this one. Therefore it would be advisable to watch the HERALD announcement for trail conditions. Although it probably will not be too springlike, we will hope for a bright spring day and perhaps we can find some hobble bush to bring home for indoor forcing into bloom. This will also be a good opportunity to see that Tucker is in shipshape condition for the coming hiking season. We will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM but if you can't make it until later come along when you can.

TIME: Sat., May 10, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Sunnyside to Clarendon

This is the first of a series of hikes covering the entire Killington Section of the Long Trail. It will start at 10:00 AM from the Meldon School.

There are two reasons for scheduling our entire section. Some of you may wish to start on or continue walking toward an end-to-end award which is given by the Main Club to all those who hike the total length of the Long Trail from Mass. to Canada. Last year three of our members completed the entire trail. In the main this was accomplished by going on hikes scheduled over the past several years by our Section with this objective in mind. This year we are starting the series over by doing our own Section first.

The second reason is that every year our entire section should be checked, blowdowns removed, brush cutback, blazes repainted where needed, and our shelters put into shipshape condition before the summer hiking season. Some of this work can be done on a scheduled hike and note taken of additional work which needs to be done and additional work parties planned accordingly. If the weather is good we will work on the trail. This will be about a 4½ mi. hike. Poor weather will find us working on one of the shelters.

GOV. CLEMENT !
SNOWSHOE

When March 15 rolled around it was obvious that we couldn't get within miles of Gov. Clement because of the snow and road conditions so the group of twelve hikers decided to go to Tall Timber Camp instead. There too there was still plenty of snow... in fact, a bit more was added during the day. The woods were beautiful under their snowy mantle.

After a leisurely lunch at the cabin part of the group took a circle route through the evergreens before returning to the cars. Coming out we passed the top of one of Craigie's signs reading "NO CARS BEYOND". The rest of the sign and post was all under the snow. It seemed to us this was the understatement of the year!

ADDITIONS TO THE
1958 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mary Elizabeth Allard
Helen Bailey
Emile Boselli
Fred Field
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Helen B. Tompkins
Mortimer Tompkins

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF SMOKE
& BLAZES WHICH WILL BE SENT TO
THE 1957 MAILING LIST.

If you haven't already sent them, Treas. Eleanor Walker, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt., would be glad to receive your 1958 dues and see that your name is on the 1958 mailing list.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY
by Ruth Fostman

Our annual Maple Sugar Party was held Sunday, March 30th at 6:30 in the evening.

This took place up in Vera Perkins' attic and what a grand place for it. There were thirty-five people of assorted ages.

When we arrived the two kettles of bubbling new maple syrup were almost ready. It has to be just right for sugar on snow and it was. It was soon time for the boys to bring the snow to the attic. This had been put into half-gallon ice-cream cartons and each person had one. Then the syrup was brought up and kept hot on Jack Martin's camp stove.

Places were set up for everyone on long tables with centerpiece of nasturtiums and candy tuft (grown in Vera's own greenhouse). Everyone had all they wanted and some stirred some down to a creamy texture.

This, together with doughnuts, pickles and good coffee just hit the spot.

Some of the youngsters played billiards and the three youngest, Carol and Nancy Martin and Mary Elizabeth Allard had a small tea table of their own for their sugar on snow.

Afterward we just sat around and visited and some played cards and first we knew it was time to go.

Several non-members were there and we were all so pleased to have them, but it would have been nice to have had more of our own members, too. They missed another good party.

Thank you, Vera, and everyone who helped.

N. E. TRAIL CONFERENCE

Two Killington Section members enjoyed attending the New England Trail Conference in Amherst on Saturday, April 5th. Your next LONG TRAIL NEWS will give you a more complete report, but we'd like to share with you now some of the highlights of the meeting.

Among the organizations represented were many chapters of the Appalachian Club, GMC, and various student Outing Clubs. Many of these Student Clubs reported maintenance of definite sections of the Appalachian Trail. We wonder - could GMC make more use of the Student Outing Clubs which there are in Vermont?

A report of special interest to us was that two Appalachian Club shelters were to be built on the section of their trail between Woodstock and Gifford Woods. These should provide a couple of new objectives for Killington Section hikes.

We saw slides taken along the Long Trail and showing many of our GMC shelters, and slides taken on hikes in Colorado during an Appalachian Club August Camp.

A panel discussion gave pointers on travelling light on the trail, trail clearing tools, and photography along the trail. We were especially fascinated with Ben Rolston's demonstration of how he packs for a summer weekend trail trip. Everything needed, except his sleeping bag, went into a small knapsack which when filled weighed less than 16 lbs!

The concluding treat was an outstanding talk, illustrated with colored slides, on the life in and around swamps and bogs. This opened up a whole new field of interest to which we had previously given but little thought.

It was good to see so many people interested in hiking and

maintaining the hiking trails. For an informative and thoroughly enjoyable day among congenial people we heartily recommend attending the New England Trail Conference.

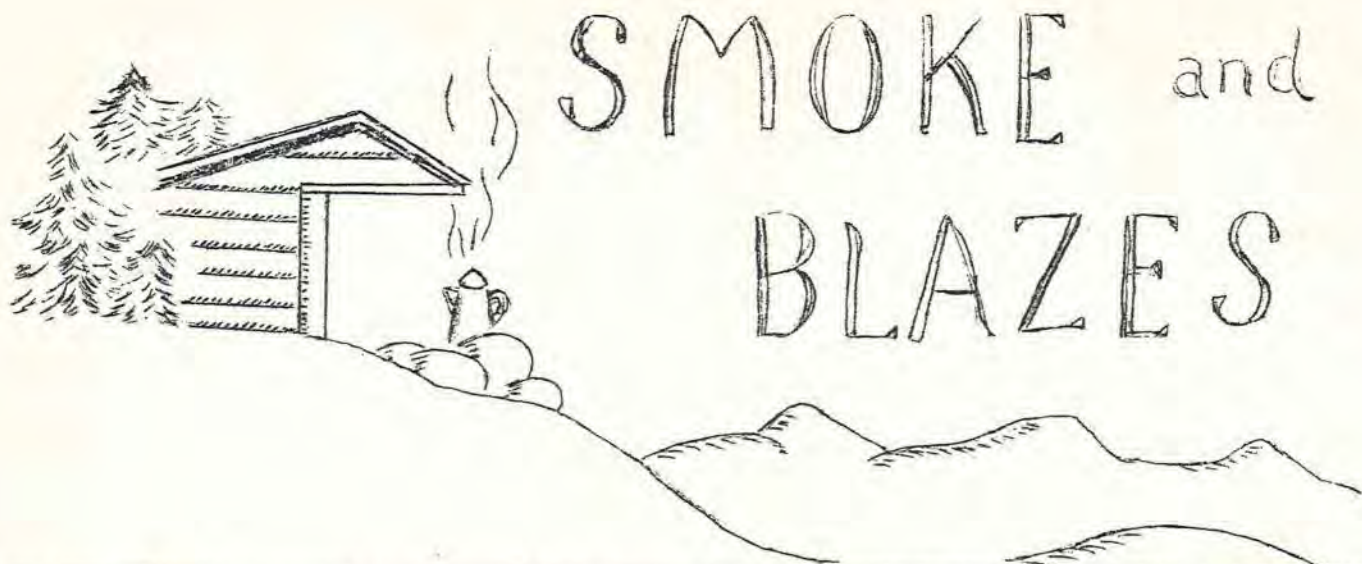
ANOTHER BACKWARD LOOK

Thoughts of the earlier GMC February 22nd outings brought the following reminiscence from a long time member, Bernice R. Tuttle.

"For winter holidays such as New Years' Day and Washington's Birthday the Green Mountain Club liked to open up the Long Trail Lodge (then called the Green Mountain Clubhouse) and make a day of it. After enormous effort, mostly by enthusiastic volunteers, ice still lingered in the corners and chill in the air, and snow banked the windows. Only the big front room was open and lunches were eaten strictly before the fireplace, yet as now, some hikers did venture out on the Pico trail (then it was on snowshoes), or got a lot of snow in the hair climbing Deer's Leap. For myself it was the choice of directly opposite attractions, picnicking at the Clubhouse or attending the sedate luncheon always put on the D.A.R. on Washington's Birthday.

I remember the autumn day that a group picnicking at the foot of Deer's Leap was escorted by Mr. Willis Ross across the road to see the huge rock above and around which the Lodge was to be built, and there we see it yet, covered with moss and green slips constantly renewed for the delight of guests."

We thank Bernice for sending in this interesting bit of material. We hope to hear from her again.



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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., May 25, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Buffum to Sunnyside

On Sunday, May 25th, starting from Meldon School at 10:00 A.M. we will have the second in our series of Killington Section hikes. We will start from the Wallingford Gulf Road, go into Buffum and on to Sunnyside. Perhaps if the group finds itself to be of varying degree of ambition and endurance, the more ambitious half could blaze trail from Buffum to Sunnyside and back. The other half could do the part from the Wallingford Gulf road to Buffum. This would make the longer trip about five miles and the shorter one only about one and one half miles. The shorter trip people could probably see to picking up around the shelter and putting it into as good shape as possible for the summer. This would be a good opportunity for those who are busy with church in the morning to get out for the afternoon anyway. Just come along when you can. See you there.

May 31 ANNUAL MEETING June 1
LET'S HAVE A GOOD REPRESENTATION
FROM KILLINGTON SECTION

TIME: Sat.-Sun., May 31, June 1
PLACE: G.M.C. Annual Meeting
Long Trail Lodge

Once again it is Annual Meeting time and as in the past it will be held at the Long Trail Lodge. Activities will commence with a coffee hour conducted by Killington Section at 10:00 A. M. The morning business session will convene at 11:00. The various sections will make reports and a change in the by-laws will be considered which would increase the amount of dues to the main club from the sections to 50¢ for adult and 25¢ for juniors.

Lunch will be served at the Lodge at 12:30 for \$1.75 per plate. The business meeting will reconvene at 2:00 and will be followed by a trustees meeting. During this time other members will be able to take short hikes in the vicinity.

At 6:00 P.M. dinner will be served at the Lodge for \$2.25 per person. Ross McKinney of Dartmouth will be guest speaker in the evening. There will also be an opportunity to see slides taken by various members so please bring any you may have.

Hikes are planned for Sun. by the Brattleboro (Don Kent, chairman) and Killington Sections (Craigue Perkins; chairman).

SPRING TRIP TO TUCKER

Up to the week before the April 26th hike to Tucker it had looked as though snowshoes would be needed for the trip. However, the 17 hikers found that the warm sun and rains of the early part of the week had reduced the snow in this area to patches here and there. These patches had a surprising depth as an occasional break through showed. The partially overcast skies had cleared before we reached Tucker and we enjoyed a day of bright sun and brilliantly blue sky.

A highlight of the trip in was the sight of two deer by the first arrivals. With plenty of good wood the stove proved cooperative and everyone gathered around for the always popular lunch hour.

One of the objectives for this season's outings is to accomplish some Trail and Shelter work whenever possible. We started in at Tucker by painting the window sash to the accompaniment of the customary friendly exchange of insults between some members of the group. Unfortunately some "trigger-happy" people had visited here during the winter and a number of window panes will have to be replaced.

A uniform register for use in shelters has been adopted by the main club and we left one of these. We also posted an interesting new set of suggestions for the use of shelters which was drawn up recently.

The painting job completed, we closed up camp and enjoyed the short, pleasant hike back to the cars in the late afternoon.

This hike brought out several new hiking friends and brought back an old friend. We were pleased to have Fernand Bartlett with us again. Many

of our long time members will remember Fernand who, along with his sister, Jeannette, hiked with us during his high school years. Fernand is leaving soon for a year in Europe which he has been working toward for five years. "The Carpenters" were new hikers with us and Mary Elizabeth Allard made her first GMC hike. We are glad to see that the Allard representation on hikes will be kept up and hope all these people will join us again - often.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anna Berg
Maudie Canty
G. Lucius Cary, Sr.
Jean S. Davies
Edith Ewald
Margo Montague
William Montague
Cigrid Patch
Bernice Tuttle

SPECIAL NEWS

Craigie and Mary Perkins have just received word of the birth of another grandson on May 5th. Congratulations to the proud parents, Bob and Thelma Perkins.

Ben Ralston has reported to the main club that Thendara Shelter (4.5 miles south of the Bennington-Brattleboro highway) collapsed under the weight of snow this past winter.

After a weekend spent at the National Guard Range in Northam, Jack Martin reports that in spots there is still four feet of snow and the road is not yet open beyond the Northam picnic area. This mornings Rutland Herald also reported considerable snow in the Killington area to be slowing work on the new ski development.

MYSTERY HIKE

On Sunday, April 13, a good sized group of around eighteen gathered at the Meldon School for the Mystery Hike. It was a beautiful spring day and the crowd soon learned they were bound for a nearby hill west of the city. In the past Pine Hill has been a favorite spot for outings but it has been several years since we have been there.

This time we went up McKinley Lane and left our cars at the farm house at the top of the hill and the end of the road (at least in April!) Then we hiked a short ways up the roadway to the Postman camp delightfully situated on the east side of the hill with a commanding view of the Green Mountain Range...Pico, Willington, and Mendon still white with snow. There we were greeted by our host and hostesses, Ruth and Herbert Postman, and Maude Canty. Everyone exclaimed over their wonderful location so near the city. Then most of the group took off to explore the surrounding hillside while a few less ambitious ones just sat around and enjoyed some relaxing conversation around the fire in the lovely stone fireplace.

After Ruth and Maude expanded the table to its full length the "stay at camps" ate their lunches, followed by the explorers upon their return. The younger members ate their picnic lunches on the rocks in front of the cabin where they could enjoy the fine weather and commanding view.

The afternoon was leisurely consumed by more exploration and conversation. We all want to thank the Postmans and Maude for their gracious hospitality. It was a thoroughly enjoyable spring outing for young and not so young alike!

CLARENDON TO SUNNYSIDE

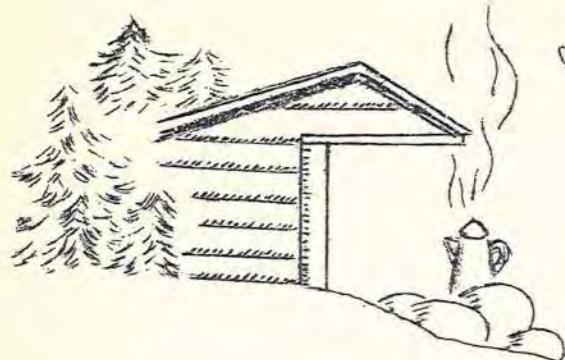
After a generally rainy week we were surprised and pleased to awake to bright sunshine on the morning of May 10th. Just the day for a good hike was our first thought! Apparently a number of people felt likewise and 17 were at Meldon School for the take-off at 10 AM.

Sunnyside was our destination with trail work to be done en route and general trimming and picking up to be done at the shelter. Barbie, Craigie and Joe decided to go in over the trail from Clarendon, repainting blazes on the way. The rest went the short way, driving as far as the old road above Spring Lake Ranch. Arrived at Sunnyside some collected wood, started the fire, got water, and cleared up around the dooryard while others hiked to the lake.

Sunnyside is indeed well named and its sunny dooryard was an inviting place to linger after a leisurely lunch. Trail work called, however, and a work crew of 7 soon started back over The Trail to Clarendon, this time to do any needed brushing out and clearing. The rest of the group divided, some returning to Rutland while others drove back to Clarendon and hiked The Trail in from that end as far as "the lookout".

Spring has certainly come on with a rush in the two weeks since our last hike. The woods are now lovely with spring flowers, shad and cherry blossoms, and uncurling ferns.

The turnout for these first two Work Party-Outings has been good. If this keeps up our section of The Trail should be in pretty good shape by mid-summer. We're having fun, too - better join us next time.



SMOKE and BLAZES

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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., June 28
PLACE: Gov. Clement to Cooper

By this time it is hoped that the group will be able to drive into Gov. Clement as could be done last summer. If this can be done the trip will be about 8 miles round trip. This is one of the easier approaches to Killington so why not join this work party hike. The hikers will leave from Meldon School at 9:30 AM so as to reach Cooper Lodge about noon time.

TIME: Sunday, July 13
PLACE: Long Trail Lodge to
Cooper Lodge

This is the last of our section trips and perhaps the most difficult, but a splendid opportunity for anyone wishing to climb our highest peak, Killington, or for those not quite so ambitious Pico Junction and Shelter are about half as far. From the Long Trail Lodge to Cooper is about 5.4 miles. Two hikers who came through from the south at Annual Meeting time

reported the trail to be in fairly good condition. This trip will leave Meldon School at 9:30 AM.

TIME: Saturday, July 26
PLACE: Lake Placid

Pack up your swim suit and join us for a trip to a pleasant little lake not far from highway #125 through Middlebury Gap. This should be a pleasant mid-summer trip to a favorite lake-side camp. The group will leave Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next issue of Smoke and Blazes will come out at the end of July and will be the July and the August issues in a combined form due to the expected arrival of another little Martin during the first part of the month. We hope no one will mind too much.

INTERSECTIONAL: AUG. 16-17

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ANNUAL MEETING
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
May 31 - June 1
by John Martin

The Green Mountain Club's annual meeting was held May 31 at the Long Trail Lodge in Sherburne Pass. The general business meeting of the club started at 11:00 AM. Following the usual secretary's and treasurer's reports, the various club sections reported on the condition of their shelters and of their section of the Long Trail and its approaches.

The New York section reported the erection of the Grenville T. Anderson Memorial Shelter on the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey, named for the late section president. This section also had a 40 year member present, Miss Helen Raymond. The Bennington Section reported the collapse, during the winter, of Thendara Shelter on the Long Trail southeast of Bennington. Other sections reporting were Worcester, Brattleboro, Killington, Montpelier, and Burlington.

Announcement was made of 8 awards during the year, of the "End to End" certificate for those persons who have hiked the length of the Long Trail. Three of these were Killington Section members, Vera, Mary and Craigie Perkins.

The club passed a resolution opposing "further opening of Public Lands in Vermont to commercial interests." The resolution also asked that "future developments be widely publicized at least six months in advance." This action was prompted by recent developments in the Lincoln Mountain area.

Trustees reelected were John Faulson of Bennington, John Martin of Rutland, Don Kent of Newfane, and Roy Buchanan of Burlington. Newly elected to the position of trustee was Harlan Farnsworth of

Montpelier. Ted Goddard of Old Bennington was reelected as Clerk, and Miss Minerva Hinchey of Rutland as Corresponding Secretary.

During the trustee's meeting which followed, all officers were reelected. The budget for next year was altered to provide especial emphasis upon the repairing and rebuilding of some of the Long Trail shelters. A Trail conference was announced for the first of November. The Skyline group of the Middlebury College Mountain Club was voted in as the first College Section of the Green Mountain Club.

A fairly large group of members-at-large and of the other sections accepted the hospitality of Craigie Perkins and spent the night at Tall Timber Camp. Several of the local members took their picnic dinners up for noontime. Two ambitious hikers climbed up Blue Ridge and some of the others took shorter hikes in the vicinity. A few of the younger ones did a little fishing. The rest of the people just sat around and enjoyed a leisurely day.

Another group of members met with Don Kent of the Brattleboro section in the vicinity of Manchester Depot for hiking in that area.

SPECIAL

Congratulations to Jan and Ray Catozzi on the birth of their third son, Louis Peter, on May 19.

Barbie Allard is working this summer at Hyacinth House in South Woodstock. We shall miss her on the hikes but hope she has a pleasant and profitable summer.

SUNNYSIDE TO BUFFUM

The weather threatened showers when we left Meldon School on Sunday, May 25th enroute for Buffum and trail work. Three trail workers headed for Sunnyside to work the trail between there and Buffum, while eight others, including four junior Juniors, and the lunches went on to Buffum via the Gulf road approach.

The threatened showers arrived simultaneously with our arrival at the parking spot. Here we waited a short time and debated whether or not we should take to the Trail. Since the workers would be looking for their coffee and lunches at Buffum, it was decided that some of us, at least, should hike in there. By this time the current shower was letting up so everyone decided to make the trip. Actually it didn't rain much more, so that though the grass, trees and bushes were plenty wet we didn't get too wet.

Happily, we found that the shelter had stayed up in spite of its heavy load of snow last winter, and there was a good supply of dry wood inside. We still haven't managed to get the much needed "new" stove in here, but the old one cooperated very well on this occasion and we soon had hot water for coffee.

Just as we were well started on lunch the trail workers arrived, surprised and pleased to find us there. They had resigned themselves to the idea of having to walk out to the cars for their lunches. Being thoroughly wet down, as they were on the Trail during all of the shower, they had made a quick trip through. They found this section in reasonably good condition, however, but another trip should be made over this area if possible, under better weather conditions.

Soon after lunch we started the return trip to the cars.

GOV. CLEMENT TO CLARENDON

Sunday, June 15th dawned clear and cool with a brisk breeze. Here was an excellent hiking day. The black flies, the bugbear of June hikes, would be at a minimum and the temperature was perfect for hiking. We confidently expected to find an ambitious group at Meldon School ready for a day's work on the Trail. We found one car with Mary and Craigue, "Butch" Soulia, and Mark and Judy Godnick. Well, if you don't have a crowd you do the best you can with what you have. We added Carol Martin and Vera Perkins to Craigue's group and drove to Gov. Clement. Here Craigue and "Butch" took the Trail to Clarendon to work trail and paint blazes en route.

The rest of us planned to stay at Gov. Clement until after lunch and meet the workers at Clarendon in the afternoon. However, the brisk breeze in Rutland was a high wind here and the temperature cold rather than cool, so, after a quick check of the shelter showed conditions to be OK, we decided to move on at once to the comfort of Clarendon Lodge.

We found the old road which we usually hike in on surprisingly washed and filled with cobbles of all sizes. At the shelter there was protection from the wind and we spent a pleasant day hiking in this area and sitting in the sun. The trail workers arrived about 3:30 PM having found the Trail in good condition.

Clarendon has a pane of glass to be replaced and needs new sections of stovepipe installed. We were distressed to find a piece has already been broken out of the top of the stove so recently put in here.

We left Clarendon late in the PM going out over the Trail, and so just missing Jan, Nancy and Carol Martin who had hiked in over the old road.



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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Aug. 10
PLACE: C. V. Camp, Chittenden

Once again it is time for our outing to the C.V. Camp in Chittenden. For those of you who have never been... here is an opportunity for a good swim and a leisurely day on the beach or at the camp with those of us who plan each year to attend this Very enjoyable outing. We will meet at the Meldon School at 10:00 AM. for those who need transportation. Those wishing to come later may do so at their own convenience. Plan to come for all or part of the day.

TIME: Sat.-Sun., Aug. 16-17
PLACE: Intersectional
Craigie Perkins' Camp
Mendon - Headquarters

Full details on this affair are attached to this Smoke and Blazes. Killington Section is the host to please everybody come up for at least part of the weekend and meet the folks from the other sections.

EDITORIAL

We are very sorry to note such poor turnouts for the Killington Section maintenance work parties. Our hard working trails chairman cannot do the whole section single handed or with one or two helpers. True, the best turnout was eleven, but four of these were under six years old and one had to be carried! Also it rained so about all that could be done was paint blazes. The last two hikes had only two and three show up.

We send out 70 Smoke and Blazes so it seems like we should have at least ten on every hike. We are always hearing complaints that there is nothing to do by some of the younger members of the community. How about getting some of these folks with time and energy on their hands interested in doing a little trail work! It's still there; still needs doing! If you aren't able to do any work yourself, do some recruiting. Your dues don't get the trail brushed out, blow-downs cleared, and blazes painted. Somebody has to put some time on the trail soon or Killington Section cannot be called an active section.

Saturday, June 28th was a perfect day for the scheduled work party-outing to Killington via Gov. Clement. Attendance*-one trail worker. Result: the trail from Gov. Clement to Cooper Lodge was hiked and blazes painted in one direction. Only a bit of the most essential brushing could be done.

LONG TRAIL LODGE TO COOPER

On Sunday, July 13th, another fine hiking day, two were on hand for the trail work-outing. Realizing that with such a small party we could not hope to cover the trail from Long Trail Lodge to Cooper Lodge and to any work, we decided on Fico Shelter as our destination. Blazes were painted in both directions on most of this section of trail. Although more brushing out would be desirable, we classified most of this section as good and none as poor.

At Fico Shelter we talked with members of a group from the Putney School Work Camp. Their leader had previously discussed with our Trail Chairman their plan to spend four weekends working on the trail. This was their first weekend and they had stayed over night at Fico Shelter and done some brushing in that area. Such groups can be of real service in helping on our maintenance problem.

This was a pleasant day on the Trail. The bugs were not troublesome and the temperature was just high enough to make a stop off at Craigie's Camp for a swim a most enjoyable ending for the day's trip.

ANOTHER HIKER ARRIVES

Congratulations to Jan and Jack Martin on the arrival of Betsy June Martin on July 5th. We expect to see Betsy on a GMC Outing soon.

Saturday, July 26th, gave every promise of being hot with a good possibility of showers. The five hikers who finally managed to make connections for this trip, unanimously decided that the woods and pond at Tall Timber had just as much to offer on such a day as Lake Lleiad and was much nearer. Accordingly, the schedule was revised and we were soon enjoying the cooling water of Tall Timber Pond. This was followed by a cook-out lunch at the cabin nearest the pond.

After lunch, invigorated by our swim and the pleasant coolness of the woods, we enjoyed a leisurely hike along a woodland trail noting birds, ferns, and flowers along the way. Betty was rewarded by a good look at a variety of cross-bill she had not seen for eight years.

Tired up by our hour of hiking we were ready to cool off again. Another swim completed a most enjoyable day.

BIG PROJECT COMING UP

Killington Section has received a donation of \$200 from a DAR group in Massachusetts to be used toward rebuilding Fico Shelter. This is a fine start on a needed project, and presents us with a real challenge in carrying it through to completion.

The problems of getting material to the site and the actual building will come later, but first we have the problem of raising the additional money which will be required. Any suggestions on ways and means for doing this will be welcomed.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Harriet Bryan	Dr. Earle Johnson
Miles Bryant	Carol Harmenter
Dick Catozzi	Mr. & Mrs. Sarcka
Greta Catozzi	Mrs. Eleanor Smith
A. C. Mason	Lawrence Smith
Roger Pike	Marie Gray

FROM
BURLINGTON

KILLINGTON SECTION INVITES YOU

TO
THE GMC INTERSECTIONAL

SAT-SUN AUGUST 16-17, 1958
AT CRAIGUE PERKIN'S PLACE, MENDON, VT.

FACILITIES

FIELD FOR CAMPING

SPRING FED WATER * SANITARY FACILITIES

INTERSECTIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN BARN WHICH WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

ACTIVITIES

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

HIKES * VISITS * TRIPS

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MENDON
VILLAGE

DIRT
FROM
WOODSTOCK

BLUE RIDGE

SATURDAY EVENING: SONG FEST - PICTURE SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY HIKES "THE LONGER . . . AND . . . SHORTER OF THEM

PROCTOR MARBLE EXHIBIT DEER LEAP MOUNTAIN

PICO PEAK . . . KILLINGTON MOUNTAIN . . . SHREWSBURY PEAK

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN . . . BEAVER DAM AND POND . . . PICO via CHAIRS

APPALACHIAN TRAIL to NOTOWH

Planning would be aided if you would send a card to
Jack Martin, 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vermont with the following
information.

"I plan to arrive about _____ with a party
of _____ for the 1958 GMC Intersectional."

(Signed _____)

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FROM
BENNINGTON



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KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Sept. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Sept. 14
PLACE: Green Mountain,
Little Rock Pond

You probably noticed in the Long Trail News, as did our hike chairman, that there is now a new trail at Little Rock Pond, our old favorite in spring and fall. It is to Green Mountain which slopes down to the pond's edge. The new trail is .7 mile long and leads to open rock viewing spots looking toward the north and west. The top of the mountain is not attained as it is heavily wooded. This promises to be an enjoyable fall outing. Come and try out the new trail. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

TIME: Saturday, Sept. 27
PLACE: "Mystery Hike"

This should prove interesting if we only get good weather... it had rather poor luck on that score in the past, but... Only clue we can give you is it is a "new" place. Join us at Meldon School at 10:00 AM and see where the trail leads.

TIME: Sunday, October 12
PLACE: Hadeka Farm, Granville

This trip proved so enjoyable last year and the foliage so beautiful that it was scheduled again this fall. If you went last year we know you will want to go again. If you didn't, don't miss it this year... the maples around the pond are beyond compare, even if they are over the line in York state! Join the crowd at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

INTERSECTIONAL

We are happy to have several writeups about the various trips taken at the intersectional so here we will only make some brief comment. The turnout was good, although it would have been nice if more Killington section members could have been there. The weather was about perfect, and our committee, Jack Martin, Craigie Perkins, and Bill Wadsworth had things running smoothly. A large choice of trips were suggested and worked up as demanded.

TWO AND A BOY WORK PARTY TO TUCKER LODGE

On Saturday, August 9th, two men and a boy ventured forth on the short cut to Tucker Lodge. They were Jack Martin, you know him, with Bill Wadsworth and Ronnie Lussier, two out of town members of our section, on a work party intending to set a "few" lights of glass in Tucker Lodge, and renew the stovepipe.

We arrived at the lodge to find a sorry looking building. The door was propped open and we could see that some "kind" person had scrawled various sentiments all over the inside of the lodge with assorted colors of fluorescent chalk! Other signs of poor housekeeping were the four sash without any glass at all in them (that's 48 lights of glass), and the large perforations (bullets?) in the window screening.

As our first task, we installed the new stovepipe, using old rope climbing knots learned in our collegiate days. This engineering feat required a length of pipe with either two crimped ends or one with two straight ends, if possible!

While sweeping out the lodge with a beech branch broom, we saw two ladies approaching from the south. They were two Hostellers from Detroit on their way to Sunrise Camp and then hopping up to the Mansfield area. They noted that nothing had been said in the Guide Book about maid service!

After setting two lights of glass it was time to leave our somewhat patched up friend in the woods. Tucker still needs the four new sash, some roof spot repairing, some stone masonry, and a good coat of creosote to put it into shape for continued use.

JBM

ON TO TUCKER LODGE FOR A LUNCHTIME HIKE

As Saturday morning of the Intersectional wore on and most of the hikers had departed for the more strenuous trips, your author pondered what short trip he should go on. Tucker Lodge was chosen for its brevity and the lateness of the hour. The next item on the agenda was to form a party.

A VW pulled in bearing Massachusetts plates and three hikers, Lewis and Robin Hodgkinson and Billy Larsons of Oadham, Massachusetts. Almost as soon as they had set up their small wall tent and its adjoining all-purpose cupboard they were recruited for the hike. These three were joined by Jack Martin, Carol Martin, Mary Elizabeth Allard and Judith Allard of Billington Section.

The hike in to Tucker was very pleasant with many signs of deer crossing the trail. Our arrival at the lodge was followed by the departure of a well burdened hiker who had made a lone trip from the Mass. line to Cowles Cove and was on the return stretch.

Tucker was in no worse shape than it had been the week-end before. A little time was spent scouting about before the eating began. Water, it seems, is hard come by at this lodge. While looking for water an aluminum pot was found in the brush. It had been reduced by the spiny wonders to a handle and little more than a rim. This was carried back to illustrate an Intersectional appetite.

Shortly after lunch the seven hikers made their way out from a pleasant luncheon.

JBM

KILLINGTON TRIP INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND

by Marie Morris

Promptly at 8:30 on Aug. 16th, a party of six left Tall Timber Camp for Mt. Killington. We were Bill Wadsworth, leader and experienced hiker; Barbara Allard, who had climbed it before; Pat Bruneau, who had done some hiking, Ronnie Lussier, also a young hiker; and Mr. and Mrs. Myron O. Morris.

We drove to the Long Trail Lodge and at 8:50 headed for the peak. The three teenagers forged rapidly ahead but only reached Pico Junction about ten minutes before Bill and the Morris's. It was a beautiful day for a hike and as we walked toward Pico Shelter we had some wonderful views.

At the shelter evidence of a dead "lorky" forced us to go on quite soon. The walk to Cooper was fine except for some very muddy spots, where white sneakers became black. The conversation was stimulating and also humorous. At Cooper we ate lunch and enjoyed the view. Then on to the Peak. This was a rugged climb but true to tradition those ascending for the first time did not look back until the bare rocky pinnacle was reached. It was a breathtaking (literally and figuratively) sight! Clear in all directions, truly the reason for being a hiker. I can truthfully say, with the others, I would not have missed it for anything, but the inspiration of the experienced hikers really made me do the last climb. As we came down the peak a lone hiker was ascending. We surveyed the remains of a stone ranger hut very near the top. Of course, Bill's lemon drops were a help, but for Mr. Morris and myself his helpful suggestions and information on hiking proved invaluable.

The time going up was about three hours actual hiking. The descent was, of course, much shorter.

We were just a short distance down from Cooper when we met a lady, we presumed her to be the mate of the hiker headed up the peak. A short way further down we passed two women hikers who were headed for Cooper overnite. We felt they were not fully equipped for it, but we wished them luck. On the return stop at Pico Shelter we met a family of six from Rutland who had hiked up for lunch. The next one we passed was a weather-beaten, suntanned hiker, fully packed, headed for Killington and points beyond. After leaving Pico Junction, Bill, Mr. Morris and I took the power line trail down and while it was steep it was also rapid. We reached the car at 3:40, tired but happy, and with a sense of great accomplishment.

Mrs. Morris and her husband are members-at-large, and come from Spring Lake, N. J. They were distinguished as the first to arrive and the last to leave the Intersectional. We want to thank her for the above write-up and say we hope to see them at another intersectional gathering. (ED.)

INTERSECTIONAL DATA

Total Attendance - 75 Young & Old

KILLINGTON (24)

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (13)

BURLINGTON (13)

WORCESTER (11)

BATTLEBORO (2)

GUESTS (12)

LONG TRAIL PATROL (4)

MILES HIKED - Many....

OTHER INTERSECTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Intersectional crowd really took advantage of the good hiking weather and each day found several groups heading off in various directions.

Beside the Killington and Tucker hikes which are written up elsewhere in this issue, hikes were taken to Lico, Blue Ridge (both the summit and the Cascades), and the beaver dam, as well as around the Tall Timber trails.

Each hike had its own satisfactions. The mountain tops offered the more spectacular appeal, but the trip to the beaver pond offered the beauty of an old road with its play of light and shade, and its borders of wild flowers and ferns.

As we passed the old school house, one of the few buildings now left on this road, it was interesting to speculate on how this area must have looked when there were enough families living around to supply children for a school.

The abundant wildflowers gave us a fine opportunity to test our skill in correctly identifying them.

The last bit of road before the pond is reached is pretty much filled in with alders and abut the only way of finding the path is by its feel under foot. The pond itself was a bit disappointing as the area is so overgrown and swampy that it was impossible to get near enough to the beaver house for a good inspection.

Hiking was not the only activity. One group enjoyed a trip to the Marble Exhibit in Proctor, and nearly everyone found that a cooling dip in Tall Timber Pond made a perfect ending to the day's travels.

C. V. CAMP

Sunday, August 10th, was the day of the outing at the C. V. Camp at Chittenden Pond. It looked at first as though the weather was going to fail us at last after six years of cooperating for this event, but our luck held good and we enjoyed another fine day.

This outing brought out the best crowd of the summer, a total of 23, including 9 members of the "youngest set", being on hand at one time or another during the day.

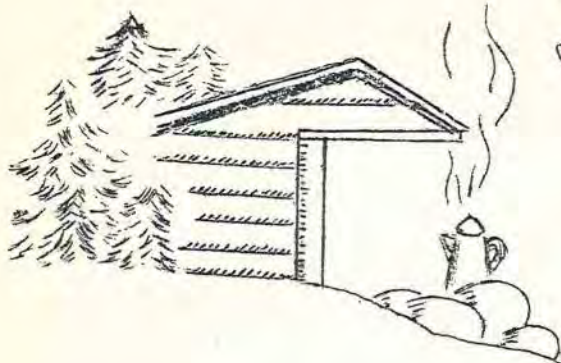
Except for a pleasant luncheon interlude on the screened porch overlooking the pond, most of the day was spent in and on the water. Craigie's rubber boat had a busy day carrying voyagers around the pond.

This outing has been an annual event since it first appeared on our schedule in 1952. Once again our thanks to Eleanor Walker for making the Camp available to us.

CALLING ALL RUMMAGE

Start now to collect all the rummage you can beg or steal, your own and that of your relatives, friends, and neighbors. Our sale will be held in October (the exact date will be announced later), so don't delay, start now. With the Lico re-building project in the offing we really need money. Our Rummage Sale has been the only real money-maker we've found to date, so let's make this year's the best yet.

Remember that dishes, bedspreads, curtains, kitchenware, and nic-nacs, continue to be good sellers as well as clothing. In clothing the demand for large sizes always exceeds the supply, as it also does for children's clothing.



SMOKE and BLAZES

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KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Oct. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Fri., Oct. 10 RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Neighborhood Rooms

Now is the time to collect all articles for our annual RUMMAGE SALE. This year's sale will be for the benefit of the new Pico Shelter, so please search your house from cellar to attic for useful items you no longer want. Call your friends, relatives, and neighbors, too, so this can be our biggest sale yet.

Dishes, bedspreads, curtains, kitchenware, and nic-nacs continue to be good sellers as well as clothing. The demand for children's clothing and large sizes is always greater than the supply.

All rummage should be brought to the Neighborhood Rooms as early as possible on Thursday morning, Oct. 9th. If you cannot get it down yourself call Janet Martin, 3-8621 before Thursday, and we will arrange to have it picked up. If you can work on Thursday or Friday call Vera Perkins, 3-2941.

TIME: Sunday, Oct. 12
PLACE: Hadcka Farm, Granville

This trip proved so enjoyable last year and the foliage so beautiful that it was scheduled again this fall. If you went last year we know you will want to go again. If you didn't, don't miss it this year...the maples around the pond are beyond compare, even if they are in New York state. Join the crowd at Meldon School.

TIME: Saturday, Oct. 25
PLACE: Cooper Lodge

This will probably be your last chance to go to Cooper Lodge before winter sets in on Killington... in fact there might be snow then. At any rate we will hope for a clear and crisp Oct. day for this one and try to get Cooper into top notch condition for Winter. The route to be taken will be decided by the group going. They will leave Meldon School at 9:00 AM.

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Nov. 9th
PLACE: Gov. Clement Shelter

This is a pleasant place to go in late fall, especially if we are lucky enough to get a sunny day. Those who do not wish to hike far probably would be able to drive in at this time of year. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10:30 A.M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the executive board of the Killington Section, G. M. C. was held on September 17th at the home of Jack Martin. Craigie Perkins submitted a resolution concerning the proposed Air Force installation on the Chin of Mt. Mansfield and further reported that G.M.C. President Koerber had requested that action be taken by the individual Sections as well as the main club. The following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS a proposed military installation on the Chin of Mount Mansfield requiring a road near the profile ridge would make the State's highest summit inaccessible to the public, and,
WHEREAS the military authorities have raised no technical objection to the use of the Nose of Mount Mansfield for this installation, therefore,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that immediate and thorough reconsideration be given to the proposed location of this installation."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Senator Aiken, Senator Flanders, Representative

Frouty, Governor Johnson, and the Vt. Department of Forests and Parks. *

There was considerable discussion of the proposed new Iico Shelter. It was felt it should be a closed shelter and that it would probably cost around \$500. It was decided that the proceeds of the annual Rummage Sale held in Oct. would be used toward this amount. This will be followed by a benefit showing of the new collection of Green Mountain Club slides and a speaker sometime in early November. Members felt this would provide an opportunity for non-members who use and enjoy the trail to make a donation for this new shelter.

The chairman of Trails and Shelters, Craigie Perkins, reported the trail to be in fairly good condition although some brushing out should be done. Work parties in the spring for this purpose unfortunately attracted very few workers. The shelters are almost all in need of attention. Outing Chairman, Jack Martin, reported that outings to several of the shelters had been scheduled for this Fall in the hope some of these repairs could be made. Other work parties are being planned. Anyone wishing to help should contact Craigie Perkins, 3-7954. Some of the repairs are necessitated by the age of the shelters and the very heavy snowfall last Winter, but most of it is due to the misuse of the shelters by some of the people who "use" them. In particular, we note the destructive use of firearms.

* An editorial in support of our stand on Mt. Mansfield was in the Rutland Herald on Oct. 20. There has also been three Letters to the Editor on this subject.

LITTLE ROCK POND

by
Marie Gray

With young Mary Allard setting the pace, our party stepped along the trail in hopes that the sky would be kind. The clouds passed and our ascent was made in jovial spirits with the usual bantering from Craigue and the crowd. The brook bubbled, the birds stared silently. Mr. Bell, sensing their shyness on sight of such a qucer lot, burst into snatches of warbles and trills which could have enchanted a sanctuary of birds. He really could whistle, so no one minded. Betty was delighted to spot another white-winged crossbill.

Along the way there were pieces of flint rock, toadstools, bewildered frogs, a makeshift fish-line, a "cute" toad, a beaver and his hut and above all a perfectly fine piece of pipe discovered by Carol, the youngest member on the trip.

The fire at the shelter was a welcome sight and there we were pleased to find Fran Green, a Killington Section member from Mass. and a friend, Gertrude Cook. They had not only stayed the previous night, but braved the icy pond waters, and climbed the new side trail besides.

Betty and Marie tried the blue section of this same trail. They gingerly squirmed inch by inch up the lengthy spine of a rock, similiar to a prehistoric lizards back, and explored every possible lookout they could find. The trail was well marked and the views were well worth the struggle.

On returning to the shelter the girls found that most of the party had started out, but Mr. Bell was on hand to assume the duty of life guard for one of them who felt she must cool off in the pond. However, his duties were limited to a scant few moments. This last statement comes

from a reliable source.

The whole clan finally reunited on the homeward way after a most enjoyable day.

COOPER WORK TRIP

by
Craigue Perkins

Well, it's about time! Bennett Bell and Craigue Perkins spent a beautiful fall day getting Cooper Lodge ready for winter.

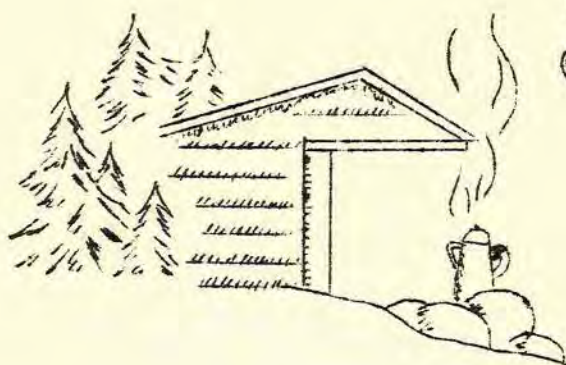
We had had several reports of the poor condition of this important camp so we were prepared for the worst. A new sash and several lights of glass were taken up the Bucklin Trail together with the necessary putty and enough tools for a big work party.

The trail in seemed less bushy than usual and we found the camp clean, with a supply of wood. It looked like the work of Ben Rolston who had been camping and hiking in this area. He is a good man to follow.

After the grate had been replaced in the stove, it worked perfectly providing hot coffee and a gentle warmth to the camp at the price of a few sticks of damp wood.

Lunch over, we fitted the new sash and removed one at a time the other sash which had broken lights. There was time for all but two which we hope to replace when we go up again in October. Needed: one second hand broom.

Taking our time, we went up in two and a quarter hours, and came down in one and three quarters hours. One of those days when everything clicked. A fine trip and a much needed job done.



SMOKE and BLAZES

Vol. 11 No. 11-12 KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN Mts. CLUB Nov.-Dec. 1958

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., Dec. 7, 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: "Beechwood",
Covered Dish Supper

This annual event needs no introduction to old members. If you are a new member and like to eat, we know you will enjoy it too. In order to insure a variety of food anyone planning to attend should call Janet Martin (LR 3-8621) by Fri. evening, stating what they prefer to bring. As usual "Beechwood" will be open from around 2 o'clock on so that those who wish to spend the afternoon hiking in the vicinity may do so. Supper will be at 6:00 P.M. Don't forget to bring your own dishes and silver.

After we eat, we will have a program of slides taken in Korea by Jony Fusco. Many of you will remember Jony from the time when he was a junior member, and we are happy he will be with us again.

"Beechwood" is located at the end of Curtis Ave., in the town of Rutland.

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., Dec. 20, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Mount Carmel

Coming so near Christmas we hope this trip will bring out some of our members who are home on Christmas Vacation, as well as those who are around all year. It would seem this would be a good time to take a break in the hectic days of shopping, don't you think? We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 A.M.

TIME: Sun., Jan. 11, 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

This is a pleasant place to go at any time of the year, but particularly so when the snow is on the evergreens, the sky is a brilliant blue, and the air is crisp and clear. Mark this date on your new calendar and plan now to attend. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M. Watch the "Rutland Herald" for advice on snow conditions, although there probably will not be enough for snowshoeing.

HADDEKA FARM by Betty Ball

An exceedingly colorful trip was enjoyed by the hikers who went to the Hadeka Farm in Granville on October 12th. With the autumn foliage at its peak, and the weather cool, crisp and sunny, the twelve hikers found it a perfect day for hiking.

Camera-enthusiasts found shots everywhere. The gay contrast of brilliant red berries and blue grapes, a golden birch against a blue, blue sky, and the flaming maples were all opportunities not to be missed.

We climbed up a long hill, getting better and better views back across the low hills to the Vermont mountains, dipped down to a pasture. With ten red coats in the crowd, we carefully skirted the field with the bulls, and ate by a gem of a pond, shimmering with colorful reflections.

A tower was our next goal, built by a wealthy man, and defaced now, but still sturdy with its solid staircase, and the view from the top was rewarding - with the Adirondacks on the west, and the Green Mountains on the east, and miles of farms and hills rolling in between, this panoramic view was one of the finest in these parts, especially in this colorful time of the year.

Reluctantly we turned back towards the Hadeka Farm, enjoying the view of the pond encircled by golden maples as we descended to our lunch stop. The trip back to the cars seemed all too short, as another perfect hiking trip came to an end.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$117

The Rummage Sale got us off to a good start on our current project of raising money to replace the old Pico Shelter with a new structure.

We didn't offer any prizes to the first 10 customers, but the lobby of the Marble Savings Bank was so crowded just before we opened our doors that we had trouble getting through to open them! How the nickles, dimes, and quarters added up in the first two hours! If we could have material enough to keep business going at that rate all day we could really make money.

Our thanks go to all the people who contributed articles for sale, and special thanks to Bennett Bell for contributing advertising space, to Ruth Fostman, "T" Valiquette and Joe Hadeka for their assistance and to Janet Martin for all the sorting and boxing she did.

STOVE INSTALLATION

It seems that the trip to Killington on Saturday, Oct. 26th generated a lot of steam in some members, for on Sunday P.M. Ray Catozsi called Craigie Perkins with the proposal that they take to needed stoves into Gov. Clement and Buffum that afternoon. The call was perfectly timed as Ben Rolston, GMC member from Schenectady was at Craigie's and offered to go along, too. Accordingly, a second-hand, range-type stove which had been waiting some time for placement was taken to Gov. Clement and installed and the

"Valiquette Special" residing at Gov. Clement was moved and located at Buffum. This is a good job done.

KILLINGTON TRIP

The old custom that a GMC trip goes on rain or shine prevailed on Saturday, October 25th. Two of us were on hand at the starting hour and we were shortly joined by a third, a new Junior member from Wallingford. While we were discussing the pros and cons of three people starting for Killington in the rain, three more arrived. This definitely tipped the scales in favor of going, especially as there were a few more window panes to be set at Cooper Lodge. We loaded ourselves into one station wagon and were on our way.

Our approach to the Bucklin trail via the Wheelerville road was enlivened by the necessity of pulling out a car stranded in the one muddy spot on the road. As the car was being pulled out backward, it slipped and slid in the mud, careening wildly to the side in true "movie" rescue fashion, thus giving the station wagon "observers" a bit of excitement to start the day. Now we had to get our car through, and somewhat to our surprise this was accomplished without much trouble.

When we parked our car at the start of the old lumber road it was still raining a bit. In spite of this it wasn't bad hiking weather as the air was crisp and not too cold with little wind. As we started climbing we had a preview of winter with the rain changing to fine snow, and making all the evergreens look as though they had been sprayed for Christmas decorations. The big brook crossing presented an interesting hazard, but was accomplished without mishap.

We found Cooper Lodge in good condition with a good supply of wood. Thanks to the kindling Craigue had brought along in his pack, the fire took hold quickly

and we were soon once more praising that efficient little stove for its fine performance.

After the warming up period and lunch, the men were ready to do their work with glass and putty while the women folks concentrated on keeping the fire going. This completed, "afternoon tea" was served, and we started the return trip about 4 P.M., glad that Cooper was being left ready for the winter.

Those making the trip were Ray Catozzi, Churchill and six year old Bobby Scott, Susan Tarbell from Wallingford, and Vera and Craigue Perkins.

A HIKE TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER
by Charlotte Bell

Last Sunday, eleven of us drove to Governor Clement Shelter near the southern base of Killington Mountain. Since it was hunting season, we decided to drive there together and then hike a short way on the Long Trail after lunch.

When we arrived, we found the woods were damp and uncomfortable so the stove and the fireplace fires were very welcome. When the sun came out, the upper fields and mountains were pretty.

Two hunters came back from a long day of deer hunting. They had slept the night before in a homemade sleeping unit on the back of a truck, parked near the shelter. They showed us their quarters which were equipped with a tiny oil stove, a cupboard, food, and two bunk beds which looked very comfortable.

We had two new hikers from Wallingford... Florence Van Wyck and Susan Tarbell... and a guest, Mary Lull. Everyone had a good time picnicking and hiking up in the mountains.

SUNNYSIDE AND OTHERS

Most of us who started on the hike on Saturday, Nov. 22nd went to Sunnyside for lunch, approaching via Spring Lake Ranch, and were satisfied to take just an additional walk on the Trail for a view of the lake. Four hikers, however, elected to come in via Buffum, planning to join us for lunch. Two arrived as planned. The other two not being familiar with Sunnyside, mistook it for a hunting camp, and continued on until they came out on Route 103 at E. Clarendon. Nothing daunted, however, they reversed direction and hiked back again, finally going out as they had come, via Buffum, having had a really good day's hike.

We found Sunnyside in sad condition. All the window panes were shattered and two of the four window frames broken. One foundation post appeared to have been used for target practice. We cleaned up the mess, and brought the window frames back with us for repairs, leaving the openings temporarily protected with wallboard. When we find a shelter abused in this fashion it makes us wonder why we bother to provide them.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A meeting of the executive board of the Killington Section, GMC, was held on Nov. 19th at the home of Craigie Perkins.

Plans for the location, type of shelter, and materials needed for the new Lico Shelter were discussed, also means of transporting materials to the location decided upon.

Craigie Perkins reported on condition of shelters and trails, telling of needed repairs and trail work which should be done.

It was voted to try to have another joint card party with the Community Club, the proceeds to go toward Killington Section's share of the cost of the new Lico Shelter.

It was decided to have a Slide Show on January 10th or 12th, with a talk on Wildlife on the Trail to raise funds for the new shelter. The theme of this program would be "Outdoor Life on the Long Trail". Ray Catozzi was appointed Chairman. The show will be further discussed at the Covered Dish Supper, Dec. 7th, at Beechwood.

Contact is to be made with the teenagers at Teen Town to try to interest them in the Green Mountain Club's activities.

Eleanor Walker, Sec.

HOLIDAYS

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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MT. CLUB

Jan. 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., Jan. 24, 7:00 PM
PLACE: Moonlight Snowshoe Hike
to Tucker Lodge

Be sure and have your snowshoes and warmest clothing in shape for this trip which has become an annual affair that several members look forward to each year. For those who have never been....take our word for it.....it's an experience not soon forgotten. The first few hundred yards after leaving the warm cars one thinks "we'll freeze", but soon the brisk swing of snowshoes on glistening snow make one feel really alive: perhaps because of the need to adjust to the stinging cold. By the time we reach Tucker through the shimmering woods everyone is warmed up. The candlelight of the first arrivals beckons us on to coffee or cocoa and doughnuts. We will gather for this trip at Meldon School at 7:00 PM. As in past years if the weather is very poor Sat. we will go on Sun. night. If in doubt call Jack Martin, PR 3-6821.

TIME: Thurs. Jan. 29, 6:30 PM
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING
Women's Reformatory

The annual meeting of our Section, G.M.C., will be held Thurs. evening, Jan. 29th, following a supper at 6:30 PM at the Women's Reformatory dining room. Supper will cost \$1.25. The meeting will start at approximately 7:30 PM. This is the only scheduled business meeting of your club in a year, so your officers would like to see a good representation of the membership present and actively participating. We need new ideas about membership, trail and shelter maintenance, Smoke and Blazes, publicity and fund raising for the new Lico Shelter, and trips members would like scheduled, to mention but a few possible items of business. For entertainment we will view the new slide collection of the main club.

COMING SOON:

WINTER WEEKEND FEB. 21st & 22nd
CRAIGUE PERKINS' CAMP

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COMING EVENTS, Cont.

TIME: Sun. Feb. 8, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Snowshoe to Buffum

We certainly don't expect there will be quite as much snow at Buffum this year as last, but there should be plenty for a pleasant snowshoe trip, none the less. The trail to Buffum from the Wallingford Gulf Road follows an old dirt road so the going is comparatively easy and is only eight-tenths of a mile so it is a pleasant little outing for a winter Sunday. The group will leave the Meldon School at 10:30 AM. However, if anyone wished to come along at a later hour, there would be plenty of time and the added advantage that the coffee water would probably be hot when they got there!

COMING SOON: FEB. 21-22



CRAIGUE PERKINS' CAMP

PUBLIC SLIDE SHOWING POSTPONED

A tentative showing this month of the main club's new slide collection in connection with raising money for the new Pico Shelter has been postponed until a later date due to the unavailability of the guest speaker. The committee in charge hopes to pin this speaker down to a definite date the latter part of next month. See February Smoke and Blazes for the complete details, including who and where.

CARMEL ????

Your reporter missed this one, but a brief account from one who went supplied the following information on the trip.

Three hardy hikers set out for Carmel as per schedule on the morning of Dec. 20th. Some of you may recall that this was an extremely cold day with only a light snow cover here in the city. In "New Boston" it was even colder and there was plenty of snow! Our hikers, basing their decision on snow conditions in Rutland, had left their snowshoes at home, so were now wallowing along through quite deep snow. Still, the schedule read, "Carmel - Dec. 20", so on they went.

As lunch time approached and passed, and still no sign of Carmel Camp, they decided to have an outdoor lunch. While not as cozy and relaxing as lunch around a camp stove, an outdoor lunch in winter isn't as bad as it may sound to the in-door enthusiast.

Renewed energy took the party forward once more, but by now it was becoming increasingly evident that something was wrong with the route chosen. Soon one of the party ventured to voice the thought in the minds of all three, "Let's go home."

On their way back they found the place where the trail they should have taken branched off to Carmel. It was marked, but the directional arrow was so placed that it was easily overlooked on the way in. Having by now had their day's outing the group continued on the return trip.

After hearing this report we weren't quite so disappointed as we had been that we had to miss this one.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The Covered Dish Supper at Beechwood on December 7th drew the usual sizable group of Killington Section members and friends.

The food provided seemed even more bountiful and delicious than usual. As we checked it in we felt sure that there would be quantities left over. We should have known better, for as we have noted before, GMCers are good eaters, and easily took care of it.

Some people arrived in time to take short hikes in the late afternoon while others, anxious to have their "hot dishes" served in perfect condition, came just at supper time.

The evening program was especially enjoyable with Tony Fusco showing slides taken in Korea while on duty for Uncle Sam, and giving a very interesting and informative narration along with them.

CARD PARTY TO BE HELD

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, we will once more hold a card party jointly with the Community Club. We have a special interest in making this a real money making event this year as our share of the proceeds will go into our Fund for the new Pico Shelter.

Some of you will be contacted to help on this by providing sandwiches, but most especially we want you all to help by attending and bringing your friends. You will hear more details later, but make plans now and save the date.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Cecile and Emile Boselli had a nice Christmas present; a 7lb-2oz daughter, Terri Lynn, arrived on Dec. 26, 1958. Congratulations.

A card from Maxine and Carl Newhall extended greetings to all former hiking pals in GMC.

CLARENDON LODGE

This trip on January 10th brought out 9 hikers to enjoy a day at a favorite spot for an outing in any season. It was a good winter day in spite of the absence of the bright sun and deep blue sky which have so often characterized a trip to Clarendon Lodge in the winter.

Snow had covered the rocks in the old road sufficiently to make walking easy. In a short time the Lodge was in sight looking even snuggier than usual as there was smoke coming from the chimney.

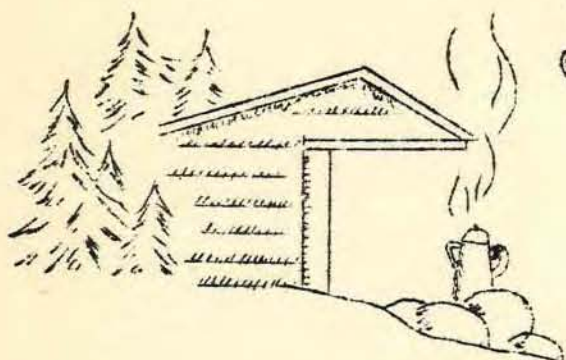
The occupants proved to be two boys from Schenectady who had spent the night there. They obligingly assembled all their gear in one spot, and in spite of our assurances that it wasn't necessary, they really turned the camp over to us for the lunch hour.

After lunch some kept the fire going and chopped wood, while others took a walk farther up the old road. Here we found that, while not a necessity, snowshoes could be used to good advantage and we were glad to make use of this opportunity.

The Lodge was in good condition and contained a good supply of wood. Even the camp register (which has such a way of disappearing from our shelters) was intact. From this we were interested to learn that Ben Rolston had been there on Dec. 10th and reported a comfortable night in spite of an outside temperature of 12 degrees above zero.

We were pleased to have two new (to us) hikers from GMJC with us and hope they come often.

As we drove home all agreed that this had been an excellent way to spend a winter Sunday.



SMOKE and BLAZES

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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun. March 8, 10-30 AM
PLACE: Appalachian Trail shelter

This is a new shelter and a new trip to most of us. It is located on the Appalachian Trail east of Gifford Woods. This shouldn't be a very difficult trip so why not plan to get out for it. We will meet at the Meldon School at 10-30 Sun. morning.

TIME: Sat. March 21, 10-00 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

Clarendon is an enjoyable spot any time of the year. The spring runoff may make it necessary to follow the trail rather than the road in, but that would give us an opportunity to check the condition of the trail for blowdowns and brushing that needs doing. Perhaps some work could even be done. The shelter might also receive any repairs that could be done and a thorough house cleaning. Come equipped for a bit of work. We will meet at Meldon School at 10-00 AM.

TIME: Sun. April 5, 6-00 PM
PLACE: Sugar Party
Vera Perkins' Home

Once again we will have our sugar party at Vera Perkins' home on South Main Street. Snow may be terribly hard to find this year but we will hope for a late snow storm! Following the sugar party we will have a Chinese Auction to raise money for the new Pico Shelter. Reservations must be made for this event. Please call Janet Martin PR 3-8621 by Friday April 3.

TIME: Sat. April 18, 10-00 AM
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

This trip is planned primarily to get Tucker Lodge into shape for the summer. However it is a splendid time to get a sprig of hobblebush to force out at home and to look for other signs of the coming of spring. We will meet at Meldon School at 10-00 AM.

NEW HIKE SCHEDULES ENCLOSED

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Thurs. evening, Jan. 29 at the Riverside dining hall. A group of about 20 members enjoyed a tasty dinner.

The business meeting was called to order by President Bennett Bell at about 7-30 PM. Sec.-Treas. Eleanor Walker gave her report. Craigie Perkins reported on Trails and Shelters. About half of the blazes on our section were repainted last year although he had hoped to do them all. Small turnouts on work parties and poor weather on several scheduled trips were to blame. If members who have a little time to give for trail work would only contact Craigie a time and place could be planned and this work could easily be done. How about you!

He also reported this past year was a hard year on shelters and there is much work that urgently needs doing. He estimated that these repairs will cost around 60 dollars. Here too he needs manpower badly. We will also need to raise about \$180.00 additional money for the new Pico Shelter which will be built by the Long Trail patrol. It would help if members who visit a shelter would take the time to report on its condition to Craigie or Bennett as all our shelters should be visited at least once a month. Five of them could be visited after supper of a summer evening. If all our members took a little time to do this our section could be in much better condition than it is. Three volunteers were found to check Cooper, Clarendon, and Buffum each month. This leaves Sunnyside, Gov. Clement, Pico, and Tucker.

The request that groups of young people without a person over 18 years old in charge get permission to use the shelters was renewed. Members could help by publicizing this fact.

Craigie's report was followed by a lively discussion of ways and means to raise money for the new Pico Shelter. The Mass. D.A.R. has written that their \$200.00 has been raised. A food sale directly after Easter seemed to be the most popular suggestion and Vera Perkins and Ruth Postman were named co-chairmen. You will be hearing from them or their committee. A Chinese Auction at the Sugar Party will also be held and members who have something to give to be auctioned off can report this to Janet Martin when making their reservations or by calling Vera Perkins at PR 3-2941.

It was suggested that the new slide collection available from the main office of the G.M.C. be used wherever possible for publicity purposes especially to groups of young people of the Junior and Senior High School age.

Outing Chairman Jack Martin asked for suggestions for the hike schedule. Vera Perkins suggested that the covered dish supper be held in October next year. A trip to Buck Mt. on Lake George was suggested. Any other suggestions should be sent to Jack at 7 Curtis Ave. Rutland. Jack also has the Killington section slides which members may borrow for showing.

Bennett Bell, Mary Perkins, and Eleanor Walker were re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Following the business meeting the group enjoyed a showing of the new slide collection. Well worth seeing!

MOONLIGHT HIKE

January 24th, the time set for the moonlight hike to Tucker, was a snappy winter night but not too cold for comfort.

On the trip in we enjoyed a light snowfall which added fresh beauty to the winter woods. The snowshoeing was fair, a bit tricky in spots owing to a slippery crust, but this added excitement to the trip.

The starting of the fire at Tucker brought the usual smokey period while the chimney warmed up, but this soon passed and the stove became the center of attraction as a pleasant warmth began to surround it.

After the usual interval devoted to doughnuts, coffee, and conversation, we closed camp. We were delighted to find that the skies had cleared and on the hike out we enjoyed the light of the full moon promised for this occasion.

BUFFUM

Eleven hikers braved a cold north wind and slippery walking to make the trip to Buffum on Feb. 8th. Though it wasn't as cold on the trail as it seemed in the city, we welcomed the "Valiquette special" which has replaced the old broken-down stove formerly at Buffum.

We found Ben Rolston, that GMCer from Schnectady who gets around so much on the trail, already there when we arrived. Ben was spending a long weekend on the Trail and had stayed at Clarendon Lodge the previous night.

After lunch a few ambitious hikers went on to the top of Button Hill and it was while on this trip that Sec. President Bennett Bell had the misfortune to fall and crack a rib (as we learned later).

Though indications could be felt of the below zero night which the weather man predicted we enjoyed sun and blue skies on the homeward track.

WINTER WEEKEND

Late afternoon on Feb. 20th found the first contingent arriving at Crague Perkins' Camp, Tall Timber, for the annual winter weekend. The arrival of a party of 5 from Medford, Mass. soon after supper brought the overnight guests to 9. Everyone slept at the cottage this first night and settled down fairly early, some of those drawing room assignments upstairs taking along a hot brick which proved a most effective bed-warmer.

Saturday dawned clear and cold and most of the morning was taken up with new arrivals, shifting of sleeping quarters, un-packing and settling. Twenty-five gathered around the table for the noon meal.

After dinner everyone participated in hikes of varying lengths and in varying directions.

The weather during the day showed some variety, alternating bright sun and swirling snow. About the time everyone was assembling at the cottage for a supper of baked beans and brown bread it looked as though a big blizzard were in the making. However by the time supper was over the moon was out. In this setting, with the tall white frosted evergreens making long shadows on the snow, and overhead a big moon in a star-studded sky looking near enough to touch, it all combined to make as perfect a winter night as any of us had ever seen. It was too good to miss and everyone took advantage of it. The final check up Saturday night showed a total of 26 - 13 in the cottage and 13 in the two cabins.

Sunday was another bright day and everyone was up and doing early. People were in and out, starting and returning from hikes all morning. There were still more new arrivals and 32 were on hand for chicken pie Sunday noon.

By mid-afternoon the people from Shrewsbury, Mass. and Springfield, Vt., were taking their leave but there was still time for some good

hikes for those who lived nearby, however, and 13 die-hards were around to help clean up the leftovers at supper time.

But all good times come to an end and finally the last pack was shouldered, the door closed and locked and another winter weekend was over - almost. There was still the moonlight walk down to the cars but this was accomplished all too quickly and regretfully we left the country behind and headed back to town.

Thanks are due to Mary and Craigie Perkins for the use of their Camping area and to Janet Martin for an excellent job of meal planning and food buying.

CARD PARTY NETS \$11.75
for PICO SHELTER FUND

A small but welcome addition to the Pico Shelter fund was provided by the Card Party held on Wednesday, February 5th. This was a co-operative endeavor with the Community Club. Although the crowd was small, "a good time was had by all".

Our thanks go to the Community Club for letting us hold this party with them and to all who assisted on the project.

We have received a few separate contributions to the Pico Fund and would welcome more. Eleanor Walker can be found at the C.V. office every day and would be glad to receive your contribution - large or small.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Congratulations to Luise and Bill Wadsworth on the birth of William Wadsworth III, on December 25, 1958. Luise, Bill and daughter Lori have been Killington Section members for over a year. They live in Medford, Mass. and have participated in several of our activities.

Charles Sabourin has taken a position with E. R. Squibb and Sons. Charlie and his family will soon be leaving us for Burlington which will be his headquarters. We shall miss them but wish them the best of luck in their new location.

1959 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Helen Bailey
Lucy Bishop
Betty Ball
Bennett Bell
Charlotte Bell
Marie Bell
Miriam Bell
Rachel Bell
Maudie Canty
Polly Crocker
Sally Crocker
Helen Pease Finlayson
Carl Johnson
George Kirk
Mrs. Caroline Lovejoy
Ronald Lussier
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
Jack Martin
Janet Martin
Nancy Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Pearle Nichols
Craigie Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Mrs. Richard Roberts
Richard Roberts, Jr.
Charles E. Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Susan Tarbell
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Florence VanWyck
Lori Wadsworth
Luise Wadsworth
Wm. S. Wadsworth
Wm. Wadsworth III
Eleanor Walker
Clifford Wissell
Carlton Wilson (Life Member)
Berenice R. Tuttle

Treasurer's Report January 1, 1959

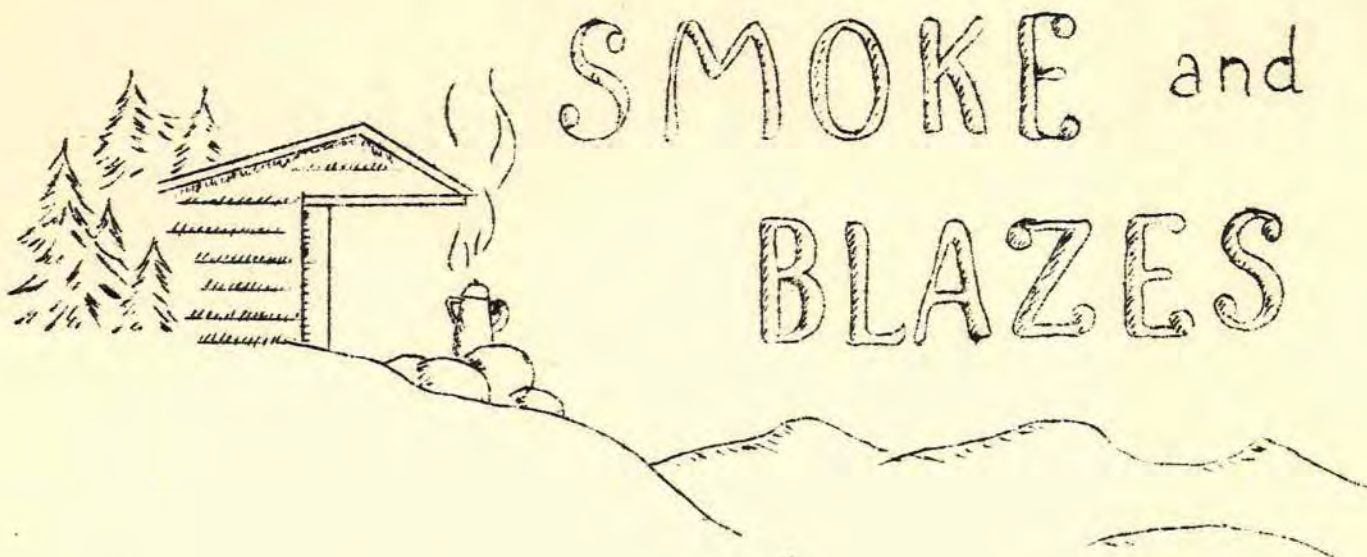
RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958	\$ 338.57
Received from dues	129.00
Sale of Guide Books	5.00
Received from Rummage Sale	117.00
Received from Card Party	9.00
Sale of Emblems	3.00
Interest on money in the bank	15.50
Donations to Killington Section	4.00
Donations to Pico Shelter Fund	<u>7.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 628.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Shelters repairs	\$ 62.85
Expense of Outing Committee	6.44
Expense of Annual Meeting	6.25
Expense of Green Mt. Club Float	2.50
Copy of Vermont Life sent to E. Boselli	.50
Expense of Winter Weekend	.80
Expense of Sugar Party	1.35
Schedules for Outings	16.50
Coffee Hour at the Annual Meeting	10.75
Postage	2.00
Smoke & Blazes	9.88
Paid Fred Field Ins. Co.	10.88
Dues to Main Club	<u>29.10</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 159.80

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959 - - - \$ 468.27



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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., May 16, 9:30 AM
PLACE: Route 140 to Sunnyside

This will be our second trip to Sunnyside Shelter this month but it will be approached from the other side...south this time. The section of trail from Rt. 140 into Sunnyside will be checked. Perhaps this year the weatherman will be a bit more cooperative and we can get this section of trail reblazed and brushed if a good work party turns out. The hikers will meet at Meldon School at 9:30 AM with lunch and tools for a day's work.

TIME: Sat. and Sun., May 30-31
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING, G.M.C.
Long Trail Lodge

Once again it is Annual Meeting time. Plans are now being made to celebrate our 50th anniversary so come and bring some bright ideas!

There will be a coffee hour at 10:00AM on Saturday followed by the business

meeting at 11:00 AM. The Sections and various committees will make their reports. The meeting will recess for lunch at 12:30 and be completed afterward. The trustees will meet following adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Non trustees will have the remainder of the afternoon to hike in the area around the Lodge. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. There will be a social hour and entertainment following dinner.

Sunday will be devoted to hiking. Trips will be planned to suit the tastes and abilities of all.

TIME: Sat., June 13, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge to
Gov. Clement Shelter

Having completed the section of trail south of Rt. 103 we will shift our activities back closer to home. Clarendon Lodge was taken care of in early April so this hike will be primarily for trail work from 103 to Gov. Clement, a distance of 6.5 miles. Departure time: 10:00 AM.

COMING EVENTS (cont.)

TIME: Sun., June 28
 PLACE: Gov. Clement Shelter
 to Cooper Lodge

It is hoped that by June 28th it will be possible to drive into Gov. Clement Shelter and hike from there to Cooper and do trail work on this section of 4.5 miles. Since this will be a total of nine miles, round trip, with trail work to do, we will leave Meldon School at 9:30 AM.

SUGAR PARTY

On April 5th the annual Sugar-on-snow Party was held at the home of Vera Perkins. There was an excellent turnout of 32 people. Everyone, from the eight young ones on up, had an enjoyable time indulging their respective sweet tooth. Following the sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts, and coffee, the group had a very enjoyable time having a Chinese auction for the benefit of Pico Shelter. \$8.80 was realized from the sale of objects donated by members! This is a profitable and enjoyable way to trade in your white elephants for someone else's! Everyone seemed pleased with what they won. Whereas a large sum was not realized, we felt it was very good for a small crowd.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make the Sugar Party a success, especially Vera for the use of her attic, the table decorations, and standing over the boiling syrup all afternoon; also her assistant cook, Pearl Nichols.

CLARENDON LODGE

The twenty-first of March was a bright early spring day and a group of almost thirty hiked into Clarendon Lodge to do the spring cleaning! It was one of those hikes when it looked at Meldon like some of the regulars were missing, but gradually the gathering grew. Some of the crowd took advantage of the warm sun and ate out doors. When the work of painting the windows and sash began in earnest. There was an excellent supply of wood thanks to a recent visit by Ben Rolston. The cabin was put in order while Ray Catozzi's cub scouts played cowboys and Indians in the pines. There was still a bit of snow in spots to make it slippery but not too bad... at least Nancy and Betty Martin managed to keep their "mounts" right side up, although sister Carol took a couple of unexpected slides down hill. All in all it was an excellent trip and a much needed job was completed.

LOST TIME

A watch was found on the road leading to Clarendon Lodge a short time after our March hike there. For further information contact "T" Valiquette.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Bill Allard, Jr., on his marriage in Rochester, N.Y., on May 9th, to Miss Rosalie Schifano. Best wishes, Bill and Rosalie.

LAST CALL

This is the last issue of **SHAKE & BLUES** which will be sent to the 1958 mailing list.

WE STILL HAVEN'T BEEN THERE

The hike scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 8th, was to the new shelter on The Appalachian Trail east of the road running north from Sherburne Center. This trip had been on the schedule once before as the destination of a mystery hike, but had been rained out.

Though there was no snow in the city it was a bright winter day, just right for exploring thought the five hikers who assembled at Meldon School.

As we drove along the road from Sherburne Ctr. we saw no blazes to show where the trail crossed the road and it began to seem doubtful that we would even get started on this trip. However, as so often happens, after parking the car and walking back along the road we found the blazes were right there where they belonged. Accordingly we took off up the hill. It soon became apparent that the two members of the party who had brought snowshoes, just in case, were the lucky ones. The snowshoeing was excellent, but the walking was not so good.

For about an hour we climbed up and up on a ridge between two ravines with time out now and then for relocating the trail which we missed a few times. By now lunch time was approaching and those without snowshoes were tired of plowing through the snow. "Who needs a shelter for lunch on a day like this?", we said. So by climbing the bank on one side of the trail a fine sunny spot, protected from the wind was found. There was even an excellent view and plenty of firewood.

Everyone went to work arranging stones for a fireplace, collecting wood, gathering snow to melt for coffee. In a short time our lunch spot was furnished, complete even to boughs for seats.

Sitting around the fireplace in our sunny "dining room" with its white snow-carpet and backdrop of trees, we all agreed that there is nothing which quite equals an outdoor meal on a bright winter day.

With difficulty of traveling without snowshoes it seemed best to go no farther. We lingered a while after lunch and then made the return trip to the cars.

This was one of those days that will long stay with us as a pleasant memory. We found this new territory interesting and hope to explore it again. Maybe sometime we will actually reach that shelter!

TUCKER LODGE

A good crowd turned out for the Tucker hike and spring cleaning party on Saturday, April 18.

Going in on the side trail wasn't the usual easy, pleasant walk as wood cutting operations and spring thawing had combined to produce muddy ruts which it required most of our attention to skirt. However, Tucker when reached was as inviting as ever in the spring sunshine. We found Dorothy and Ben Rolston already there. They had come in from Long Trail Lodge, over the Long Trail and reported it in good condition.

After lunch some took short walks in search of hobble bush, while others devoted their energies to the painting of window sash, general clean-up activities and repair jobs.

These outings are planned to get as much as possible of the most needed trail and shelter work done before the summer hiking season. Besides this they afford a pleasant day in the open at an interesting time of year. Let's all join in as often as possible for a good time and to help on much needed work.

ROUTE 103 TO SUNNYSIDE

About 16 hikers assembled at Meldon School on Sunday, May 3rd, ready for another spring outing. Since trail work was the chief order of the day, the party divided, some going in over the Long Trail to check the general conditions and spot the places needing more work, while the others went in the short way to get things in readiness for lunch.

Once again the Rolstons were there ahead of us having spent the night at Sunnyside. This arriving to find a good supply of wood, water, and the fire already made is pretty nice! Better watch out, Ben; first thing you know we'll be expecting this service regularly! Aside from the service though, we like having Dorothy and Ben along.

Although the trip down had shown that there was quite a bit of work to be done it was too nice at Sunnyside to hurry away. However, after a long lunch hour, the worker started back along the Trail determined to get that section in shape before dark.

Those who had elected to return by the short route lingered on until late afternoon, then enjoyed a leisurely hike out stopping to investigate the beaver pond on the way. The workers came off the trail about 7 o'clock, having had a long day but quite pleased with their accomplishment. The Trail from Route 103 to Sunnyside is now in good condition. Blowdowns were removed where possible and short relocations made where needed to get around those impractical to remove.

Although so much was accomplished a bigger supply of manpower would have been very much appreciated. Let's have more workers on hand for the next trip.

PICO SHELTER FUND

The fund for the new Pico Shelter is growing slowly, but it still has quite a way to go. It got off to a good start with the contribution of \$200 from the Conservation Committee of a Massachusetts chapter of the DAR. The proceeds from our fall Rummage Sale were designated for this project. Since then we have had additions from the following sources:

Card Party.....	\$13.95
Winter Weekend.....	8.00
Chinese Auction....	8.80
Individual Donations	8.00

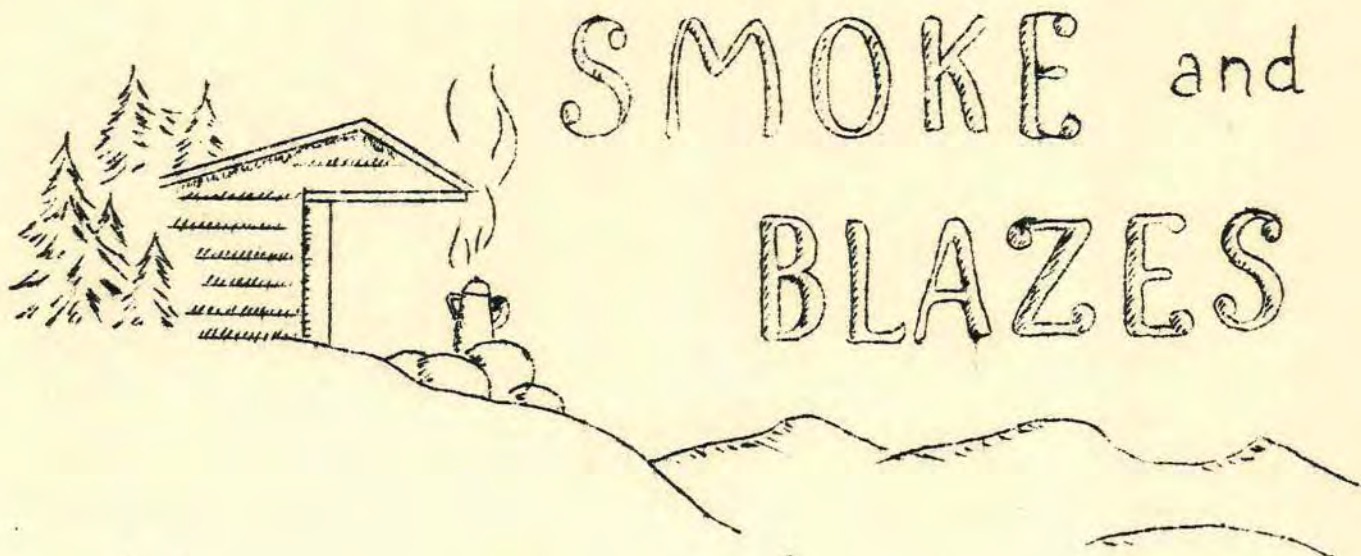
Our thanks to all who have helped so far. We still need at least \$150 more to finance this project. Eleanor Walker, Treas., will welcome donations at any time.

ADDITIONS TO 1959 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard
Johnny Allard
Judy Allard
Mary Elizabeth Allard
Frances Green
Minerva Minchey
Dr. Early Johnson
Roger Pike
Bernice Tuttle

IN MEMORIAM

Killington Section members were all saddened by the death of Maude Canty. Maude was a long time member and loyal supporter of GMC. Her sincere friendliness and cheerful spirit will be greatly missed and long remembered.



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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. July 11, 9:00 AM
PLACE: Long Trail Lodge to
Cooper Lodge

Come all ye Killington aspirants...its off to the mountain tops again. This is a work party trip although we hope there will not be a lot of trail clearing to be done. Any minor repairs at Cooper not completed on the 28th of June will also be taken care of if there is sufficient manpower. Let's all turn out and finish up our scheduled work parties with a flourish!

The group will leave Meldon School at 9:00 A.M.

TIME: Sun. July 26, 10:00 AM
PLACE: CVPS Camp, Chittenden

This trip has become a much enjoyed annual swimming party. We will hope for a cooperative weatherman and a hot sunny day when the cool water and shady porch would be most appreciated. For those who do not know the

way, the trip will leave from in front of Meldon School at 10:00 A.M. Anyone wishing to come along at a later time should feel free to come at their own convenience. The group usually stays throughout the afternoon.

TIME: Sat. Aug. 8, 9:00 AM
PLACE: Stratton Pond

It has been some time since we have had a scheduled hike to Stratton Pond. Pack your lunch and swim suit and join the crowd. It is a 3.5 mile hike in from the Grout Job to Stratton Pond around Stratton Mountain.

Because of the distance to be traveled by car this trip will leave Meldon School at 9:00 A.M.

TIME: Sat.-Sun. Aug. 22-23
PLACE: INTERSECTIONAL
Danby - Mt. Tabor

Please note this event is a week later than stated on our Spring-Summer Outing Schedule. For all details and directions see page 4.

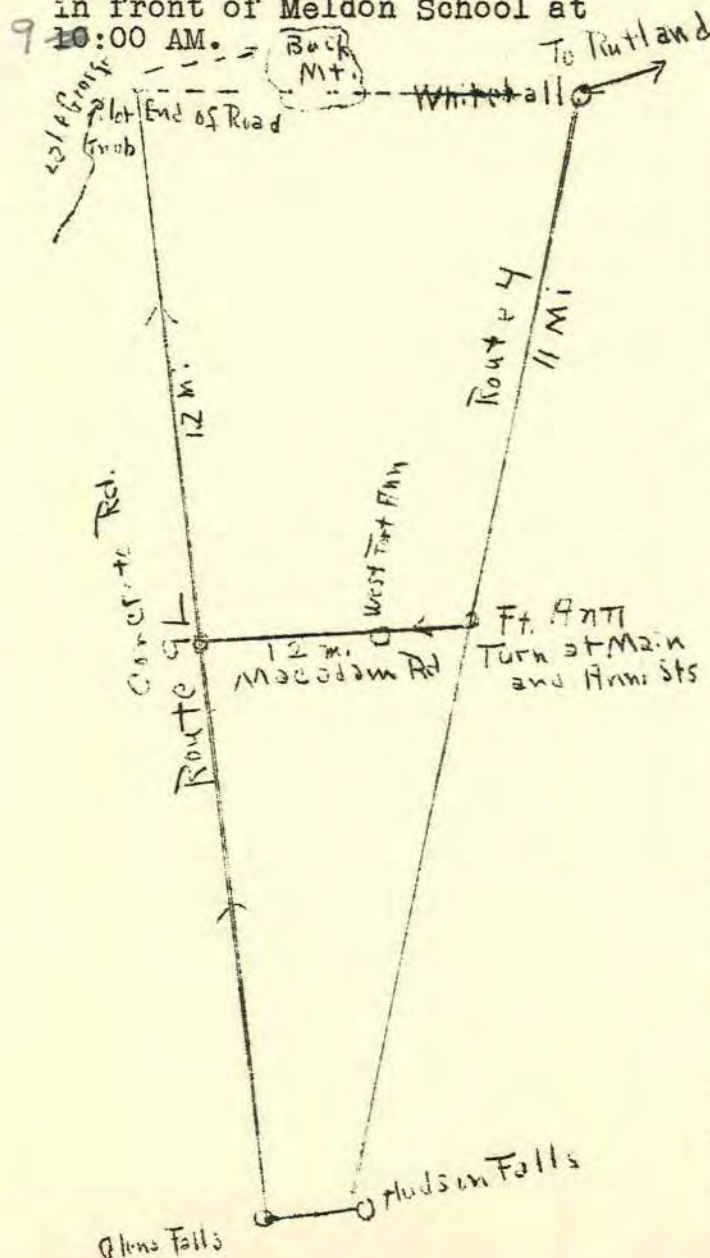
COMING EVENTS (contd.)

TIME: Sun. Aug. 30. 9:00 AM
PLACE: Buck Mountain, Lake George, N.Y.

This trip is outside of our own Green Mountains and helps to add variety to our schedule. It is hoped that some of our friends from the Glens Falls area will join us for this one.

The map below was sent to direct us by Mr. Lucius Cary, the last time we had this outing. We thank him again.

The trip will leave from in front of Meldon School at



ROUTE 140 TO SUNNYSIDE

The combined work party and outing held on Saturday, May 16 proved to be the most successful work party held in some time.

Having had a report from a reliable source that The Trail from Route 140 to Sunnyside was in reasonably good condition, it was decided to concentrate most of the effort on getting the windows back in at Sunnyside. Accordingly, while a small group hiked in over The Trail from the south, most of the party went directly to Sunnyside via the Spring Lake Ranch road.

There was still a good supply of wood left from Ben Rolston's visit and our outing of two weeks before, so work on the windows could be started immediately.

While the men worked inside the shelter, a clean-up detail disposed of most of the glass, tin cans, etc., which littered the immediate vicinity outside. With these carried to the dump and some of the dead brush cut and dumped over them, the appearance of both the dump and the outside of the shelter was greatly improved.

By the end of the day the windows were all replaced and one of the doors repaired. Although so much was accomplished, this wasn't an "all work and no play" occasion. In addition to the workers there was a good attendance of young junior members and members of Ray Catozzi's Scout Troop, all of whom appeared to be enjoying the outing. Even the workers, while keeping steadily 'at it' seemed to be having fun as they worked.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Thelma and Bob Perkins and family - David, Anne, Polly, and Timmy - arrived from California the last of May to visit Mary and Craigue Perkins. Although Bob was here for only two weeks he managed to get in several hikes.

ANNUAL MEETING

At 10 A.M. on Saturday, May 30th, G.M.C. members began to assemble at Long Trail Lodge for the 1959 Annual Meeting. It was typical Annual Meeting weather with a foggy mist blotting out everything beyond the immediate foreground - but what's a little rain to GMCers!

The day began with a pleasant coffee hour which offered an excellent opportunity for exchanging greetings.

President, "Art" Koerber opened the business meeting promptly at 10 A.M. With a two hour break for lunch, the rest of the day was taken up with reports from sections, committee reports, election of trustees - all the usual business of an annual meeting. This will be reported in detail in your August LONG TRAIL NEWS.

One of the highlights of the day was the announcement of the dedication of the new edition of the Guide Book to Roy and Helen Buchanan. We understand it took some lifingling to keep the Guide Book away from Roy until the meeting.

At the Trustees' meeting following the annual meeting Don Kent of Brattleboro Section was elected president to take over the duties which Art Koerber has carried on so efficiently during the past two years.

Following a 6:30 dinner, a social hour was enjoyed after which most of those staying for the Sunday hikes adjourned to Craigie and Mary Perkins' Tall Timber Camping Area which was turned over to GMCers for the weekend.

As if to make up for its uncooperative behavior on Saturday, the weather on Sunday was bright and clear - made to order for hiking. The suggested trip to Mt. Horrid met with general approval and by 10 AM the hikers were on their way to the starting point at Brandon Gap.

Late afternoon brot the return of the hikers. Overnight gear was packed, farewells were said, and another Annual Meeting was over.

A LITTLE COLD, A LITTLE MORTAR

Saturday the 13th of June did not dawn with too much of a promise for outdoor activities. Craigie Perkins with tools and coffee pot met the crowd of hikers at Meldon School at the appointed hour. Churchill and Bobby Scott piled into the blue wagon and off the trio went!

As they gained in altitude, the weather improved. The road to Gov. Clement shelter didn't prove to be very rough. The three-man team proceeded to check the trail from the bridge up to the shelter before lunch. As noon time rolled around a wandering red bus bounded up the road by the shelter with its passengers, Janet, Jack, Carol, Nancy & Betsy Martin.

Craigie had a little cold which kept him from being too energetic but, lunch brought him off those "waffle" bunks where he was resting. Our meal ration was almost increased by one baby mouse which came out of the fireplace. The youngsters enjoyed his company instead.

Jack announced that he had brought along a package of mortar mix for reducing the voids in the fieldstone chimney, if not closing them up. In a short time the males were having a grand old mud-slinging time. Our advisor explained that this was the best way to apply the mixture to the gaps between the stones.

While this was going on, the girls were down at the river where Janet found the stream more than a little cold, even though Carol went in all over.

Adding a trash pickup, two signs "Dump & Water", and some brush clipping to the above, the party left Gov. Clement shelter in satisfactory shape.

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

INTERSECTIONAL

1959

To: ALL GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERS

Abandon the Space Age for just one weekend -- spend a few care-free days with us at the 1959 Intersectional on August 22 - 23. Hikes, frolics, and just plain loafing, will be the order of the day.

Headquarters are once again in the beautiful Danby - Mt. Tabor Valley. Old Timers will remember this spot with nostalgia. No packing is necessary; drive your auto right to the campground.

Plenty of cold spring water nearby, wood, fireplaces, sanitary facilities furnished -- and it is hoped that Roy Buchanan will be present to sound reveille!!

HIKES: The scenic 6-mile round trip to Griffith Lake from the campground is a must.

Little Rock Pond -- A lovely elfin lake easily accessible by a 4-mile round trip on a segment of the Long Trail. Eat lunch at Little Rock Pond Shelter, situated on a rocky island reached by footbridge from the mainland.

Mt. Equinox -- Has a famous "Skyline Drive", accessible by auto or trail.

Several alternate hikes will be offered to interested groups. Some details are not as yet completed.

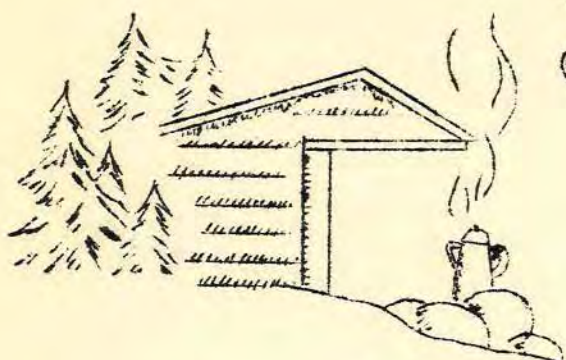
SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE: One never knows what to expect at this event! One thing sure -- the Order of The Porcupine will be conferred upon several worthy GMC members. Songs and games interspersed with tall tales of the great outdoors.

Bring the necessary equipment and food for two days. Camp will be opened Friday afternoon for those desiring to arrive Friday evening. For tent space and information write to Don Kent, Newfane, Vermont.

TO REACH THE G. M. C. INTERSECTIONAL CAMPSITE:

Driving north on U.S. 7, turn right about 11 miles north of Manchester, Vt. (or 2 miles south of Danby), cross the railroad tracks, turn right at the GMC Intersectional sign and you will see the campsite in the field ahead. Watch for large GMC Intersectional sign at intersection of side road & U.S. 7. REMEMBER THE DATE- August 22 -23! Let's have a record attendance!

Sincerely,
THE INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE



SMOKE and BLAZES

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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sunday, Sept 27, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Pico Lodge, HOUSEWARMING

Now is the time to see the new Pico Shelter..now a Lodge... which was built this past summer by the Long Trail Patrol. This should be a beautiful time to be on the mountain, so won't you make a special effort to attend this outing. We will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM. If you can't make it until later...come along when you can as we hope to spend the afternoon in and around our newest lodge.

TIME: Saturday, Oct.10, 8:30 AM
PLACE: Camel's Hump

Have you ever seen the fall foliage from the Hump? It should be spectacular, so mark the date and plan to attend. Since it is a rather long drive up to the foot of Camel's Hump we will leave Meldon School at 8:30 AM. This is somewhat more strenuous than many of our outings but well worth the effort.

TIME: Sunday, Oct. 25, 6:00PM
PLACE: Beechwood, upper Curtis Av.
COVERED DISH SUPPER

This year the Covered Dish Supper is earlier than in the past few years. This should make afternoon walks even more enjoyable. Supper will be laid out on the big table in the dining room at six o' clock. If you are planning to attend please let Janet Martin know what you would like to bring. Telephone PR 3-8621 by Friday, October 23. As in past years everyone comes up whenever they wish during the afternoon. To get there follow Curtis Avenue from south Main St. in Rutland east until you get to the end of the road.

TIME: Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00AM
PLACE: Sunnyside Shelter
(Work Party)

Once again it is time to put our shelters in shape for the winter. It is hoped there will be many of you who will be able to turn out for the very enjoyable outing to Sunnyside Shelter.

YOUR NEW SCHEDULE CARDS ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE

LET'S WAKE UP!

Did you realize that Killington Section memberships have dwindled to the point where we are only sending out about 50 SMOKE AND BLAZES this month? We read in the newspapers that more and more people are camping and hiking than ever before. It would seem that our membership should be growing. What can we do about it?

How about every member bringing a friend, or better still, a friend and his family to the Pico HOUSEWARMING. Get people interested, let them see what the club does, and ask them to join.

Another little reminder to members....Pico Lodge is built but it isn't paid for as yet. How about it.....any money raising ideas?

CALLING ALL RUMMAGE
for
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th

The date for our annual Rummage Sale has been set for Saturday, October 17th. This means we need all your Rummage at the Neighborhood Rooms on FRIDAY, OCT. 16th for sorting and pricing.

We need money more than ever this year to pay for the new shelter at Pico. How much we make on the Rummage Sale depends on you. SO--REMEMBER THE DATE and come to the Neighborhood Rooms on FRIDAY, OCT. 16th with all the rummage you can collect. if you need help to get it there call Vera Perkins (3-2941) or Janet Martin (3-8621) before Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Besides rummage we need help both on Friday and Saturday. Let us know if you can lend a hand.

COOPER LODGE

Undaunted by lack of numbers, three adults and two junior members started for Cooper Lodge, Killington on Saturday, July 11th.

The plan was to go in over the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass in order to check trail conditions. It was a good summer hiking day - not too hot and black flies only moderately pestiferous. All went well until we reached the ski trail slashes. On the first two we managed, with searching and the use of some imagination, to pick up the trail on the opposite side but on the third we were completely stymied. We felt sure we must be within a half mile of Cooper but after spending considerable time hunting unsuccessfully for the trail, we gave up and turned back toward home. This was especially disappointing as it was to have been the last visit for some time to a favorite mountain for Betty Ball, and a first visit to Killington for the two junior members, David and Anne Perkins. We wonder how many through hikers with heavy packs have met with difficulty in this area this season.

Even though we did not reach Cooper Lodge and the top of Killington we can report that while the trail was quite badly in need of brushing out in some sections, there were few blow-downs and the trail could be easily followed as far as the ski slashes.

NEWS NOTE

Betty Ball, who was a loyal and enthusiastic member of Killington Section during all the time she was in Rutland as Regional Librarian has left to take up a new position in Washington, North Carolina. Best of luck, Betty; we shall miss you.

G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL

The annual get-to-gether of GMCers known as the Intersectional was held at Danby on August 22-23 with well over 60 registered.

The weather, which had been hot and humid all week, cooperated beautifully and gave us two fresh, comfortable days. Some of the campers even insisted that there was frost on the grass when they got up to thaw out on Sunday morning!

This was the usual pleasant occasion with hikes of varying lengths, a Saturday night Campfire, and much conversation related to GMC and otherwise.

The feature of the Campfire was the initiation of two GMCers into the Order of Porcupine. Prof. Vondell as High Chief Porcupine and Alan Gormley as Light Hand Porcupine officiated at this ceremony. Roy Buchanan and Craigie Perkins were the members so honored. If you missed this you missed it, that's all. It was a lot of fun but no written description could do it justice.

In the excitement over the initiation, the roll call of attendance by sections was overlooked. Probably this was just as well for Killington Sect., as our count would have been only 8, including our 3 members from Worcester, Mass.

C. V. CAMP - CHITTENDEN

July 26th was a fine hot Sunday, a perfect day to spend at a lake. We had free use of a large, comfortable cottage, a beach and a boat. What happened? Three people were at Meldon School for the start of our annual outing at the C. V. Camp in Chittenden. In spite of this we consoled ourselves with the adage that "it's quality not quantity" that counts and

set off for an enjoyable day.

Soon after lunch business picked up with the arrival of Craigie Perkins, most of the California Section of the Killington Section, namely, Thelma, David, Anne, Polly, and Timmy Perkins, and the rubber boat. Toward the end of the afternoon "Mim" and Bennett Bell arrived for a swim.

This was a very pleasant occasion for those who attended, and possibly some unusual circumstances made this year's attendance so small. However, we wonder a little if we should continue to reserve the use of this popular cottage for a summer Sunday if so few of our members are interested in this outing.

ADDITIONS TO 1959 MEMBERSHIP LIST

F. A. Atkinson
Martha Adams
Emile Boselli
Harriett Bryant
Pat Bruneau
Gretta Catozzi
Dick Catozzi
Ray Catozzi
Edith Ewald
Fred Field
Helen Frink
A. C. Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Wm Montague
Carol Harmenter
Thelma Perkins
Robert Perkins
David Perkins
Anne Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Ellen Russell
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sarcka
Lawrence Smith

DONATIONS TO FICO FUND

We have recently received donations to the Fico Fund from Helen Frink and Mrs. Harriett Bryant. We certainly appreciate their interest and assistance.



Vol.12 No.6 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Nov.-Dec. 1959

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., Nov. 22, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

Although this trip is not listed as a work party we will see that this beautiful lodge is snug for the winter. A good supply of wood should be put in for winter hikers, too, so what better project for an early winter Sunday. Remember, a large turnout insures that none has to work very hard!

We will meet at the old Meldon School at 10:30 AM for a pleasant walk thru the woods to one of our nicest lodges. Come and enjoy our winter woods.

TIME: Sat., Dec. 5, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

The big question is..... will there be snow? Let's hope so, although this is also a pleasant walk thru fields and hard woods without snow cover. There is always a good chance to see some of our winter bird neighbors and occasionally other wild

life. Buffum is an old shelter in a pleasant woodsy location. We have had good trips here in the heat of summer and in winter when we found forty inches of snow on the roof. Chances are this trip will fall somewhere in between these extremes.

We will meet at Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

Merry Christmas

The turnout has been so poor on the trip nearest to Christmas that this year your outing chairman decided to skip it. The first trip of the New Year will be the annual moonlight hike to Tucker Lodge on Jan 16th.



PICO TRIL

The grand opening of the new PICO LODGE took place on Sunday, Sept. 27th. A bright day, a good crowd, and no speeches!

The new camp was made possible by the efforts of Art Koerber, former president of the GMC, in obtaining a grant of \$200 from the Massachusetts DAR. To this was added a few other small gifts. The balance of the \$700 cost will come from the funds of the Killington Section and possibly something from the parent GMC.

The Long Trail Patrol built the new camp in July. It is located exactly on the site of the old log shelter giving a fine view to the east. The door is in the north end, a window in the south end, one in the back over the table, and three big ones across the front. Very sightly.

For the trip the Killington Section turnout was twenty-three. Best in months. Keep coming!

Both the Woodstock Country Day School and the Putney School had groups of young people in the Pico area that day. Too bad more such groups don't use the Long Trail.

The trail up from Sherburne Pass was in good condition showing much use. After the Putney School group moved out we put the coffee pot over their outdoor fire and soon had the makings ready. Some hikers went up the the peak while others discussed camp improvements. (Already!) Decided to move the swinging windows to the inside where they will last longer.

A stove has been ordered for Pico and as soon as it arrives we will have a little work party. Several "volunteers" are anxiously awaiting for a call to action. The stove will be taken to pieces and make up into several light packs. Project WHISTLEDOWN!

CAMEL'S HUMP CLIMB

The sun rose on Oct. 10th to partly cloudy skies. Three hopeful hikers met at Meldon School. After a brief wait to be sure no ambitious soul would be added to our number, we set out for Huntington Center on the west side of the mountain.

After a beautiful ride up through the fall foliage we arrived at the Borroughs Camp, parked the bus and set off for the top of the mountain. For the first mile or so the trail follows an old logging road and was an easy grade for someone who hasn't climbed a real mountain in some time to get his second wind. Soon we were climbing up through the hardwood forest of birch, beech and maple to the higher evergreens. The trail became somewhat steeper as we neared the top of the ridge between the Hump and Bald Hill. The latter seemed to be quite well wooded now. The top of the mountain should have been visible from here we felt but it was pretty well hidden by clouds. However, having faith in our trusty Guide Book we traveled on and the trail climbed more steeply. We all got a welcome boost from Craigue's chocolate, and continued on with renewed vigor for the huts.

We arrived there for a late lunch around 2:00 PM. The clouds were quite low and Craigue kidded Jack considerably about the small patches of blue sky. However his faith was rewarded for when we made our way from the huts to the summit the sky was fast clearing. It was surprisingly warm on top considering the apparently very strong wind aloft. The view was a bit hazy. The top of the mountain was surprisingly well populated, as we were one of four groups there on Camel's Hump that afternoon.

CAMEL'S HUMP (CONT.)

On the way down we met a family from Essex Jct. who inquired about the GMC. Jack just happened (?) to have some Short Trips folders in his pocket and passed them out. Too bad he did not have an extra Guide Book, too.. might have sold one! They had spent some time hunting for the right road from Huntington which we had found with little trouble using the Guide Book.

All in all we would say you all missed one of the nicest trips of the year with nearly perfect hiking conditions...it could have been snowing at that elevation in October!

PIONEER TOUR OF THE WEST by Rachell Bell

On a very hot day in June, thirteen teenagers and a tour director boarded the train in New York for the West. Each of us took only one suitcase and a sleeping bag to last us through six weeks of touring and camping in temperatures ranging from freezing to 120 degrees. Rather excited we spent our first night in reclining seats, chatting and getting acquainted, sometimes singing songs to a guitar.

After a stopover in Chicago to see the Museum of Science and Industry for a day we traveled by night to Denver. The city, like other western cities we saw later, was on a wide, high plain, with spacious streets, flower beds, and clean looking buildings everywhere. Here we met our second tour director and continued our tour by station wagon. Each car had a U-haul-it wagon behind with three tents apiece and camping gear.

Our first night camping was in Rocky Mountain National Park, and wat it rocky! I had forgotten to pack an air mattress, alas, but all the others had theirs.

The gigantic mountains on the Continental Divide were covered with snow. We felt the definite change in altitude here; running 25 yards was like running a hundred. Even walking on the level made us breathless.

In Dinosaur National Park we saw men actually uncovering the huge skeletons of prehistoric monsters, still intact after millions of years. In the Great Salt Lake the next day we swam out on top of the water, unable to get our feet down under us, and emerged coated with salt. To my great surprise, I found myself up at five AM cooking breakfast for fifteen people in Yellowstone Park. Many times after that we rose early and pitched tents late at night, for we drove long distances, covering seven thousand miles in those two station wagons in the following weeks. Old Faithful's eruption and the bears standing hopefully on their haunches waiting for food were interesting sights.

Skiing on Mt. Hood on July 19th in short sleeves and rolled up blue jeans was a lot of fun, as was the horseback riding on a ranch and swimming at Lake Tahoe. Here we visited the night clubs of movie star fame, and the casinos at Reno, as well as the ghost town of gold rush days... Virginia City.

We stayed in hotels in Denver, Salt Lake, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Colorado Springs. We rode in the cable cars up the world's steepest streets in San Francisco and visited China Town, going on to Disneyland and Hollywood; then we crossed the desert with the thermometer at 120 degrees. These were memorable experiences...especially when we lost the other wagon and ours broke down half way across the Mohave Desert with no help in sight.

After hours of delay we drove all night until we arrived at St. George, Utah, at three AM and slept with our sleeping bags

rolled out in the city park. Most beautiful Bryce Canyon, Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks came next on our itinerary. At Mesa Verde we saw ancient pueblos and later in the day we saw Indians doing Corn Dances. A tour of the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs interested us all, as did earlier visits to Grand Coolee, Bonnevillie and Hoover Dams, and the copper mine at Salt Lake City.

When the party left for the East, I met an uncle and his family and went to Los Alamos, N. M., to visit for ten days, flying home alone late in Aug. The trip was over eleven thousand miles and its vivid details will be a long time with me. It was called **TEENAGE PIONEER TOUR OF THE WEST**, sponsored by the Student International Tour Assoc. of New York and Los Angeles.

The teenagers on the trip came from all over the eastern seaboard and the ones from the cities or from sheltered backgrounds found it rugged going some of the time, but I thought the hiking and camping I had done in New England were good preparation for it.

What a huge and interesting country we live in! I hope to be able to go back to the West often later on, and can take this trip over again with my colored slides.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$102.81

In spite of all the Rummage Sales which had been held and were being held, trade was brisk when we opened the doors on Oct. 17th for our annual Rummage Sale. By the end of the day we had added over \$100 to our treasury to help in paying for Pico Lodge.

Once again we thank all who contributed articles; without you there could have been no sale. We also thank those who helped by working in preparation for, during and sale and in cleaning up.

COVERED DISH BULFER

Sunday morning, Oct. 25th, was rainy, dark and unpromising, weatherwise, but by noon the sun was shining. The afternoon was bright and warm, just right for taking walks in the surrounding woods to work up an appetite for supper.

By 6 o'clock everyone was ready for the "grand march" around the dining table, collecting as much food as his plate would hold en route. Then followed a leisurely period of eating and visiting, interrupted only by additional trips to the table for seconds and desserts.

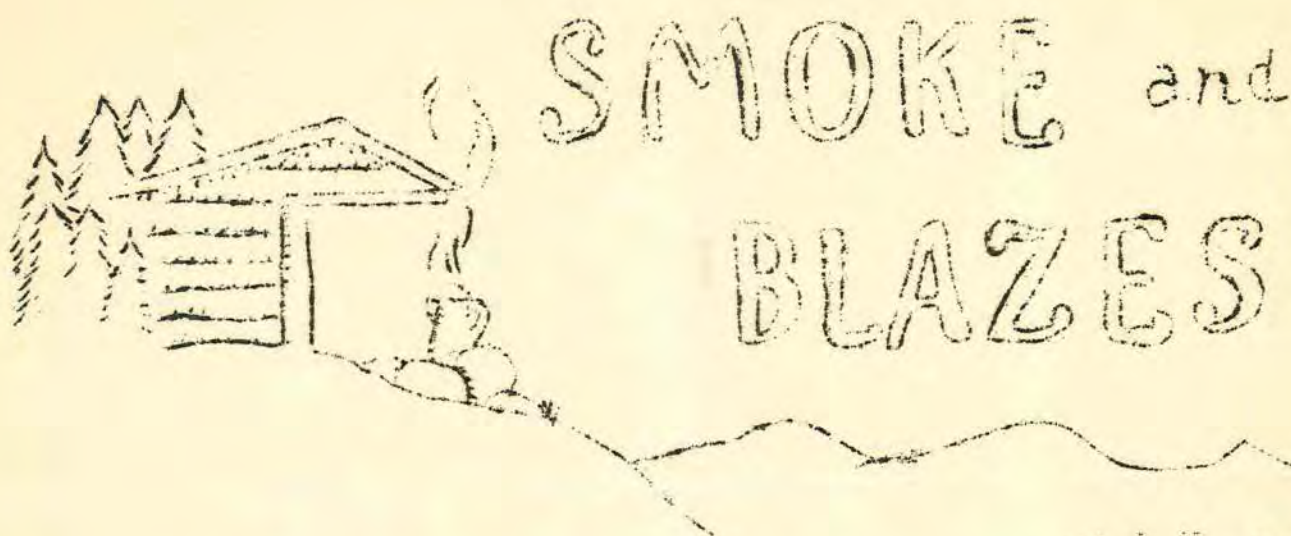
After supper Jack Martin livened things up with his accordion, while the clearing away was being done. After this Jack shared with us a selection of his colored slides.

Although the group was somewhat smaller this year, those attending found it the usual enjoyable occasion.

STOVE INSTALLED AT PICO LODGE

On Sunday, November 1st the installation of the stove at Pico Lodge was completed. During the previous week Craigue had made one trip alone and one with Ray Catozzi to take up some of the parts. On Sunday, with a work party consisting of Craigue, Churchill Scott, George Conlon, Ray and four young boys on hand, the rest of the stove and necessary equipment was packed in, the stove reassembled, cemented together, installed and tried out.

This is a big job done and only those who have participated in such a job appreciate how big. However, this shows how much can be accomplished by even a small group working together. We think the fellows would agree there is fun, too, along with the work. There is still the remodelling of the windows to be done. After that, what next? Let's keep up the good work.



Vol. 13 No. 1 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan.-Feb. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. Jan. 16, 7:00 PM
PLACE: Moonlight Hike, Tucker Lodge.

Once again with the new year comes that once in a lifetime opportunity to challenge the great outdoors by moonlight. If you have never walked in the winter woods by moonlight don't miss this opportunity. Those of us who have been before will be there never fear. If the weather should prove stormy on Sat. we will take the trip on Sun. night. If in doubt, you can check by calling Jack Martin at 3-8621. We will meet at Meldon School at 7:00 PM.

TIME: Wednesday Jan. 27, 6:00 PM
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING "Riverside"

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club will be held on Wed. instead of Thurs. Jan. 27 not 28 at the Riverside Reformatory. The dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and will cost \$1.25 per person. If you are unable to make the dinner the business meeting will follow at about 7:00 PM.

Mr. Paul Newcomb of the U.S. Forest Service will show two color movies on wild life and forests following the business meeting.

TIME: Sun. Jan. 31, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Sno-Shoe to Gov. Clement

If you do not brave the cool night air for the Moonlight Hike dig out your snowshoes for this trip along a back road in Shrewsbury. It should not prove to be overly strenuous but an enjoyable walk thru the winter woods and fields. We will meet at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sat.-Sun.-Mon. Feb. 20-22
PLACE: WINTER WEEKEND, Tall Timber

Since we are fortunate this year in having a long weekend with Washington's Birthday on Mon. we have decided to have Winter Weekend run from Sat. noon thru Mon. noon. Craigie Perkins has kindly said that if anyone wished to extend it still further to include Fri. night they would be welcome provided they brought their own grub for the extra meals. He will be there warming up the house. (Cont. p.2)

FAMILY CAMPING FUN

By Miriam Bell

Two delightful camping spots for family fun we discovered this summer, favorite spots for years of lots of other folks, but new to us. The first was White Lake, N. H. It is a small lake hidden away at the southern rim of Mt. Chocorua, just south of Conway. Clear water above a white sand beach which extends a long way out invites one to swim lazily or sun on the shore. There is nothing on the whole lake except the state park which is purposely kept small enough to be restful. There were all kinds of fine cottage tents erected and most of them had a pair of aluminum chaise longues in front or in back of them so campers had brought their comforts with them. We met a good many G.E. families there, some of them had been returning for fifteen years...a good ad for the campground. It is important to be at the headquarters office at eight o'clock in the morning to get a site, so we camped at a private spot called White Lake Oasis a quarter of a mile away the night before. The four hour cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee not too far away, summer theatre and shopping in North Conway, and hiking up Mount Chocorua are favorite day trips from White Lake.

The second spot was Fish Creek Pond, N. Y. in the Adirondacks. This is a small lake also with a much larger campground, which extends all around the lake in a white birch forest. Each campsite is on the lake with its own beach, although clamshells make it really more comfortable to swim at the main beach where there are lifeguards. Tenters rent canoes or rowboats in the park, moor them at their tent site and enjoy the same freedom of using the water as if a lakefront cottage had been rented. The mountains and the social events

of Lake Placid, Tupper Lake, and Saranac Lake are nearby.

These lake camps make us wish that Vermont might develop some of its lakes which are just as beautiful and make inexpensive camping spots for families from all over the fifty states who would enjoy our Green Mountains, our shops and social events. Camping tourists actually spend a great deal of money in the states where they locate and the state would find increased revenue in their business if as much were done to invite their stay here as is done to invite motel and hotel guests and new industries.

Remember these two interesting camping spots when you sit by the fire this winter planning your safaris for next summer.

WINTER WEEKEND (Contd.)

We hope that the long weekend will encourage many of our out-of-town members to attend. Please remember that we absolutely must have reservations for this outing in order to obtain exactly the right amount of food. It also helps to know if those in your group are adults or children and the approx. ages of the later. Names help too in planning the division of kitchen duties! All reservations should be made by Wed. Feb. 17th at the latest as planning, shopping, and packing in to camp must be done by Fri. Please make reservations with Janet Martin, PR 3-8621 or write her at 7 Curtis Ave., Rut.

For those of you who are new to the Winter Weekend everyone packs in his own bedding; (sleeping bags are best as the cottage and cabins are heated by wood stoves and it can get pretty cold on a Feb. night.) A flashlight is also a must. It is a half mile walk from US4 to camp so come equipped for deep snow with snowshoes or skis.

CLARENDON LODGE

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, was one of those bright sunny days which seem to coincide quite regularly with a trip to Clarendon Lodge.

This outing brought out one of the best crowds of the year. We were glad to have two faculty members from Green Mt. Junior College with us again, and enjoyed the six student members of their Outing Club who came with them. We hope they will join us again soon.

It was pleasant to find the old road in from Rte. 103 once again in good walking condition. Most of the party took this short cut while a few hiked in over the Long Trail.

We found the Lodge in good condition with little cleaning up needed except for eliminating surplus food supplies which we do not favor leaving in shelters. Even these, however, had been left in as good condition as possible and were carefully dated.

During the morning a "warming bench" for the west side of the shelter near the stove was built. This was a welcome addition as Clarendon Lodge is a popular destination for winter outings and the area around the stove is a favorite focal point. Now all we need is some sort of movable bench which can be drawn up to the front of the stove, so feet can be comfortably warmed in the oven!

After lunch the chief activity was chopping practice by the girls from G.M.J.C. This gave them plenty of exercise and fun while providing an interesting spectator sport for the rest of us. Probably there has never been a larger supply of wood left after an outing.

Around 4 o'clock, reluctantly as always, we closed camp and headed back for Rte. 103, our cars and town.

BUFFUM

Our final outing for the 1959 season was a trip to Buffum on Saturday, Dec. 5th. We had hoped this might be a snowshoe trip but even lacking that it was a good outing, well attended.

There were 9 of us when we left Meldon School for the hiking point where The Long Trail crosses the Gulf Road. We found good walking conditions this year, (pleasant contrast to the icy road over which we slipped and slid to reach Buffum last winter).

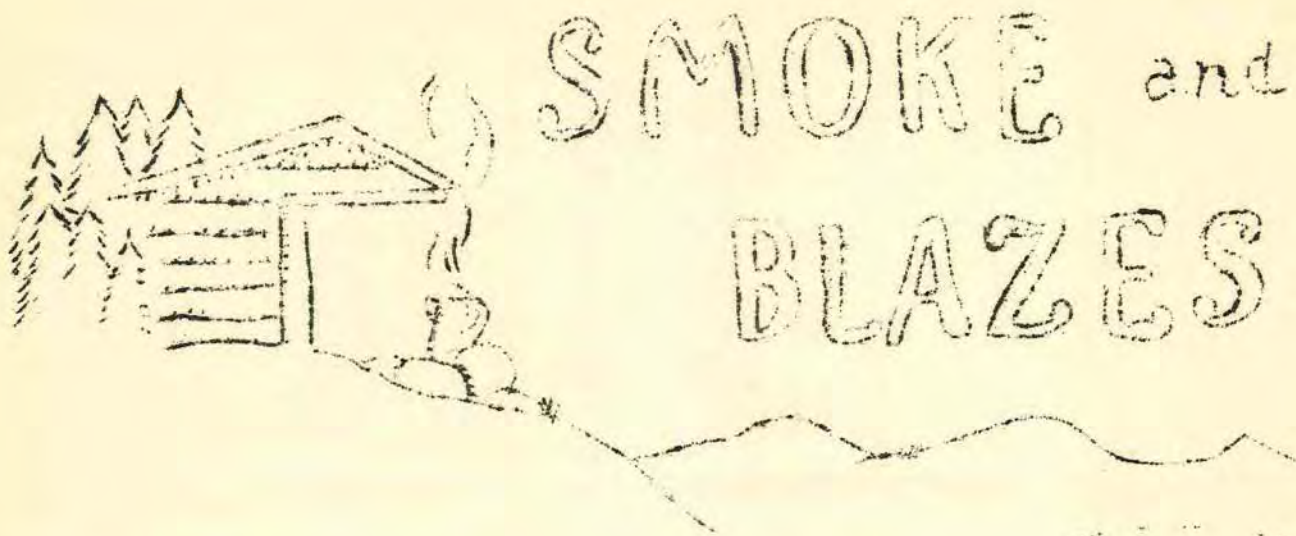
We had been at the shelter but a short time when we were joined by 8 hikers from Springfield. Some of this group had attended our Winter Weekend last year. It was fun to meet them again. Attending from the most distant point was Bob Perkins from California whose short visit in Rutland coincided with this hike.

Fires were built both in the outdoor fireplace and in the old stove which functions after a fashion, although a replacement is definitely needed.

After lunch walks were taken north on The Trail to enjoy the fine view which this section provides.

Some time at the shelter was happily spent in considering a possible slight change of site for a new shelter; deciding the present site is really best after all; determining what would be the best construction plan for the new shelter. Of course this project is way in the future as we still have to complete paying our share of the expense of Pico. Still we can dream. This is really a choice location, attractive in all seasons and someday-----.

Some of the Springfield party went on over The Trail to Sunnyside, but we returned by the way we had come. We really should add 3 to this hike's attendance as on our way out we met Churchill, Bobby and Candy Scott coming in.



Vol. 13 No. 2 KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Mar.-Apr. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. March 5, 10:00 AM
PLACE: Sunnyside

This will be a combined work party and pleasure trip. Snowshoes or skis will probably be very necessary so soon after our Washington's Birthday storm. Shelters' chairman, Churchill Scott reports the doors need some attention. Lets have a good turnout and make Sunnyside shipshape again. We will leave Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

TIME: Sun. March 20, 10:30 AM
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge.

Barring an early thaw this trip will also require snowshoes. It will also be a combined work party and pleasure trip if preliminary investigations reveal any necessary repairs and, or housecleaning. This is a beautiful walk of not too great a distance. See you at Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sun., Mar. 27, 6:30 PM
PLACE: Maple Sugar Party
At home of Vera Perkins
242 So.Main St., Rutland

It was voted at the Annual Meeting to hold the Sugar Party in Vera Perkins' attic again this year. A committee made up of Pearle Nichols, Ruth Fostman, Churchill Scott and Bob Hathaway volunteered to help Vera with boiling the syrup down and setting up the tables and chairs. Reservations are necessary for this event and may be made by calling Janet Martin, PR-3-8621 by Fri, Mar. 25th. The sugar-on-snow will be served about 6:30 PM.

Considerable interest was shown in repeating the very entertaining feature of a Chinese auction as held last year. Nicknacks, books, games, toys, and plants are a few suggestions of items which probably go well. It might increase the fun if you wrapped your contributions and tagged them with some hint as to contents.

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., April 9, 10:00 AM.
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

This is usually a very pleasant early Spring outing barring a late blizzard! At any rate we will hope for the best and make do with what we get. It is neither a long nor a strenuous trip and it is always fun to look for the first faint signs of spring. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

TIME: Sun., April 24, 10:30 AM.
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

Once again we visit Tucker for the annual Spring cleaning bee. It should look quite different around there from the last scheduled trip by moonlight in January. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes so let's make this a really big work party! We will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

JANUARY 31ST HIKE
GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

As we arrived at our parking place on the Upper Road, and the seven of us disembarked from the station wagon, we were met by our Schenectady member who was accompanied by his camping partner, a very congenial guest of our outing. They had just arrived from spending the night at Clarendon, and reported the Lodge in very good shape, with an abundance of firewood remaining from our November wood-chopping ceremonies.

What superb snowshoeing, with a foot of light powder snow, a comfortable temperature, a bright sun and no wind! The shelter was soon reached, and Craigie's axe was heard above the chatter of friendly conversation as

firewood was prepared. A fire was soon roaring in the stove and on went ye olde faithful coffee pot. Another fire was started in the fireplace and the aroma of hot dogs and hamburgs filled our nostrils. Never did food taste better!

But time passed quickly and soon it was time to leave. As we returned to the road, we were grateful for a pleasant winter outing, felt sorry for those who could not share the day with us, and thanked the weatherman for his cooperation.

ANNUAL MEETING

M. Bell

As reported in Rutland Herald

At the annual meeting of the Killington Section on Jan. 27th, Bennett Bell was reelected president. Raymond Catozzi, vice president, and Eleanor Walker, secretary-treasurer. Harold Valiquette was chairman of the nominating committee.

The Green Mountain Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was founded March 11, 1910 in Burlington with Jim Taylor as its first president, the same year that the Dartmouth Outing Club was formed in Hanover, N.H.

The Long Trail was blazed over the tops of the Green Mountains from Canada to the Mass. border, a distance of 256 miles. During the past half-century this "footpath through the wilderness" has drawn visitors from all over the world and its 56 shelters and lodges have always been open without charge to the hikers.

Craigie Perkins, in making his report of our section, stated that Pico and Clarendon Lodges were in excellent condition; Sunnyside, Gov. Clement, and Cooper in good condition;

and Buffum in fair condition.

Volunteers are needed to clear the trail of blowdowns and to make repairs on the shelters from time to time. Work parties will be scheduled every month during the next year. He said that several troops of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and college groups from Green Mountain, Castleton, and Putney had joined the hikes this past year.

Miss Vera Perkins reported that the annual rummage bazaar netted \$100 toward the new Pico Lodge. The Sugar Party, Winter Weekend, and Card Party were well attended.

Jack Martin, publicity chairman, reported that the colored slides which are available to any local group without charge, had been shown in many schools and in club meetings.

Mrs. Mary Perkins, editor of The Long Trail News, mentioned that the intersectional meeting in August, hitherto a weekend affair, is to be lengthened to a full week including Labor Day weekend, so that vacationing families with tents may come for a part or for all of that time. The location is to be in Eden, at the Boy Scout Camp of the Long Trail Council. Raymond Catozzi was appointed to report the Killington Section news for The Long Trail News.

New members introduced were Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hathaway. They will work with Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin on plans for the Winter Weekend in Mendon Feb. 20-22.

Churchill Scott, Mrs. Ruth Postman, Miss Pearle Nichols and Harold Valiquette will assist Miss Perkins with the annual maple sugar party at her home. Churchill Scott, Ben Rolston and club members will assist Craigie Perkins with trail

clearance and repair of shelters.

Paul Newcomb, supervisor of the U.S. Forest Service showed three films about conservation.

1960 Membership List

Betty Ball	Lori Wadsworth
Helen Bailey	Luise Wadsworth
Bennett Bell	Wm. Wadsworth, Jr.
Charlotte Bell	Wm. Wadsworth, III
Marie Bell	Eleanor Walker
Miriam Bell	
Rachel Bell	
Lucy Bishop	
Pat Bruneau	
G. Lucius Carey	
Ray Catozzi	
Gretta Catozzi	
Richard Catozzi	
Polly Crocker	
Sally Crocker	
Ruth Postman	
Wilson F. Fowler, Jr.	
Hans J. Fritsch	
Frances Green	
Robert Hathaway	
Suzanne Hathaway	
George Kirk	
Caroline Lovejoy	
Florence Mitchell	
William Mitchell	
Pearle Nichols	
Betsey Martin	
Carol Martin	
Jack Martin	
Janet Martin	
Nancy Martin	
Craigie Perkins	
Mary Perkins	
Vera Perkins	
Ben Rolston	
Ann Reynolds	
G. W. Reynolds	
Mrs. Richard Roberts	
Richard Roberts, Jr.	
Charles Sabourin	
Gerard Sabourin	
Mary Pat Sabourin	
Michelle Sabourin	
Churchill Scott	
Robert Scott	
Harold Valiquette	
Thelma Valiquette	
Florence Van Wyck	

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER
by
Judy Allard

About 8 o'clock on a cold Saturday evening in January a small group of hikers started from the edge of Route 4 near Pico for Tucker Lodge.

The snow was packed quite hard and we did not need snowshoes. Even though the moon was not yet up it was a nice night for hiking.

On arriving at Tucker we soon had a good fire burning without the customary "smoking out" period. While the water was reaching the coffee-making temperature, we warmed up, and then enjoyed doughnuts and coffee to the accompaniment of harmonica music, singing and chatting.

When everyone had eaten as many doughnuts as possible we left for home. On the way out it was snowing lightly, but we did get some brief glimpses of the moon.

It was a good night and a good time was had by all.

(Ed. note) We were surprised and not pleased to find on arriving at Tucker that someone had installed an auxiliary stove for his own convenience, cutting off two roof-supporting beams in so doing, as well as setting the stove directly on the wood floor. We feel this is taking too many liberties with someone else's property. This stove will be removed on our next trip to Tucker and we hope the roof isn't getting too heavy a load of snow this winter.

WINTER WEEKEND
by
Susan Barrett

As the snow fell and wind blew, a group of seventeen Green Mountain College Outing Club members accompanied by two teachers, Mrs. Lovejoy and Miss Brainwarth, trudged up the path to the lodge at Tall Timber. None of us knew what we would find at the end of our trek, but our

highest expectations could not have been realized more than when we found that we would be spending the night in a quaint cabin with a potbelly stove.

And oh, what a night it was! From the moment the first flash bulb went off to the moment a loud chorus of an old record woke us up, each of us had either been scared by an eerie ghost story, taken a midnight hike with flashlights, or roasted hot days at 4:00 A.M.

During the day each girl was assigned a duty in order to help with the meals; the rest of the time was spent in enjoying the beautiful surroundings in any way that one preferred. Some went for a hike up to Blue Ridge Mountain, others went skiing along pine dotted paths, and several tried tobogganing down the road.

Too soon came the hour to leave, and as we started back down the hill, we all had memories of another wonderful day spent with the Green Mountain Club.

FURTHER NOTES ON THE WEEKEND

Activities of the rest of the group somewhat paralleled those of the G. M. College girls, omitting the "night life".

With both cabins in the woods occupied by two family groups from Springfield, Vt., and the main cottage filled to overflowing with club members from Worcester and Chelmsford, Mass., Schenectady, N.Y. and Rutland, there was never a dull moment.

The 45 gathered around for the excellent Sunday dinner (all meals were capably planned by Janet Martin), represented the largest crowd in the history of Killington Section winter weekends.

With two bright days following the snow storm, ordered for the occasion, nothing was lacking for a perfect Vermont winter weekend and it was much enjoyed by all attending.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

We feel glad that President Bennett Bell has asked us to serve on the Trails and Shelters Committee and we will do all we can to make 1960 a very successful year. At the recent winter weekend we made preliminary plans for the spring season.

Already we have made trips to Tucker and Sunnyside to compile a list of needed materials and work projects to do on our coming hikes to these camps. Ben Rolston has kindly consented to take care of the Trail from Route 103 to the Gulf Rd.

The committee gives a great deal of time and effort to make the Killington Section the best on the Trail, but without the help and interest of every member we will accomplish very little. Please let

(NEW OUTING SCHEDULES ARE BEING INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE.)

us say again, our success will depend on the willingness of everyone to do their bit no matter how small.

Churchill Scott
Ben Rolston

CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

President Bennett Bell has appointed the following chairmen for the coming year:

Trails & Shelters-Churchill Scott
Ben Rolston

Outings - Craigie Perkins

Publicity - Jack Martin

Smoke & Blazes - Janet Martin

Reporter-Long Trail News-R.Catozzi

MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1960 NOW DUE

If you haven't already sent in your 1960 membership Eleanor Walker
Treas., 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt.
would be happy to receive it.

The next issue of SMOKE & BLAZES will be the last one sent to the 1959 mailing list.

Treasurer's Report January 1, 1960

RECEIPTS

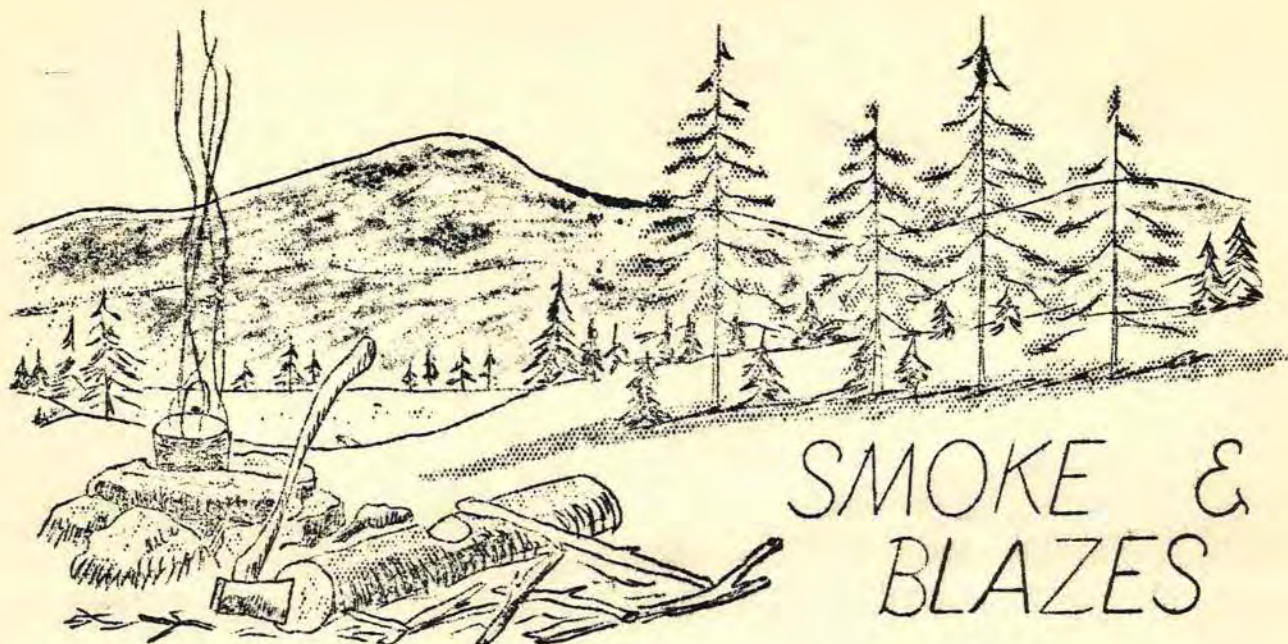
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959		\$468.27	
Received from dues		125.00	
Received from Card Party		13.95	
Sold one Guide Book		1.00	
Sold three Emblems		1.50	
Received from Winter Weekend		8.00	
Donation by Wayne Sarcka for repairs at Sunnyside		3.00	
Sale of leaflet "Cooking on the Long Trail"		.10	
Interest on money in Bank		7.95	
Received from Rummage Sale		102.81	
Donations Pico Fund-Individual,	12.00		
Chinese Auction,	8.80		
A Mass. Chapter of D.A.R.	200.00		
		220.80	952.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Annual Meeting	5.00	
Expense of Repairs to Tucker Lodge	3.61	
Outing Committee Schedules	16.00	
Cost of "Smoke and Blazes"	21.50	
Postage	3.00	
Stationery - Letter Heads and Envelopes	10.75	
Cost of Pico Shelter	512.00	
Paid Main Club for sign at Long Trail Lodge	16.85	
Bought 4 copies "Cooking on the Long Trail"	.40	
Fire Insurance on Sunnyside and Clarendon shelters	11.56	
Dues to Main Club	26.45	627.12

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960

\$325.26



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 13 No. 3 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB May-June 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat., May 7
PLACE: Bird Mountain

The last time we went to Bird Mt. was in the fall - it should be equally beautiful in the spring. The spring flowers are already blooming along the roadways so this area should be teeming with flora and fauna in another week. Shed the winter doldrums and get out in the woods. Meeting time will be 10:00 AM at Meldon School.

TIME: Sun., May 15
PLACE: Wilcox Hill

This is a new trip on our schedule but not far away as Wilcox Hill is located in Shrewsbury. It is reported to be a very good trip so all you explorers pack up your lunch and plan to go on this one. Explorers will leave Meldon School at 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sat., May 28
PLACE: Annual Meeting, G.M.C.
Long Trail Lodge

Let's have a really good turnout of Killington Section members for this our 50th year. Special observances are planned for dinner at night. Check your Long Trail News for further details and plan to attend.

TIME: Sun. June 12
PLACE: Stoney Brook Shelter

This shelter is on the Appalachian Trail east of Sherburne Pass and is located near Notown Clearing about 6 miles east of Vt. 100. We have been rained out on a couple of hikes planned for here so we hope for better luck this time. Departure time from Meldon School will be at 10:30 AM.

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THANKS TO RAY CATOZZI FOR DESIGNING OUR NEW MASTHEAD. WE THINK IT'S
PRETTY NICE!

TIME: Sat., June 25
PLACE: Little Rock Pond

This is one of the most beautiful spots on the Long Trail: might even be nice for a dip in the lake. To give us more time at the Pond we will meet for this trip at 9:30 AM at Meldon.

SUGAR PARTY

On Sunday, March 27th, our annual sugar-on-snow party was held. The place this year was again the third floor of Vera Perkins' home.

Members and guests totaling 33 adults and 12 juniors assembled at 6:30 PM to partake of the usual sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee. For some this was a first sugar-party experience.

Contrary to custom, we succeeded in getting the syrup boiled down to the proper stage at precisely 6:30 o'clock. This was no doubt a surprise to everyone, the committee included!

With the aid of several willing volunteers, the committee soon had everyone settled and enjoying the feast.

After each had reached the limit of his capacity and had "stirred down" any syrup remaining in his dish, snow containers and dishes were quickly cleared away and we were ready for the Chinese Auction.

With chances selling at five cents each, one could safely-indulge his gambling instinct. It really was a gamble too, as items were sold wrapped. Interest was added by the clever hints as to contents which were attached to some of the packages.

After all the parcels had been disposed of and we totaled up the evening's "take" we found that, with some profit from sugar-party plus the proceeds of the auction, there was \$16 to add to our treasury. This makes a nice little start toward our next big project -

replacing Buffum Shelter.

Thanks go to the members of the committee and several volunteers who helped with the work, and to all who participated and so made this a pleasant and successful evening.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The Trails and Shelters Committee has been quite active since the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

Ben Rolston has spent four or five days on the Killington Section. The Trail has been completely cleared and painted from the Gulf Road north to the Smith Road above Beacon Hill.

Buffum Shelter has been made ready for the summer hiking season and the same applies for Clarendon Shelter.

Craigie Perkins and Churchill Scott spent Saturday, April 30th, putting a new roof on the back half of Tucker. With such a small work party it was impossible to complete the job. There are still some shingles ripped off so just as soon as possible there should be another work party there.

The Committee has scheduled the following work parties to prepare the Killington Section for summer:

Sunday, May 22 - Pico Shelter
Saturday - June 4 - Trail clearing - Pico to Killington
Sunday, June 19 - Trail clearing - Gov. Clement.

If any members are interested and able to help please contact Churchill Scott, Tel. PR 5-5720

Churchill Scott, Chair.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Treasurer Eleanor Walker reports that she has received donations totaling \$9.80 toward the expense of re-building Pico Shelter. We certainly appreciate these donations.

SUNNYSIDE

The trip to Sunnyside on March 5th was perfectly timed, coming as it did the day after a good March snow storm.

On arrival at Meldon School we were pleased to find a good group of workers assembled, as the main object of this trip, in addition to a snowshoe outing, was repair work on the doors at Sunnyside.

Arriving at the junction of Route 103 and the Spring Lake Ranch road, all the tools, lumber, lunches, snowshoes, and miscellaneous impedimenta were loaded into Harold Valiquette's truck which was equipped to drive in as far as the snowshoeing point.

With nothing to carry we enjoyed a leisurely walk up the hills admiring the beauty of the fresh snow all around us.

Donning snowshoes at the end of the road, we took off through the fields, finding the snowshoeing excellent.

Arriving at Sunnyside a fire was started and the men went to work at once on repairing the doors.

With a good fire in the stove and a tarpaulin hung across nearby to keep out the wintery breezes, we soon had a warm corner for the non-workers to relax in while the coffee water heated.

After a lunchtime break the men continued work while of the rest, some went for walks and others continued to enjoy the cozy stove corner.

When as much work had been completed as time would allow, we packed up our gear for the return trip. This was a real day's work and one more day should complete putting the doors in good shape.

Spurning offers of a ride down we retraced our steps to the cars, while some of the juniors enjoyed the thrills and spills of a sled ride down.

With more good work parties like this 1960 should be a year of accomplishment.

CLARENDON LODGE

Sunday, March 20th was another good day for a winter outing. Opinions varied as to whether or not there would be snowshoeing - so some took snowshoes and some didn't. We found that you could get there either with or without, but we think the "withs" had a little the best of it.

Arriving at Clarendon Lodge, we found, as we had half expected, Ben Rolston there to welcome us, and a good fire going. Ben having spent the night there, the Lodge was in good shape, and as there was little work to be done, the day was pleasantly spent enjoying a leisurely lunch, taking short walks (for those who had snowshoes), and the never failing pastime of just talking. The junior members found the snow excellent for making snowmen.

Everyone seemed reluctant to leave and we lingered on until late afternoon. These late winter (or is it early spring?) outings are often some of the best ones of the year.

TUCKER HIKE

Four people braved the wet weather on Sunday, April 24th to make the hike to Tucker.

On the way in they met a group of hikers from the Middlebury College Outing Club who had spent the night at Tucker. This group reported that they had found the shelter quite "messy" on their arrival but had done a clean-up job. Arriving at Tucker, the Killington Section group found that they had indeed done an excellent piece of work and had also left a good supply of wood. Thanks Middlebury!

As Jack Martin had previously taken in some materials to work with the four hikers were able to make the most of their time at Tucker by doing some in-door repair work.

BUFFUM SHELTER
by
Barbara Allard

The paper said there might be spring flowers, so a total of 17 people, about 9 of them children, gathered to make the trip to Buffum Shelter to see what they could find.

Though the snow was gone in Rutland we found that the trail was covered with snow. The younger members could walk on the top of the crust and thought it was a big joke when the older ones sank up to their knees in snow. The trip in seemed quite short and we soon came to the shelter curled up in the snow in front of the brook. Feeling the pangs of hunger we decided to build the fire outside the shelter in the spot where we thought the fireplace was. It was there too. Even with dampish wood and the snow base the expert fireman soon had a good hot fire and two of the boys were pressed into service to hold the coffee pot over the fire. A few of the others had cleaned up the camp while the fire was being started. Even the littlest ones (three and four years) helped. The sun kept coming in to see what all the commotion was about.

When lunch was over, two of the men took a short walk up Button Hill. The rest of us stayed at camp and discussed the best site for a new shelter. When the men got back with a few pussy-willows it was getting chilly so we decided to start back to Rutland. The snow had softened so that places that were safe on the way up were now too soft. The little ones liked that!

The spring flowers? After we got to the cars and started back toward Rutland we found lots and lots of big fluffy snow-drops. Real ones.

ADDITIONS TO 1960
MEMBERSHIP LIST.

Martha Adams
Barbara Allard
Johnny Allard
Judy Allard
Mary Elizabeth Allard
Robert L. Allcott
Harriet Bryant
Miles Bryant
George Conlon
Diana Conlon
Edith Ewald
Fred Field
Helen Frink
Minerva Hinchey
Margo Montague
William Montague
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Ellen Russell
Patricia Sabourin
Bernice Tuttle
Carlton Wilson

KEEP IT IN MIND

This is the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES to be sent to the 1959 mailing list. Get on the 1960 list by sending dues to Eleanor Walker, Treas. 87 Baxter Street, Rutland, Vermont.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 13 No. 4 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB July-Aug. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun., July 10 - 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: Abby Pond

This one might well be called a mystery hike. All we know about it is that intrigued by a directional sign ABBY TRAIL on Rte. 116 between East Middlebury and Bristol, we suggested a trip there to the Outing Chairman and here it is.

Better meet with us at Meldon School at 9:30 and come along and see what we find.

TIME: Sat., July 23 - 10 A.M.
PLACE: Shrewsbury Peak

Shrewsbury Peak is one of our nearby mountains of the Coolidge Range. It is reached by a side trail which runs from The Long Trail on Little Killington over the peak to the Northam Camping Area in Coolidge State Forest. It is about a 2 mile hike from the Camping Area to the summit. This is a very pleasant mountain with an excellent view. It is not a very difficult climb so plan to come and bring a friend or the children.

TIME: Sunday, Aug. 7th
PLACE: CVPS Camp

Once again Eleanor Walker has secured the use of the Central Vermont Public Service Corp. camp for an outing at Chittenden Dam. This is always a pleasant family affair for young and old alike, so mark your calendar now and plan to come. Bring your swim suit and a big lunch and make it a big, leisurely day. For the benefit of those who do not know the way the group will gather at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M., or if you wish to come at a later hour directions may be obtained from Outing Chairman, Craig Perkins (Tel. PR 3-7954). Come any time and stay as long as you wish.

TIME: Aug. 27 to Sept. 5
PLACE: Intersectional at Eden, Vt.

Full details on the Summer Intersectional are found on the last page. This is the first time a full week has been set aside for the Intersectional, so why not plan to attend all or part of the time.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of G.M.C. was held at Long Trail Lodge on Saturday, May 28th.

The day began with a Coffee Hour at 10 A.M. which gave every one a chance to greet old friends and catch up with what was new with them.

The business meeting was called to order about 11 A.M. and proceeded with the customary reports from Sections and general items of business relating to the Club and its Trails and Shelters. This will be reported on in detail in the next LONG TRAIL NEWS.

The fact that this was our 50th Anniversary was commemorated with attractive place mats used on the tables at luncheon and dinner. These anniversary place mats are available from Publicity Chairman, Jack Martin. (Price 50¢ for 25 mats).

Larry Dean of the Burlington Section announced plans for the Intersectional to be held at Lake Eden the last week in August. It is planned to make this the big event of our Anniversary Year. As Larry outlined the plans this is something you won't want to miss.

For the evening program, Ben Rolston, 3 times End-to-End, took us with him on an interesting and easy trip over The Trail by means of his excellent collection of colored slides.

A large number of out of town members made Tall Timber their over night headquarters and the Sunday hikes started from there. Favored with perfect summer hiking weather, enthusiastic groups were organized with various objectives. One group drove to Killington Basin and rode the lift to the top of the mountain, some returning by the same route while others hiked to Pico Shelter and Sherburne Pass. Another group hiked to Pico Shelter and thence to the top of Pico. Still another group, from the New York Section elected to

visit one of the shelters on their section of The Trail. Many returned to Tall Timber for a second night and made a leisurely departure on Monday.

All in all it was an interesting and enjoyable GMC weekend.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

On Saturday, May 7th we revisited a spot which has not been included on the schedule recently. Our Schenectady members, Dorothy and Ben Rolston, joined us for this one and nine of us started from Meldon School for Bird Mt.

Outing Chairman, Craig Perkins had heard from the Green Mt. College group that they would join us on the mountain later in the day, so various directional signs were devised along the way to encourage and guide them. These must have been quite effective as even though the trail was a bit hard to follow in spots, we all eventually assembled at the spring and were joined there later by the Green Mt. College group and three more Rutland hikers.

The spring was promptly christened "Rigor Mortis Spring" by two of our Junior members who claimed their hands became numb from cold in clearing it out.

After lunch there was the usual consideration as to whether or not to make the steep climb to the top of the mountain. In the end, also as usual it was felt to be too bad to be so near and miss the fine view. So, we climbed to the top and as always felt well rewarded. There's a feeling gained from being on top of a mountain which can't be described.

For the Green Mt. College group this was a first trip to Bird Mountain and they found it a wholly satisfying experience. It was equally satisfying to those of us who had made the trip many times before.

WILCOX HILL
by
Ann Reynolds

In the last issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES, the trip to Wilcox Hill on May 15 was listed as "a new trip on our schedule." It was so new in fact that none of the nine people (including four juniors) who turned out on a gray, unpromising morning, knew just how to get to the top!

We drove out Cold River Road, turned left at the bridge, and left again, near the old cheese factory, where the trail to Gov. Clement Shelter goes off to the right. We continued our ride past several abandoned-looking farm houses, until we came within sight of Wilcox Hill, and parked the cars. Here we asked directions of a farmer. He told us to go up the road which cut through his property until we came to a "big maple". There we were supposed to go left and find a road which would take us to the top of the hill.

Seeing no "big maple", we decided to continue on around the hill in search of water to go with lunch. We finally found a brook and a nice clearing in the woods for a lunch stop. Rain started and stopped several times, but it was never hard enough to dampen our spirits or the fire.

By now, the top of the hill rose rather sharply behind us, and we decided the best way was simply to take off cross country and head for the summit. The woods were quite open with many wild flowers in bloom, and we reached the top without much difficulty. Although the sky hadn't cleared much, the view still was lovely enough to make us want to come back on a clearer day. All in all, it was a very good pioneer trip!

STONEY BROOK SHELTER

When we checked in at Meldon School at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, June 12th it looked at first as though there weren't going to be enough hikers to carry out this exploration trip as planned. However, just as we were about to give up hope, four more arrived and the trip was underway.

Using two station wagons for transportation, we drove first to the Sherburne schoolhouse on the Sherburne Hollow road, where we left one car. Loading all the hikers into the other station wagon, we drove back to Rts. 100 and on to Gaysville where we turned off on the road leading to "Notown". This good country road followed along beside Stoney Brook crossing and recrossing it at intervals, for about 6 miles. We left the car at what appeared to be the end of navigation for automobiles and proceeded on foot following the old road and the Appalachian Trail marks, expecting to see "Notown" and Stoney Brook Shelter at the top of each rise.

We walked and we walked. The country was interesting, the trail comparatively easy, but no shelter appeared. The usual hour for lunch came and went, still we walked.

Finally, the trail having climbed and veered to the right, leaving Stoney Brook far below and to the left of us, we reluctantly decided we had somewhere by-passed the shelter. It now being about one-thirty we made our lunch stop near the first available water. A place for the fire was dug out, the fire was started and in record time coffee water was boiling. The mosquitoes and black flies which hadn't bothered much up to now, prohibited lingering over lunch and we were soon on our way again.

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On and up over the ridge and then the trail followed a logging road down along the shoulder with a deep ravine on one side. We speculated on the identity of some interesting wild flowers and at one point startled a small bird from a nest under a root in the bank on the side of the road. A cautious peek into the nest revealed small white eggs with a brown ring on the end. We needed Betty Ball along to tell us what kind they were.

Finally we reached the spot where we had ended our winter hike in this area and soon came down onto the Sherburne Hollow road. Then to the schoolhouse for the car and back around to our starting point; which we now decided was probably "Notown"; and home.

No, we still haven't been to Stoney Brook Shelter but this was an interesting trip and some day we plan to go back again and find that shelter.

REPORT OF TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

The Trails and Shelters Committee has very little to report for this two month period. The most important work done was to repair the windows at Pico with the help of Mrs. Lovejoy and a group of students from Green Mountain College.

Mr. Ben Rolston has returned from a very interesting drive through the western states and soon we are going to have some more trail clearing parties to finish the work on the Killington Section.

Churchill Scott,
Chairman

LITTLE ROCK POND

Arriving at Meldon at 9:30 A.M., on Saturday, June 25th, we were surprised to find only six hikers on hand for this old favorite. Although not a bright sunny day the temperature was good for hiking and a fresh breeze promised that bugs would be no problem.

Going in most of us decided to go around the east side of the Pond and in so doing found that the beavers had changed the terrain in that area considerably. We spent some time in finding a spot where we could cross without deep wading, but finally made it with Mary Perkins' guidance. Even the bridge to the island was partially under water so at this point one of the party gave up and taking off her shoes and socks, just waded.

At the shelter we found a fire already going, thanks to a group of Massachusetts Boy Scouts and their leaders who had been in camp over night. They reported a very heavy rain and thunder storm in the night.

The wind from the Pond was quite cool and no one felt any urge for a swim or even to linger long after lunch. We made the return trip along the west shore, finding the trail quite wet from the recent storm.

Betty Ball planned a short vacation in Vermont to coincide with this outing and it was good to have her hiking with us again. Betty reports that she likes her work in North Carolina and has recently purchased a bit of land outside of town and a trailer, so she is enjoying country living in her own home.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS OF THE BIG 1960 INTERSECTIONAL!

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL WEEK - LAKE EDEN, VERMONT - 50TH YEAR, 1960

PLAN TO ATTEND the Intersectional Week, August 27 through September 5, at Lake Eden, Vermont. The Long Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, has kindly given us the use of the facilities of the Mount Norris Scout Reservation, including camping sites, cook shacks with stoves, recreation hall, beach, boats, canoes, cots, mattresses and even one or two large tents. Stay one day or ten days but be sure to come!

ALL KINDS OF ACTIVITIES can be enjoyed. There is something for everyone. Hiking, camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing, boating, woodland walking, wading, bird watching, just plain loafing and even badminton and volley ball. This is the schedule of hikes the committee has planned, not to mention innumerable hikes you can take on your own. Notice that at least two hikes have been planned each day: usually an easy one and a little harder one.

- Aug. 28 - (1) Mount Norris
(2) Belvedere Mt. to Tillotson Camp and back by way of Frank Post Memorial Trail
- Aug. 29 - (1) Mt. Hunger (Worcester Range)
(2) Spruce Peak (by chair lift or trail) and Elephant's Head
- Aug. 30 - (1) Domey's Dome to Taft Brook and out to Rt. 100 (Bushwhacking)
(2) Burke Mt. (you can drive up if you want to)
- Aug. 31 - (1) Belvedere Mt. to old mine
(2) Ritterbush Pond and Devil's Gulch from Frying Pan Brook
- Sept. 1 - (1) Mt. Pisgah and Lake Willoughby
(2) Westmore or Bald Mt.
- Sept. 2 - (1) Camel's Hump
(2) Pinnacle near Richford
- Sept. 3 - (1) Jay Peak
(2) Journey's End and International Line Post 592
(3) Rt. 105 to Journey's End
- Sept. 4 - (1) Mt. Mansfield by trail, chair lift or toll road
(2) Owls Head and view of Lake Memphremagog

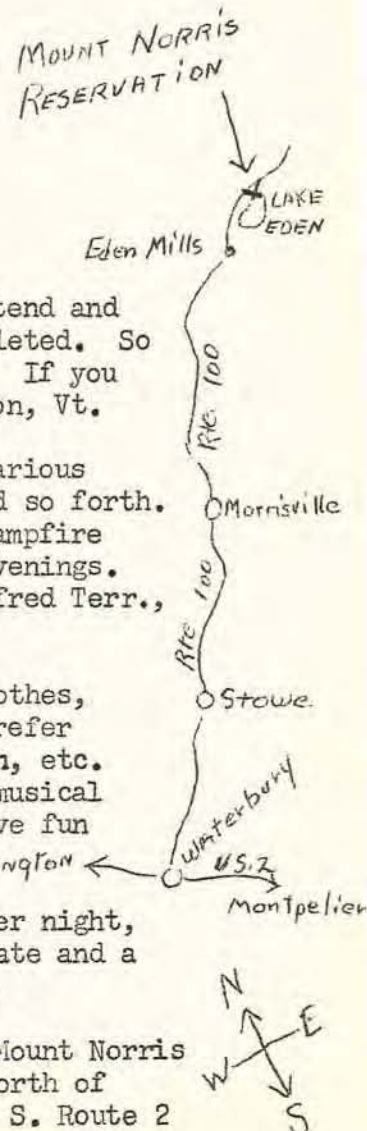
SECTION PRESIDENTS should find out how many of their members plan to attend and should notify Larry Dean by August 5, if possible, so plans can be completed. So let your Section President know your plans by then if you possibly can. If you can't plan in advance, come anyway! Larry Dean, 964 Pine St., Burlington, Vt.

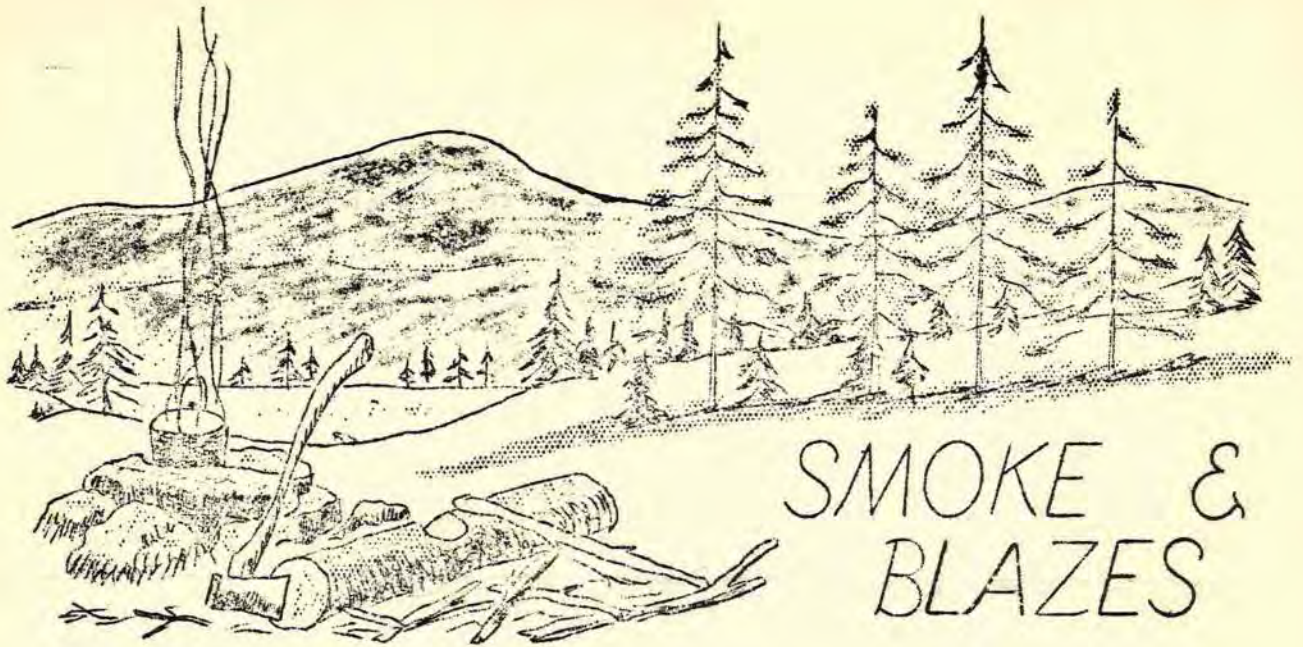
CAMPFIRES OR OTHER ENTERTAINMENT will be presented every evening, the various Sections taking turns as hosts. Stunts, song-singing, story-telling and so forth. Make your Section's night the best and the most fun! The Recognition Campfire event will be Sept. 3, but your Section can pick any one of the other evenings. Tell Don Havens which night and what you plan to do. Don Havens, 46 Alfred Terr., Burlington, Vt.

BRING YOUR OWN food, cooking and eating utensils, hiking and camping clothes, swim suit, bedding, tent, gas or kerosene lantern and/or stove if you prefer (wood stoves and wood provided), flashlight, packsack for carrying lunch, etc. If you have them, bring your own: wife or husband, kids, pets, canoes, musical instruments, sports equipment, imagination and a desire to relax and have fun and hike if you feel like it.

IT WILL COST YOU fifty cents per person per night or \$1.00 per family per night, which you can pay on arrival. At this time you will be given a name plate and a souvenir shoulder patch commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Club.

YOU CAN GET TO THE CAMP by taking Route 100 north from Waterbury. The Mount Norris Reservation is on Lake Eden, just north of Eden Mills, about 15 miles north of Morrisville, which is about 19 miles north of Waterbury, which is on U. S. Route 2 twelve miles west of Montpelier.





SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 13 No. 5 Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Sept.-Oct. 1960

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. Sept. 24 - 10 A.M.
PLACE: Bald Mt. - Red Rocks

This mountain in our backyard should make an excellent fall foliage trip. The road up the Notch is always beautiful, the trail is not very difficult, and the views worth the effort. Your editor hasn't made the trip since the year the "coffee froze" but think I might risk it again! Red Rocks is down over the side of the mountain and should provide an excellent view and an interesting return route. This trip will leave Meldon School at 10 A.M.

TIME: Sun. Oct. 9 - 10 A.M.
PLACE: Blue Ridge

This is another old favorite close by. The trail is very pleasant through a full range of hard and soft woods with enough opening at the top to afford an excellent view up and down the valley. The beautiful cascades about two-thirds of the way up

should make an excellent lunch stop. The foliage should be at its height so set the date down and plan to attend. We will leave Meldon School at 10 A.M. If you wish to go after Sunday School or Church call the Martins (3-8621) as they plan to go around 10:30 AM.

TIME: Sat. Oct. 22 - 6 P.M.
PLACE: Covered Dish Supper at Beechwood.

The covered dish supper is to be held a bit earlier this year so that the last of the fall foliage should still be visible - the walking excellent with many paths and byways to explore in the vicinity before we sit down to the heavily laden board. As usual we'd like to know how many plan to attend and what you'd prefer to bring - hot dish, salad or dessert, or one of the store items. Please call Janet Martin (3-8621) by Saturday A.M. Oct. 22.

Supper will be set out at 6 P.M. but come early if you can to tramp around the woods and renew old friendships.

RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29 RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29 RUMMAGE SALE - OCT. 29

COMING EVENTS (CON'T.)

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TIME: Sat Oct. 29
PLACE: Neighborhood Rooms
Activity - RUMMAGE SALE

Now is the time to go through your closets and attics to find everything you can to add to that collection you have been making all year for the RUMMAGE SALE. Call on your neighbors too and see if they haven't some things they'd be glad to get rid of.

Remember this is our one big money making activity. As soon as we feel we can afford it we'd like to replace Buffum Shelter so let's see if we can't add at least \$100 to the fund on Oct. 29th. If we have enough to sell we can surely do it.

As usual we'll be at the Neighborhood Rooms all day the day before the sale to receive your donations and get them priced and arranged so bring us your things on FRIDAY OCT. 28. If you can't get them to us call Craigie or Vera Perkins before Friday and we'll arrange to collect them. Anything sells - well almost anything!

We'll need some helpers so get in touch with us if you can help on either Friday or Saturday. If we don't hear from you some of you will hear from us!

TIME: Sun. Nov. 6 - 9 A.M.
PLACE: Mt. Hanley, West Rutland

This might be classified as a mystery hike as it will be our first trip to this haystack shaped mountain near West Rutland. All you explorers pack your sack and come along; reports are this in an interesting mountain. We'll never know until we try it. It is located north of Route 4, west of West Rutland. We will gather at Meldon School at 9-00 AM.

THE ABBEY POND TRIP

by
"Barbie" Allard

It looked at first as though there would be only two to make the trip to Abbey Pond, but by waiting a half hour the number swelled to sixteen. The weather still looked good so we left Rutland to conquer the unknown (to us) trails. Leaving the cars at an intersection of wood roads, we took the one heading into the woods. The trail is an old road though it is now quite impassable to anything but animals, human or otherwise. It isn't so terribly steep but goes up quite steadily until it levels out on the top. The up part was really more interesting than the level part. There are a great many very large rocks, some as large as houses, lying around as if some giant had gotten tired of carrying them and had chucked them out of his pocket. Much of this part of the trail follows a very lively brook. When hunger stopped us we decided to eat where we could sit beside the brook. There we discovered that the men outnumbered the women and for the first time in quite awhile they did all the wood-gathering and fire-building. Since the GMC now uses instant coffee there could be no discussion as to how that should be made, but there was much arguing as to the proper procedure for building a small fire. Regardless of this the water still boiled, finally.

After eating we continued on our way. Abbey Pond turned out to have been taken over by the beavers. It was too mucky around the edges to swim or do much wading. Three of us decided to go back to the brook and try swimming there. We hurried back and had about a half hour before the others came. When they arrived almost everyone stuck his feet in. That's all that was needed to cool off! From there a short jaunt took us back to the cars. For some reason the trail to Abbey Pond is longer than the trail from Abbey Pond.

SHREWSBURY PEAK

Augmented by a sizable group of Cub Scouts and their leaders, we left Meldon School on Saturday, July 23rd for a visit to Shrewsbury Peak.

Driving to the old Northam picnic area, we parked our cars and started hiking along a shady trail. The trail soon became more rocky and steeper - first down and then up. A rain the previous day had left it wet and slippery enough in places to add a touch of excitement.

Lunch time came before most of the group had reached the peak. Since there would be no water available at the top, we decided to make a lunch stop first and go on to our objective after lunch.

Chief firemen, Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi soon had the coffee water hot and all settled down to the enjoyment of a meal.

With energies revived by food and rest we packed up our gear and started on the last lap to the top.

The trail seemed to be a bit longer and steeper than we had expected, but all was going well until with a sharp crack of thunder the rain, which had been threatening all morning, arrived.

Some of us immediately decided to turn back while others went on a bit farther before concluding that since there would be no view at the top there was little point in a longer walk in the rain. One small group had gone on to the peak before stopping for lunch. This group not only had the distinction of being the only ones to reach the peak but also enjoyed (?) the full effect of a thunder-shower on a mountain top.

The return trip was made in alternate sun and rain with sun predominating sufficiently so that everyone was pretty well dried out by the time we reached the cars. This was a new trip for most of us and the hike was fun. Next time we hope the weather cooperates.

C.V.P.S. CAMP

Our luck still held and Sunday, August 7th was the typical fine summer day we have come to expect for our outing at Chittenden Pond.

The attendance was good this year with nearly everyone arriving in time for a swim before lunch. We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fritsch, Killington Section members from Copiague, N.Y., who were vacationing at Tall Timber, with us. Mr. Fritsch brought along his telescope which he set up on the beach. This aided not only in observing any birds and other wild life which might be around but also in watching the water skiing which some of the party were trying out.

We missed the Craigie Perkinses the Allards, and the rubber boat, but otherwise the day followed its usual pleasant program of swimming, sunning, eating, and talking.

Most of the group left in the late afternoon but a few stayed on to watch the twilight settle over the Pond.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Marie Bell is now Mrs. George Daley and will be living at 739 Main St. Bennington. Marie and George are both teaching in Bennington this year and hope to hike some of the southern end of the Trail.

During the summer several new prospective GMC members have made their appearance.

Ernest Graham Hathaway, son of Suzanne and Bob Hathaway.

Thomas Philip Martin, son of Jan and Jack Martin. (Tommy has already attended two GMC outings).

Elizabeth Anne Buchanan, daughter of the Andy Buchanans, who though Burlington Section members are known to many in the Killington Section

Congratulations to all.

The week long Intersectional at Lake Eden proved to be a great success and congratulations should go to Larry Dean and all his helpers in the Burlington Section for a well organized and all around excellent performance.

The next LONG TRAIL NEWS will no doubt give an over all story of the week. Each person attending could write a story from his own point of view and each would be different. Your editor, Janet Martin, has written hers as follows:

The Martin clan with the able assistance of Aunt Vera Perkins made the Intersectional Camp for Labor Day weekend by converging on the south and east. Jack had been working on a highway project in Bloomfield, way up in "The Kingdom". The family of course was all in Rutland. By diligent planning, and packing tents, sleeping bags, stove and non-perishables in Jack's car a week in advance (some people may have wondered why anyone would drive a car all over the state with a crib and basinette in the back) and carrying the perishables and clothing with us, we managed to arrive at camp within ten minutes of each other. Just at the time too when our youngest was beginning to get a bit insulted that no one fed him his supper! That situation was soon corrected while Vera got supper out and Jack set up camp - a very efficient team. Supper was soon followed by bedtime for the little ones: Betsy and Tommy in the "bus" and Carol and Nancy in the tent. Soon all was quiet and Jack and Jan went over to the main building for campfire where Jack entertained with his accordion. Several members of other sections related tall tales. Our President, Don Kent, we discovered was quite talented along these lines.

When we returned to camp the

moon was up - almost full - and the air was crisp and clear. We made ourselves some hot cocoa from the hot water after warming the baby's bottle and it really hit the spot. The moon was so bright flashlights were unnecessary,

Saturday dawned clear and cold but by putting our clothes on over our pajamas we managed to be quite warm for breakfast. Mid morning found us making a circuit of the main camp area, meeting on the way Florence Van Wyck and Barbie and Judy Allard who were just arriving. We didn't attempt any hikes this year but did take a drive up through Hazen's Notch where Jan waxed nostalgic about a porcupine incident on her honeymoon.

Returning to camp we found that Craigie and Mary Perkins had arrived for the End-To-Enders' campfire. They ate their picnic supper at our campsite. Note to interested family campers: paper dishes and cups are well worth the investment as the children don't like to hang around while the dishes are washed and mother likes a vacation too. Simple meals with one cooked item seem most convenient for a short trip. Save the complicated meals until the kinder are big enough to do some of the chores. It is also recommended that you get an extra "aunt" or such to go along if you have several little ones - they are worth their weight in gold.

After the End-to-Enders Campfire program Saturday evening, we once again bedded down for the night in full moonlight with little hint of what was to come. Shortly after midnight the moon was covered with clouds and we awoke in the morning to the ping-ping of rain on the roof. We were thankful our camp site had a cook shack where Jack quickly moved our stove, table and chairs under cover. The rain chased us home after breakfast as it seemed impossible to keep the active youngsters in out of the rain.

REPORT OF TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

The trails and Shelters Committee has been rather inactive during the summer months but there have been a number of individual work parties.

Mr. Henderson and a group of Boy Scouts from Pittsfield, Mass. spent a week hiking the trail from Little Rock Pond to Sherburne Pass staying over night at Buffum and Gov. Clement Shelters. At each shelter they spent a few hours cleaning up the camp, rebuilding the fireplaces and cleaning up the dumps.

Mr. Ben Ralston has spent two days working on the Trail north of Gov. Clement shelter, getting it in good shape as possible but he says it will take much more work to be in A-1 shape.

Ray Catozzi, Ken Day and their sons spent a day clearing trail between Cooper and Pico Lodge. They clipped brush and put up arrows and improved the Trail in general but especially where the ski trails and lifts cross the Long Trail.

Before the snow flies the Committee would like to plan two over-night work parties - one at Pico Lodge to work on the trail and one to Gov. Clement to work on both the shelter and Trail. If anyone is willing and able to help, the Committee will be very glad to hear from them.

Churchill Scott
Chairman

ADVENTURE IN THE WEST By Charlotte Bell

On August 1st an invitation came from an uncle in Rochester, N. Y. to drive west with him and his two children - Sue, who is my age and Alan who is twelve. The plan was to meet my other uncle at his home in Los Alamos, N.M. and tent in five national parks, taking along his son Earl, also twelve. That paried up uncles, girl cousins and boy cousins, like three sets of twins.

We left Rochester on the 6th in a station wagon, with our green umbrella tent, an air mattress and sleeping bag apiece. We used the latter for naps along the way.

Being in a hurry to get out to the Rockies, we made a fast trip directly to New Mexico, dirving through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. On the way out we saved time by staying at motels. After driving 512 miles one day, with the temperature 95 in the shade, we certainly enjoyed our midnight swim in the motel pool.

The flat land of the west stretched on as far as we could see. It made me want to run on and on; it made me feel light and free. It was easy driving; I wished I was old enough! It was smooth riding and I wrote a log of the trip.

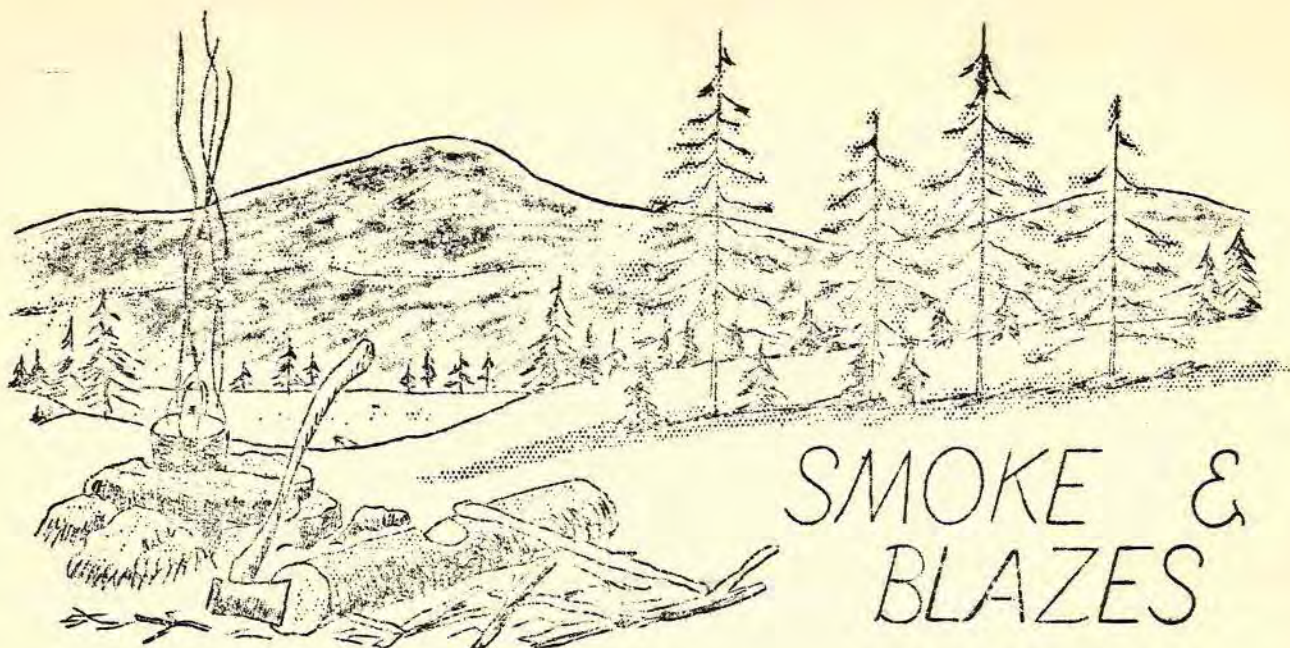
Uncle Joe's home in Los Alamos is a new one of western ranch style. He is a physicist working on Uncle Sam's hydrogen bomb project there. Both his home and his office are over a mile high. The altitude made me a little dizzy at first. The skiing is good there in the Rockies.

Our first national park was Frijoles Canyon where we explored the Indian cliff dwellings. At the Otowi Caves I was lucky enough to find an arrowhead chipped out of white quartz and bits of pottery which had been washed down from the dwellings above.

In a half day spent in Santa Fe it was obvious that the boys were most interested in the wild west aspects of the museum - the old guns, covered wagons and prairie stagecoaches - while Sue and I liked best the Indian and Mexican crafts in the gift shops. We bought beautiful rings of turquoise and silver.

On the desert we saw a few pueblos with TV antennas, but usually the adobe houses looked shabby. The roofs were so flat that sometimes the children played on them. Some Indians still live in caves.

(To be continued)



SMOKE & BLAZES

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COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sat. Nov. 19, 9-00 AM
PLACE: Pico Peak

Here is an opportunity for one last visit to the mountain tops before they become snow-bound and the special provence of the skier. Bundle up in your warmest windbreaker and join us for the climb to see that our new Pico Shelter is ship-shape for the winter. We will meet at Meldon School at 9:00 AM.

TIME Sun. Dec. 4, 11-00 AM
PLACE: Buffum Shelter

We may find a little snow on the ground for this one, but probably not enough to dig out the snowshoes. Better be looking them over though as they will be needed soon! This is always a favorite winter trip as it isn't too far but always enjoyable. We will leave from Meldon School at 11:00 AM.

TIME: Sat. Dec. 17, 10-00 AM
PLACE: Gov. Clement Shelter

Take a break from the rush of Christmas shopping and get out in the great outdoors. If there is enough snow for snowshoes bring them or skis. If not, the walking will be good up the road to Gov. Clement. We will meet at Meldon School at 10-00 AM

TIME Sat. Jan. 7, 7-00 PM
PLACE: Moonlight Hike, Tucker Lodge

Once again we find on our schedule a moonlight hike into Tucker Lodge. Those who have gone before know how enjoyable this different sort of outing is. We use snowshoes if there is sufficient snow and flashlights before the moon rises. Coffee, cocoa, and doughnuts. are enjoyed at the Lodge. Dig out your "long-Johns" and make plans to go this year. We will gather at Meldon School at 7-00 PM.

THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN HIKE

by
Mary C. Isbell

The hike to the summit of Blue Ridge Mountain was especially rewarding because the Fall Foliage reached its climax that weekend. For this reason we enjoyed the drive to and from the trail almost as much as the hike itself. Starting from Tall Timber Camp, we ambled along what appeared to be an easy trail, until we came to a steep path of jagged rocks which resembled a long ladder or stairway. At this point everyone decided to have lunch and gather strength.

We found a group of flat rocks adjacent to The Cascades and here the women filled canteen and coffee pot while the men cut wood and built our fire. After lunch we climbed briskly until we reached the top of the mountain. There we enjoyed the views and planned our next trip.

Descending proved to be more difficult than climbing. Alas! The rocks bruised feet clad in "sneakers" and plain old shoes and caused the careless to slip and slide.

A tour of the camp was the next attraction. The cabins looked comfortable, and the pond was more inviting than the usual swimming pool. We also sampled the tasty red apples from Craigie's orchard just before we left.

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Dr. Wm. Allard and wife and daughter Kathy are having an interesting experience living and working at The Crow Agency in Montana. "Dr. Bill" is with the U. S. Public Health Service.

BALD MT. AND RED ROCKS

On Saturday, September 24th a sizable group was on hand to take advantage of a perfect fall hiking day.

It was planned to vary the Bald Mt. trip this time by returning over Red Rocks. Accordingly, Vera's car was left at the cement bridge on the Cold River road to await the return of the hikers who all piled into Craigie's station wagon and set off for the top of "The Notch".

The hike up Bald Mt. seemed surprisingly short and easy, possibly because on our last trip the trail was hard to find which resulted in much wandering around.

Lunch hour on the top of the mountain was very pleasant with the sun warm and the trees just beginning to show their fall color.

The trail down over the rocks was sort of "catch-as-catch-can", but since there was no doubt as to which way was down there was little difficulty in striking the old road which would lead us back to the Cold River road and the waiting car.

At just about this time Vera suddenly recalled that the keys to said car she had safely cached in the glove compartment of the station wagon at the top of "The Notch".

Fortunately, a little extra hike of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles would procure the spare set of keys. Mary and Vera set off ahead with no dilly-dallying, leaving the others to follow more leisurely, inspect an old cemetery along the route, and generally fill in time. After not too long an interval the group was reunited and everyone eventually reached home.

It's often an unexpected quirk on the part of the weather or some individual which adds a bit of extra spice to an outing.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$158 TOWARD NEW BUFFUM SHELTER

We were hoping for \$125 this year just for the fun of breaking our \$121 record. We could hardly believe it when the final tally showed \$158 to add to our treasury.

This was possible only because of the excellent cooperation of everyone. Some of our out-of-town members as Helen Bailey and Fran Green took the trouble to bring us their clothing donations. Through the efforts of another out-of-town member, Mrs. Harriot Bryant, and the courtesy of Mr. Lincoln Isham of Dorset, another excellent collection came to us. Some of our newer members as the Bob Hathaways and the George Reynolds, brought in fine material. And of course all our long time in-town supporters must have come through with bigger and better collections than ever.

In addition to raising the most money, this year's sale goes on record as being the least work on the part of those in charge. Again, this was due to fine cooperation. With "Mim" Bell, Ruth Postman, Churchill Scott and "T" Valiquette all on hand most of the day Friday, we went through the work of sorting and pricing like a breeze. On Saturday back they came plus Bennett Bell and Eleanor Walker to help with the selling. Clean-up time brought Jack Martin and Harold Valiquette to lend a hand on that job.

Thanks everyone. Let's make it \$175 next year. Maybe we'll have that new shelter at Buffum sooner than we thought.

LOSE A WALLET ANYONE?

A wallet was found at Tall Timber after the Blue Ridge hike. The owner may retrieve it by contacting Mary or Craigie Perkins.

MT. HANLEY

The exploration trip to Mt. Hanley in West Rutland, on Sunday Nov. 6th, proved very successful.

Leaving the cars on the Whipple Hollow road 10 hikers started off through a pasture in the general direction of the mountain. After a short distance we came upon the first of a succession of wood roads. Guided by frequent checking with Churchill's topographical map we were able to choose the right one to lead to the ridge. Here we had a magnificent view of the valley and mountains to the west and south, for miles.

We followed along the ridge to the summit which on a clear day would afford a good view of the Green Mt. Range in this area. However, all agreed the view from the first look-out was the most outstanding.

As always, the lunch stop provided a pleasant interlude. We were especially interested in observing the expertness with which some of our younger hikers cooked and served their meal.

This hike took us through grass carpeted woods dotted with large clumps of deep green wax, or Christmas, ferns. Every now and then a stand of white birch added their own special charm.

Here is a nice mountain almost in our dooryard and it is well worth a visit. Go in late fall as we did, or try early spring, as foliage on the trees would conceal the views.

ANOTHER NEW HIKER

Arriving just too late to be announced in our last issue was John Reynolds, son of George and Ann Reynolds. John came to the Covered Dish Supper and we expect to see him out hiking most any day now! Congratulations.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Trails and Shelters Committee has been quite busy since the last issue of SMOKE & BLAZES.

Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott have finished putting a new rear roof and replacing rotten roof boards on Tucker. Craigie Perkins has repaired the windows in Pico Lodge and checked it over for our scheduled hike there on Saturday November 19th.

Ray Catozzi, Bobby and Churchill Scott spent one day working on the Trail south of Pico Shelter, and last week a work party of Ray Catozzi, Geo. Reynolds, Craigie Perkins, Stephen Clapp, Ben Rolston and Churchill Scott labored in the snow and cold all day to clear the Trail between the Big Swamp and the ski trails to Killington Basin.

It has been years since we have had as large a work party as listed above. The committee is very glad to see so much enthusiasm in maintaining the Trail properly. We hope that in the future we will have many more such work parties for there are several miles of Trail which have not felt the touch of an axe or saw for years. Please support your Trails and Shelters committee by giving all the help you can to them.

Churchill Scott, Chairman

ADVENTURE IN THE WEST continued By Charlotte Bell

After crossing the lovely Painted Desert, we visited the Petrified Forest and brought back souvenirs of wood long since turned to stone. At Grand Canyon we tented with many people from all over the country. We hiked a mile and a half down into the canyon, in spite of the heat, and back again. We should like to have taken the mule trip down but it took a whole day. The scenery was unbelievable.

By this time we had settled on a rugged and unvaried pioneer lunch - a sandwich made of two slabs of bread with hunks of ham and cheese between - and something

to wash it down. It saved a lot of time, but I've tasted better!

Sometimes Sue and I slept in the station wagon with the others in the tent, and occasionally we slept right on the ground under the stars, and sometimes we changed around. We began to look for automats to do the laundry. At the end of the trip we kept four machines going at once!

Zion National Park and Bryce are photographers' paradises. Here the talks by the Rangers were very interesting, and so were the shows put on by college boys and girls who were employed there. (I'd like to spend a summer working out there myself someday).

When we drove through Salt Lake City we saw the first mountains which reminded me of home. In Grand Teton the lovely peaks were mirrored in Jackson Lake. To me this was the most beautiful view of all.

At Yellowstone National Park we had left the hot weather behind. In fact it was snowing when we pitched the tent; then the temperature went down to 29 degrees. There were two inches of snow on the ground in the morning, plenty for the boys to pelt us with snowballs. We shivered all night from cold and from fear of the grumpy bears who had been bothering the tourists. One had smashed a tent and broken a car window, ripping the interior before the ranger shot him. Alan saw a big black bear walking down the tent line. Some of them weighed three hundred pounds.

When Old Faithful erupted, it was a beautiful sight, as were the other geysers and boiling pools, some bright blue or black as ink. This really ended our sight-seeing, as Alan's face began to swell like a chipmunk's with a nut inside his cheek. The Wyoming Hospital said he had mumps! Next day I came down with mumps which stayed with me for five days and seven states.

Like all good Vermonters, I was glad to get home but will long remember the country out west and its fascinating scenery. What a great country we live in!

COVERED DISH SUPPER AT "BEECHWOOD"

"Beechwood", with its wooded trails, its large comfortable kitchen, and a blazing fire in the living room fireplace, once again was the setting, on October 22nd, for our fall covered dish supper. A record crowd of fifty (including two infants--the Martin's Tommy and the Reynolds' John) filled every available table and chair.

The many children present -- not to mention the adults -- made short work of the great variety of main dishes, salads, and desserts. The busy kitchen crew kept the coffee in circulation and the dining room table filled.

After everyone had eaten, and furniture had been moved around in the living room the gang settled down for an interesting slide show. Bennet Bell showed pictures taken by their daughter Rachel, on a camping trip in the West. Ray Katozzi provided scenes from a recent hike, and Churchill Scott showed an assortment of slides from activities during the past year.

Craigie Perkins, as "master of ceremonies", outlined the club schedule for the next few months.

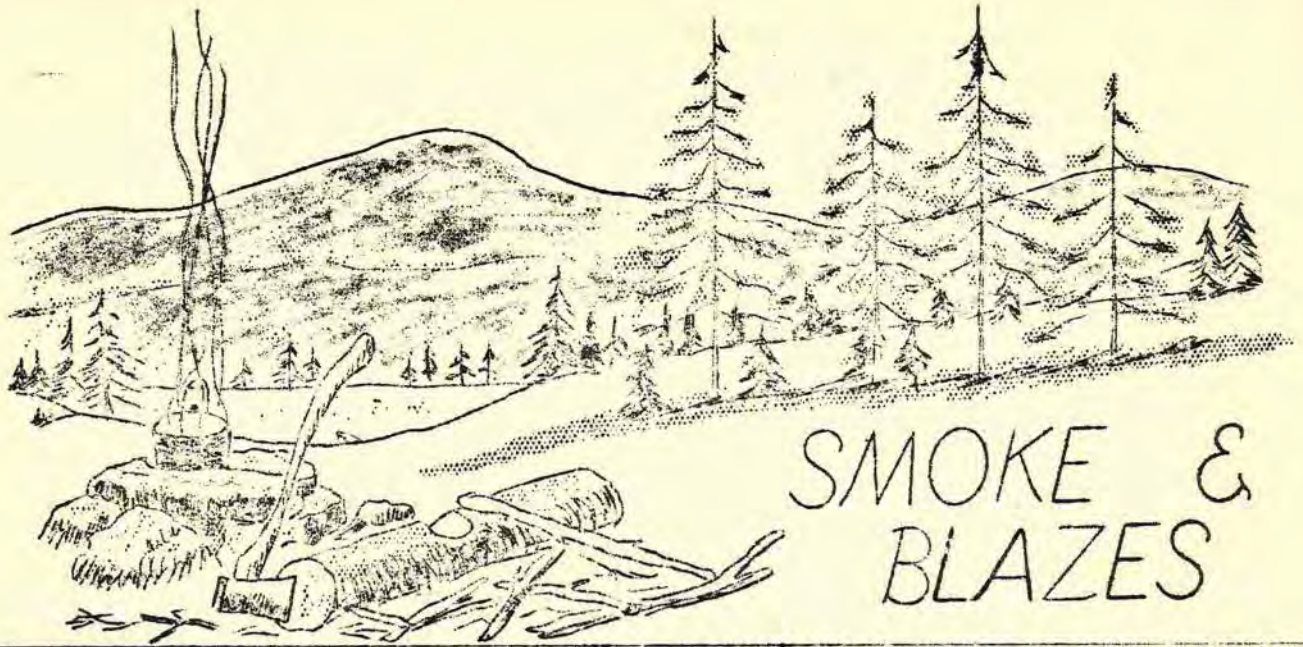
Our thanks go to the Perkins for making possible this evening of good fun and fellowship.

Ann Reynolds

ARE YOU WONDERING?

Are you wondering why you have found on page 5 the article which should have been on page 3; or why page 4 is crowded to the margins while page 5 has plenty of extra space? Don't waste energy trying to find the answers - your editorial assistant confused the issue this time. Cheer up though the year is nearly over and you can hope for a change of management.

In the meantime since this is the last issue of SMOKE AND BLAZES before the holidays we will take this opportunity to wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving - A Merry Christmas-- and a Happy New Year.



SMOKE & BLAZES

Vol. 14 No. 1 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB Jan.-Feb. 1961

COMING EVENTS

TIME: Sun. Jan. 22, 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Sunnyside Camp

Snowshoe time is here with several good trips coming up. This one, familiar to many of you, follows a woodland road to Sunnyside Camp...a favorite spot in the winter time. Pack up a lunch and join the crowd at Meldon School.

TIME: Thurs. Jan. 26, 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: ANNUAL MEETING
C.V.P.S.C. Building

(Please use Maple St. parking lot and go in door from there.)

Your Executive Board this year decided to change our annual meeting from a supper meeting to dessert and coffee. It was felt that perhaps we could get better attendance than in the past few years. Besides the business meeting we hope to have an interesting program with a talk and slides on Alaska. A charge of 25¢ will be made to cover small incidental expenses.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. It's your club and a large attendance will best assure the planning of activities and projects which will

have the support of the majority. We will meet in the lunchroom of the Central Vermont P.S.C. Building.

TIME: Sun. Feb. 5, 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Clarendon Lodge

Another lovely snowshoe trip in the offing! This is always a favorite trip to one of our best lodges. Bring your family and friends. We'll meet at Meldon School at 10:30 A.M.

TIME: Sat. and Sun. Feb. 18-19
PLACE: Winter Weekend at Tall Timber

Once again it's Winter Weekend time. As in the past exact reservations are necessary...with the large turnout of the last few years it is even more essential than in the past. They may be made by calling or writing Janet Martin at PR 3-8621, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, by Wednesday night, Feb. 15th. Meals and sleeping arrangements will be planned on the basis of reservations so help your committee by making them as early as possible. Many hands and paper dishes make light work of the meals, so bring your skis or snowshoes and enjoy the great outdoors.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Martin.)

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PICO SHELTER
by
Barbara Allard

There were about 17 GMCers present to make the annual trip to Pico Peak. Almost everyone was attired in a bright color as hunting season was in progress. Regardless of the season we met only a few hunters - all empty handed.

The first half the trail was in good condition but we moved rather slowly because of the large supply of beechnuts lying right on the trail. Many chipmunks were out gathering their winter supply. In the upper half of the trail some clearing was done by Churchill Scott and company.

Those who dressed for a dry trail got their feet wet a few times. We did try to drain a few pools that the trail went through.

With these interesting delays it was eating time when we reached the shelter. The sun made it warm enough to sit outside and eat so fires were made both inside and out.

Only seven had ambition enough to go to the summit. There is a regular city of buildings on the top now. When we headed back it began to cool off fast. Rousing those who were napping in the lodge we all headed home. Almost down to the cars we got a beautiful view of Deer's Leap which the setting sun had turned to a golden pink. It was a very nice day. (Barbie picked some hobble bush on this trip for forcing. She reports that it was in full bloom by the first of the year. - Ed.)

GREETINGS RECEIVED

We were pleased to receive Christmas greetings for Killington Section from Cecile, Emile and Terri Boselli and also from Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fritsch. The latter were at the Chittendon Pond Outing last summer, and enclosed a couple snapshots taken there, which we will bring to the annual meeting.

BUFFUM SHELTER
by
Judy Allard

On December 4th, a brisk, sunny day, a group of nine hikers covered the short distance from the road to the open shelter. It was a beautiful day for a hike and we ambled along slowly and marvelled at the nice weather at this time of year. There was a very light dusting of snow and a good amount of ice on the trail. When we arrived at the camp a good hot fire was started and the water boiled in a remarkably short time. We ate our lunch and sat around soaking up sun, cocoa and coffee.

Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi and George Reynolds, who had been working on the suspension bridge, came up and had lunch. Then we all looked around for a suitable site for the new lodge. There were several proposed sites chosen by different members of the party. The men went back to the bridge and the rest of us left. We stopped at the bridge to see how the work was going. Members were Vera and Mary Perkins, Carol and Nancy Martin, Barbara Judy and John Allard, Mary Isbell and Gerard Coursey.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

The trip to Gov. Clement on Saturday, Dec. 17th, gave us our first real winter hike of the season. A recent snow storm had left a generous covering on the ground and in some shady spots along the road the trees were beautifully etched with white.

We left our car at the crossroad and enjoyed a good hike to the camp. No one brought snowshoes but we found that while not a necessity they could have been used for the last part of the trip.

At the last farmhouse a very well-mannered dog (German Shepard we thought) joined the party and spent the day with us, appearing to enjoy the outing as much as

we did.

Arrived at Gov. Clement we found a good supply of wood and fires were soon going in both the stove and the fireplace. A cold wind made the two fires especially welcome. With these plus a "tarp" hung up in front to break the wind the shelter made a very cozy place for lunch.

After being well fed and thoroughly toasted we started the return trip. The attendance on this outing was rather small due possibly to the nearness of the Christmas season. All present however agreed it was an enjoyable day and it certainly provided relaxation in preparation for the busy holidays ahead.

MOONLIGHT HIKE

by
Mary Isbel

Only the moon was missing, otherwise our after dark excursion to our mountain shelter fulfilled our fondest expectations. The weather was warm for this time of year (lucky for us members who tried snowshoes for the first time). Experts fastened us to the snowshoes and rescued us from time to time whenever we lost one shoe and sank into the cold snow.

There is a wonderful stillness about a winter night here. One is filled with a sense of solitude and grandeur that is only slightly erased by voices or the sight of a flashlight far ahead.

Once we reached the shelter we were very cozy especially after the wood in the stove was persuaded to burn. The soft cheerful glow of candles lit our feast of doughnuts and coffee. We waited for moonrise but in vain as by then the sky had clouded over. However, it was a beautiful night just as it was.

FROM THE TUCKER REGISTER

Looking over the Tucker register, while waiting for snow to change to hot water for coffee, we were interested to note how general was the comment "found the camp a mess". One such entry especially intrigued us. Two boys recorded that they came in to look the place over as a possible spot for a party. (they didn't say what kind) They decided it was unsuitable as it needed a good cleaning. Apparently cleaning it up never occurred to them. Most of the groups, however, did report some cleaning up activities.

Congratulations to whomever left the excellent diagram and set of instructions for use of the so-called stove. Might it have been Ben Rolston?

And speaking of the Tucker stove, it was the unanimous opinion that a new stove for there should have top priority in our 1961 Budget.

DON'T FORGET!

Your presence is earnestly desired at Killington Section's

ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY Jan. 26th 7:30 P.M.

(details on page one)

TRY AND BE THERE. WE'LL

BE LOOKING FOR YOU



SMOKE & BLAZES

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TIME: Sat. March 4, 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Stonybrook Shelter

Tired of being cooped-up all winter? Get out your hiking boots and come help us find Stonybrook shelter. We've tried twice before, but this time we'll find it. Leaving Meldon at time specified.

TIME: Sun. March 19, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Tucker Lodge

This is a good hike for everyone even the little ones. It may turn out to be somewhat of a work party, if the new stove comes. A group will leave from Meldon around 10, but come any time in your own car.

TIME: Sun. April 9, 6-00 P.M.
PLACE: Maple Sugar Party at Vera Perkins' house.

The annual Sugar-on-Snow party will be held at 242 So. Main St. Call PR 3-2941 for reservations before Friday, April 7th. The only hiking necessary for this event is up Vera Perkins' stairs. Eats consist of maple sugar on snow with all the trimmings - pickles, doughnuts, coffee and nice folks.

TIME: Sat. April 22, 1000 A.M.
PLACE: Bald Mountain and Red Rocks.

Here's the first Spring hike. Should be a good one. Up the mountain and maybe lunch-on-the rocks.

TIME: Sun. May 7, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Mount Hanley

Bring your binoculars and telescopes along, as Mt. Hanley is supposed to have a beautiful view. It is in West Rutland, and we will leave at 10:00 - promptly.

HIKE SCHEDULES ARE ENCLOSED

Watch the time.

Be careful you aren't left behind.

Groups will leave Meldon School at the hours given above.

Bring yourself to the Maple Sugar Party. It's in town. Pack a lunch for all the hikes unless we announce that refreshments will be provided.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killing-ton Section of the Green Mountain Club was held on Thurs., Jan. 19 at the Central Vermont Public Service Building.

After a short informal visiting period, President Bennett Bell called the meeting to order at 8 P.M.

The following committee reports were given:

Publicity: Jack Martin

Outings: Craigie Perkins

Trails & Shelters: Churchill Scott

The overall picture of our section looks very good. The bridge at Mill River will be the first job for Spring work parties.

The following officers were elected:

President: Raymond Catozzi

Vice-President: Harold Valiquette

Secy.-Treas.: Churchill Scott.

A vote of thanks was given to Eleanor Walker for the fifteen years of faithful service she has given as Secretary-Treasurer.

A resolution to change the manner of appointing Trustees was discussed, but we came to the conclusion that the present method is best.

After the meeting, Dr. J. D. Schultz, who lives in Ludlow, gave a talk on the two years he spent in Alaska as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service. The talk and the slides were enjoyed by everyone. Coffee, pie, cake and samples of smoked salmon, which Dr. Schultz brought from Alaska, were served later.

We wish to thank Vera Perkins and her helpers for making our evening so enjoyable.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

An Executive Board meeting was held at Craigie Perkins' on Feb. 8, Craigie, Mary and Vera Perkins, Janet Martin, Mary Isbell, Harold Valiquette, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott were present.

Janet Martin gave up her job as Editor of Smoke and Blazes because of her many other responsibilities. She will serve as our reporter for

Long Trail News. Mary Isbell will be the new Editor. Judy and Barbara Allard are Assistant Editors.

The following Budget was drawn

up: "Smoke and Blazes"	\$ 30.00
Schedules	20.00
Pictures	4.00
Outings	5.00
Postage	2.00
Fire Insurance	20.00
G.M.C. Dues	30.00
Trails and Shelters	485.00
Total --	\$596.00

Mr. Lincoln Isham donated \$100.00 in honor of his great-grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, on Feb. 12th to be used as we think best. A discussion was held to see if a fund for trail and shelter maintenance could be started with a portion of this generous gift.

The outings for the Spring and Summer weekends were chosen, and the new schedule is included in this issue of "Smoke and Blazes". We decided that the annual sugar party would be held as usual.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The Trails and Shelters Committee must again remind each and every member that the condition of our section of the Long Trail depends upon the willingness of each one of us to help maintain and improve it.

The following work parties are planned: March 11 - Buffum

March 25 - Sunnyside

April 15 - Gov. Clement

April 29 - Clarendon

Any folks able to help can contact Churchill Scott at PR 5-5720 for details.

ATTENTION WINTER HIKERS!

Mr. George R. Ellwood, 61 Baxter St., Tel. PR 3-8521 has a brand new pair of Tubbs snowshoes with harnesses for sale at a reasonable price.

SUNNYSIDE HIKE
By
Churchill Scott

On a sub-zero morning in the middle of Jan., a small group of G.M.C. hikers made the regular winter hike to Sunnyside.

We had visions of a cold windy day, but after leaving our car at the iron bridge, putting on our packs and starting up the hill, we warmed up fast. The group was very congenial. We put on our snowshoes near Spring Lake Ranch and soon reached Sunnyside - too soon for me.

The sun broke through, scattering the storm clouds, and the temperature rose quickly. The camp was found to be in good condition with all the windows intact and a good supply of firewood.

Everything seemed to work in our favor that day. We all enjoyed a nice snug camp, good food and pleasant company. It was hard to leave, but more fun was in store for us as we slid down the hills, bouncing off banks every once in a while.

We all agreed that it would be good to see more folks interested in coming out every other week to enjoy the fresh air, blue sky and bright sunshine of a cool winter day.

CLARENDON LODGE
By

Barbara and Judy Allard

On a beautiful day with clean fresh snow and a blue sky, only six people came to snowshoe into Clarendon Lodge. Arriving at the start of the trail, we found someone had broken it for us. We made several stops for photographs before we got to the camp. Ben Ralston and two friends had spent the night there. They had the fire going and the camp all warmed up. On went the coffee pot, and we were ready to eat. Just as we were starting, a group came in from Springfield - and then another party of six! Now the eating got a little crowded.

After lunch, some of us took a walk up the road. There, we found

many animal tracks. The greens, browns and blues of the trees against the dazzling snow made us want to stay there a few weeks.

When we got back to the shelter for a final cup of coffee, a party of five - and then another couple - arrived. This was a grand total of thirty for the day!

Though a few others claimed to have found the lodge messy, we found it clean and, of course kept it that way.

WINTER WEEKEND
By

Betty Weeks and Frances Roberts

On a spring-like day in Feb., three carloads of Springfield GMC-ers arrived at Tell Timber for the long awaited Winter Weekend. We were met by the hospitable Perkins family and other Killington Section members who already had lunch started. We pulled our sleeping gear on toboggans through the melting snow, around the pond, to the log cabins in the beautiful evergreen woods. By the time we were settled and had fires going to warm the cabins, it was time to return to the farm house for delicious beef stew.

During the afternoon, one group snowshoed into Tucker returning late with two puppies which had hitchhiked on their snowshoes for the last three miles. Others tobogganed, skied and snowshoed on forest trails or told stories around the wood stove in the comfortable farm house living room. By mid-afternoon, about 40 had arrived to enjoy the Winter Weekend - groups coming from Worcester, Mass., Schenectady, N.Y., Springfield, Vt. and, of course, Rutland.

After enjoying Craigie Perkins' Long Trail slides during the evening, we groped our way by flashlight through the drizzle up to our cabins. Exhausted after a day in the out-of-doors, we crawled into our sleeping bags. The crashing of pots and pans and ski poles jolted us out of our deep sleep, and we found our temporary clothes line, fixed for drying mittens and

socks, had collapsed. We rose in time for the 7:30 breakfast. The weather had cleared up enough for us to take some pictures before going home.

Dicky Roberts gave the version of the younger set this way:

"This year's Winter Weekend, an experience shared by about 35 people and two D.P. canines, will probably be remembered by me primarily because of the things I'd rather forget, namely, wet feet, a cold night, and bad weather. Not that I didn't have a nice time! When 35 people get together, there is combined friendliness and warmth that can dry even my feet and disperse any rain-cloud".

ABOUT FOLKS WE KNOW

Congratulations to Cecile and Emile Boselli on the birth of a son, Kevin Emile, born Jan. 29, 1961. The Boselli's, who formerly lived in Rutland, built the suspension bridge in Clarendon. They now live in Ohio but are still members of G.M.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Bell are the proud grandparents of little Anne Marie Daley, born Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1961. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Daley of Bennington.

1961 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Judy Allard
Helen Bailey
Bennett Bell
Miriam Bell
Anne E. Berg
Lucy Bishop
Pat Bruneau
Harriot M. Bryant
Miles Bryant
Myrtle Bitz
Hedrick Cahee
Raymond Catozzi
Stephen C. Clapp
Sally Crocker
Edith Ewald
Hans J. Fritsch
Frances Green
Robert Hathaway
Suzanne Hathaway
Mary C. Isbell
George Kirk

John Martin
Janet Martin
Betsy Martin
Carol Martin
Nancy Martin
Tom Martin
Florence Mitchell
William Mitchell
Margot Montague
William Montague
Maxine Newhall
Pearle Nichols
Craighe Perkins
Mary Perkins
Vera Perkins
Ben Rolston
John Reynolds
Richard Roberts
Mrs. Richard Roberts
Richard Roberts, Jr.
Charles E. Sabourin
Gerald Sabourin
Mary Pat Sabourin
Michelle Sabourin
Dr. J. Donald Schultz
G. J. Stannard, Jr.
G. J. Stannard III
Harold Valiquette
Thelma Valiquette
Florence Van Wyck
Eleanor Walker
William S. Wardsworth
Luise Wardsworth
Lori Wardsworth
William Wardsworth III
Mrs. Lloyd Weeks
Diane Wilder
Donald Wilder
Richard Wilder

DON'T FORGET! DUES ARE DUE.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING December 31, 1960

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960	\$325.26
Received from dues	134.50
Received a balance on 1959 Rummage Sale	1.26
Received from 1960 Rummage Sale	158.00
Donations to Buffum Shelter Fund	11.80
Sold 1 copy of "Cooking on the Long Trail"	.10
Interest on the money in the Bank	8.12
Received from the Sugar Party	16.00
Sold 5 Emblems	2.50
Received from the sale of Guide Books	<u>16.50</u>
Total	\$674.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense of Annual Meeting	\$ 5.00
Trails and Shelters expense -	
Paid to Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi	
for tools and materials to repair shelters	46.53
Paid Outing Committee for coffee, cocoa, Pream and sugar	3.99
Paid for Outing Schedules	19.25
Postage	2.00
Expense of "Smoke and Blazes"	28.45
Cost of Printing colored slides for album	1.28
Balance paid on Winter Week-end expense	3.21
Paid to Main Club for Guide Books	10.00
Fire Insurance on Sunnyside and Clarendon Shelters	12.60
Dues to the Main Club	<u>27.95</u>
Total	\$160.26

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1960 - \$513.78

Respectfully submitted

M. Eleanor Walker

Treasurer



SMOKE & BLAZES

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Sat. May 20 - MT. AEOLUS, Dorset (Formerly Green Peak)

Mt. Aeolus is a good hike for anyone interested in caves. There are also a few old quarries to look into. If you intend to go into the cave, bring a warm jacket, as it is rather chilly in there. Leaving Meldon at nine. Come help us look for spring flowers.

Sat. May 27 - ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Long Trail Lodge, starting with a coffee hour at ten A.M. The general meeting starts at eleven and runs to about twelve. The Lodge will then serve lunch to anyone who wishes it. After lunch, another meeting will be held until two o'clock. Then the trustees will meet in the Chalet, and all others are free to explore the woods and trails around there.

The evening meal will be served at six, and if you can't make it, try to get to the surprise entertainment after dinner. Come and see how things are doing in the G.M.C.

Sun. May 28 - PICO CAMP

The Club has a nice new camp on Pico. If you haven't seen it, why not come and look things over. Pico has some beautiful views, and the one from the camp is well worth the climb. We'll be leaving Meldon School at nine. Come and join us.

Sun. June 11 - LITTLE ROCK POND

Leaving at nine. We'll head on for one of the favorite trips. The first swimming hike of the season (if you're brave). If not, you can always wade or watch.

Sat. & Sunday June 24 & 25 - CAMEL'S HUMP

This is a go-as-you-please type hike. You can go Sat. and stay over night in one of the camps or just go for one day. Camel's Hump has one of the most beautiful views in the state (or so I hear). Chances are we'll meet some other sections. Plan to come.

Sat. July 8 - DORSET PEAK

Dorset Peak is a first time hike. Cancelled last year. We should have a good time exploring. Who knows what we'll find? So be ready to leave Meldon at eight.

NOTICE: LAST ISSUE sent to 1960 members. Please send your \$2.00 membership dues for 1961 to C. W. Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland, Vt. if you wish to receive forthcoming issues of "Smoke & Blazes".

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club is scheduled this year for Sat., May 27. I would like to take this opportunity to urge all Killington Section members who are able to attend this meeting, to do so.

Of particular interest to us all will be the voting on proposed changes in the by-laws concerning the election of trustees. These proposed changes were discussed at the annual meeting of the Killington Section held last January, at the written request of G.M.C. President Don Kent. There, a resolution was passed stating our desire to leave the election of trustees as it has been in the past - that is, elected at large from no particular section. A draft of these proposed changes will appear in the May issue of Long Trail News, so all will have an opportunity to study their pros and cons. If it was your desire last January to leave these by-laws as they are, and if you still feel this way after reading and studying the proposed changes in the News, then you should, by all means, attend this GMC annual meeting May 27th and vote for the status quo.

In past years the Killington Section attendance at the annual GMC meetings has been far from satisfactory, considering the proximity of the meeting place - the Long Trail Lodge. So let us make a mark on our calendar and reserve May 27 for this all important meeting.

There will also be time for short hikes in the immediate area following the afternoon session. Dinner in the Long Trail Lodge dining room, and entertainment in the evening will complete the day. Killington Section will host a hike to Pico Lodge on Sunday, May 28th. See you there!

Ray Catozzi, President
Killington Section

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

The Trails and Shelters Committee has been quite active for the past two months. Ben Ralston has spent a number of weekends working on the trail. So far, he has completely covered the section from the upper Cold River road south to the Gulf Road.

The following are work parties scheduled May through July.

Sat. - May 13	Sun. - June 18
Sun. - May 21	Sun. - July 2
Sun. - May 28	
Sat. - June 3	

We wish to thank all who have taken part in the past work parties and hope more of you will join us when warm weather comes. Contact W. Churchill Scott. Phone 5-5720 for more complete information.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

This month's executive meeting was held at Craigie Perkins' house. President Ray Catozzi announced that Jack Martin had added 15 new slides to the Killington Section collection, bringing it to a total of 55. The Trail was reported to be in good condition. Clarendon bridge is scheduled to be repaired, April 29th, if all goes well. The location of Buffum Shelter is still to be decided. Craigie Perkins will handle the purchase of lumber for this new shelter, and a new stove is in cold storage until the time Buffum Lodge is completed. The damage at Cooper Lodge was discussed, and a trip to White Rocks was suggested as an Autumn hike.

Membership was reported to have fallen short of the 1960 total. A committee was formed to phone delinquent members.



STONEY BROOK SHELTER TRIP

By
Craigie Perkins

Well, we "dood it!" After failing on two previous occasions to locate the Stoney Brook Shelter, we finally found it. It must have been sitting right there all the time.

Of course, the Perennial Pessimist was sure we wouldn't get within miles of the place, but we paid no attention to him.

Bare ground in Rutland, and when we loaded snowshoes into the car, Doc. Beale raised both eyebrows. However, there was still snow in them thar hills.

The road up Stoney Brook was in very good condition. No snow, and not thawed enough to be muddy. We drove in about three miles and then took to the snowshoes.

We reached No Town and decided which of four roads was the most likely route. In about a quarter of a mile we came to another clearing and had to choose between two roads. While discussing the situation, somebody glanced around, and there in the bushes was the long sought shelter. "You can't miss it".

We found a lot of dry wood, and soon coffee water was hot. Later, Churchill Scott got out his trusty saw and we worked up some more fire wood. Not satisfied with this exertion, he then read to us from a book about the history of Pittsford and we voted "yes".

We had just returned to the cars when who should arrive but President Catozzi. Ray said, "Well, it was a nice day for a ride anyway".



TUPPER - OOP! - TUCKER

By
W. Churchill Scott

The main purpose of this hike was to carry a new stove into the shelter, but that failed to arrive on time (it arrived the following day). Nevertheless we had a very good sized group to help with the other repairs.

It was good to see Fred Field, who brought part of his Scout Troop. There were also some Cub Scouts. Seventeen hikers in all.

After a good hot meal, the window frames were repaired, and plans were made to do extensive repairs to the floor and foundation as soon as the snow disappears.

Two of the more hardy souls snowshoed over the Blue Trail to the Elbow Road and down to meet the returning cars, bringing to a close a very enjoyable winter outing.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

By
Florence Van Wyck

On Sunday, April 9th, the annual Sugar-On-Snow party was again held on the third floor of Vera Perkins' home.

Some thirty members and guests of all ages gathered together to partake of the sugar-on-snow, pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

The boiled syrup and steaming hot coffee were served by several willing volunteers, and soon everyone was relaxed and enjoying the feast.

We girls enjoyed the many interesting dolls and other toys Vera and Amy played with as little girls.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who helped make this party a success, particularly Vera and Amy Perkins.

BALD MT. and RED ROCKS

By
Vera Perkins

Where were you all on Saturday April 22nd? Since you weren't with us for this early Spring hike, we will take you along now.

Here we are, all four of us, at Meldon School at 10 A.M.

As there is still enough snow on the mountains to make difficult walking, we decide on a change from the planned route. Instead of going to Bald Mountain, down over Red Rocks to the old Girl Scout Camp, we will drive to the cement bridge on Cold River and follow the old road all the way.

This is an interesting road, as it goes up in easy stages toward the foot of the mountain. As we follow along around the mountain, we find frequent forks in the road where we must make a choice.

Now lunch time is approaching, so we find a sheltered spot, hang the tarp between two trees on the windward side and make our campfire. Soon we are enjoying coffee and sandwiches.

After lunch, we again take to the road which, suprisingly enough, is clear of snow and dry. We hear the sound of water, and looking down from the top of the steep bank, we are following along, we catch glimpses of the river rushing along far below us.

Comes 3 P.M., and we still have not reached our objective. Perhaps we made a wrong chice at one of the road branches. Opinion is divided. Shall we go on further or turn back now?

Finally it is decided that one of the party will wait here for half an hour while the others who wish to go on will see where 15 minutes further advance brings them. Three of us take off at a fast pace and, sure enough, in just 15 minutes, we are opposite the Girl Scout Camp entrance.

Now, at a somewhat slower pace, we are returning. Taking the wrong branch at one fork, we almost pass by our waiting companion.

The return trip is made without incident. Even the rain obligingly holds off.

It is 5:45 P.M., and we are back in Rutland after a relaxing and rewarding day. Now aren't you sorry you didn't come along?

NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Allard
John David Allard
Mary Elizabeth Allard
Jimmie Catozzi
John Catozzi
Polly Crocker
Mrs. Herbert Fostman
Helen E. Frink
Joel Mumford
Minerva Hinchey
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
W. Churchill Scott
Candice Jean Scott
Robert Irving Scott
Patricia Sabourin
John E Sickman, Jr.
Bard Whedon





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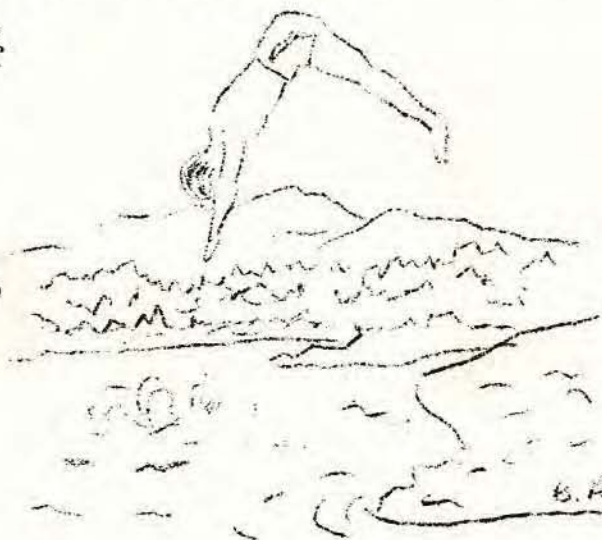
Sat. July 29 - PLEIAD LAKE

Our group will be leaving from Meldon School at ten Saturday morning for Lake Pleiad. The lake is a good place for sunning and swimming. The trip may also include a stop-off at Texas Falls, a favorite we have not visited in some years. Come along and bring your swim-suit.

Meanwhile, don't forget to make plans for attending the Intersectional. Details ~~in next issue.~~ *enclosed.*

Sun. Aug. 13 - WALLINGFORD POND

Next trip is to Wallingford Pond, otherwise known as Spectacle Pond. We'll be leaving Meldon about ten o'clock. This is the last on the current schedule of hikes. A new schedule is forthcoming. Hope to see you soon.



ANNUAL MEETING

Following a coffee hour, the annual meeting of Green Mountain Club was called to order May 27, 1961 at 11:05 A.M. at the Long Trail Lodge by President Don Kent. Reports of the various sections were read, and accounts of activities and trail conditions were given. The rebuilding of Mad Tom Shelter, vandalism in the Burlington Section, and the Intersectional Outing at Camp Plymouth were discussed, and appropriate plans were made to take care of these things.

John Vondell reported that the official count of End-to-Enders is now at 107.

After lunch the meeting was reconvened at 2:00 P.M. Ted Goddard reported for the Trust Fund Commission. The main theme was the renewal of the Trust Fund Contract for a period of 10 years. Mr. Stevens invited the G.M.C. to host the Appalachian Trail Conference in Manchester in 1964. Craigie Perkins will assist Mr. Cleveland of Randolph in establishing a new Randolph Section of G.M.C.

The nominating committee, headed by John Vondell, proposed the following names of members who were elected to the respective offices:

Trustees: (5)	Roy Buchanan
	Harlan Farnsworth
	Miss Marion Hardy
	William Bartlett
	Raymond Catozzi
Clerk -	Don Kent
Corresp. Sec.	Miss Minerva Hinchey

After much discussion, the proposed changes in the by-laws regarding the election of trustees were passed and will go into effect Jan. 1, 1962.

Two excellent programs of slides and motion pictures were presented in the afternoon and after dinner.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees Meeting of the Green Mountain Club Inc. was called to order at 4:20 P.M., following the annual meeting, by retiring President Don Kent.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	John Vondell
Vice President	Ben Rolston
Treasurer	Ted Goddard
Auditor	H. Gale Spaulding

Next, repairs and improvements of various shelters were discussed.

Retiring President Don Kent then turned the symbol of office, the gavel, over to incoming President John Vondell, who adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

PICO HIKE

What a beautiful day for a hike! And what a contrast to Sat's. weather! The activities were even more interesting than usual. One group went up the chair lift which Mr. Smith ran especially for them. Another took a new stove up to Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak and cleared the trail on the way back. A few people went all the way to the tower and visited with the new Fire Warden. The rest just hiked. And what fun they had!

Craigie Perkins was host at the Tall Timbers Camp for visitors who stayed overnight for this hike.

LITTLE ROCKY POND

This was a trip through Mudville following a week of rainy weather. Two of us silly females wore old worn-out footwear because our new hiking shoes were too nice and shiney to soil just yet. Ofcourse the clod-hoppers sank before long. Somehow we lost them and had to wallow barefoot in the bog to retrieve them. Eleanor Walker walked ahead and told us when to leave the trail and where the dry ground was. The Martins carried their baby and their little girl through it all.

Little Rocky Pond was unusually beautiful and in the most lovely stage of Spring. But alas! some careless outlander had burnt the front logs of the shelter when he had evidently moved the outdoor fireplace inside (under the roof of the shelter) and had built a fire during a storm. Fortunately this shelter is maintained by the Forestry Service. Jack Martin moved the fireplace back where it belongs.

The return trip was easy hiking. We kept meeting more members who got a late start. Two coeds from College were with our group. They were here working with the children in our hospital as part of their practice teaching program.

C.V. CAMP OUTING

The law of averages finally caught up with the Chittenden Pond Outing, and for the first time, the weather was uncooperative for our day at the C.V. camp. The skies were dark and overcast, and mist hung low on the mountains for most of the day.

A family party from Pennsylvania, father and three sons, joined us for a short time in the morning. Their original plan was to get to the Long Trail and spend most of the day hiking, but the dubious weather caused them to decide to investigate activities at Killington Basin instead.

Mary and Craigie Perkins arrived in time to eat their lunch with us, and, taking a short breather from business at Tall Timber, stayed to relax and chat a while before the fire.

Late in the afternoon "The Martins" and "The Hudsons" (their Sunday company from UVM Summer School), came in, bringing their picnic supper. Before supper, however, the really young set, taking advantage of a few minutes of (almost sun), indulged in the only swimming of the day. The water was warm, but a chilly wind made the fire doubly welcome after their dip.

After supper the families piled into their cars for the trip back to Summer School, and we closed camp.

Thus ended another GMC outing, rather different than our others at Chittenden Pond, but a pleasant one nevertheless.

Other hikes previously scheduled were canceled.

SWINGING BRIDGE

After a span of over two years the Trails and Shelters Committee can report that the bridge over Mill River has been repaired.

Ray Catozzi, George Reynolds, and Churchill Scott worked one

full weekend in helping George Holden and Donald Schmidt cut cable, remove broken suspenders, level up the cat-walk, and tighten up the various fasteners.

Now we feel that even the most timid can walk over this bridge and feel secure in the knowledge that it will not collapse while he takes the next step.

WORK PARTIES

The Trails and Shelters Committee has only had two work parties since the last report. Bill Mitchell and Churchill Scott spent a very pleasant Sunday cleaning trail from Governor Clement shelter north toward Killington Peak. About one mile of trail was taken care of, brush clipped, blow-downs cut out, and arrows replaced.

During the next week Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott spent an afternoon working the the same spot. At this time a steady two hours was spent, and then, when it was time to return, it took only seven minutes to cover the length of trail that was improved. One can see how many man hours of hard work it will take to cover the 4.1 miles of trail between Cooper Lodge and Gov. Clement Shelter. This is the part of our trail the Killington Section is responsible for keeping in A-1 condition.

In spite of the numerous work parties listed in "Smoke and Blazes" only three members spent any time attending these. It seems very hard to believe that out of about 70 members we are unable to get more than 3 people to show the GMC what we can do to make the Intersection an enjoyable one from a hiking standpoint. Ben Ralston deserves a vote of thanks for all he has done in addition to all the other parts of trail he has worked on this season.

Ben has also prepared very detailed instructions on how to reach Baker Peak, via a new trail he has cut from the U.S.F.S. Lake Trail to Griffith Lake below Denby. He has also made some forms to report recent trail and camp conditions. If anyone is anxious to have these two items contact Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

FOLKS WE KNOW

We have received word of the birth of a son, Mark William, to Dr. and Mrs. William E. Allard of Crow Agency, Montana. Dr. Allard is a former GMC'er.

W. Churchill Scott received an award from the American Red Cross for giving 50 pints of blood over a period of time. Congratulatlons also on your new son, Kim Shappy Scott, Churchill.

In case you didn't know, Barbara Allard and Miriam, Rachel and Charlotte Bell are exhibiting their paintings at the Rutland Museum of the Arts, July 16 - Aug. 13.

NEW MEMBERS

Martha Adams
Ricky Charlton
Jean S. Davies
Wilson F. Fowle, Jr.
Stephen Durkee
Robert Perkins
Thelma Perkins
Anne Perkins
David Perkins
Polly Perkins
Tim Perkins
Ellen Russell

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL WEEK-ECHO LAKE, TYSON, VERMONT

THE TIME-Monday, August 28 through Monday, September 4, 1961.

THE PLACE The Calvin Coolidge Council, Boy Scouts of America, has kindly given us the use of facilities of Camp Plymouth, on the east side of Echo Lake in Tyson, Vt. (1 mile from village center and store). Facilities include large meeting hall, piped mountain spring water, 14 open front shelters, and a babbling mountain stream near some of the camp sites. Camp reservation is 265 acres with trails to nearby hills. Good beaches and swimming, boats and raft. Ample area for tents. This camp does not have cook houses like last year, so campers should come prepared to cook on their own stoves, or on small open fires. We will furnish dry wood.



ACTIVITIES-Lots of fun for all ages. Hiking, camping, swimming, boating, loafing, swapping hiking experiences, badminton, ping pong, and whatever else you like. We are planning on hikes to Mt. Killington, Mt. Okemo, a day on the LONG TRAIL near Cold River and south to Clarendon Camp and Gorge. A day around Plymouth and the new Coolidge Cheese Factory. At one time gold was mined in this area, so we plan to explore for some by panning in local streams.

AFTER SUPPER GET-TOGETHER-We plan to meet each evening in the large new dining hall or outside for a campfire at the Council Ring. We will have singing, story telling, and movies, both educational, and entertaining. A special surprise colored slide showing, by one of our good members. One night will be "Show Your Best Slides Nite". Will each of you "Shutterbugs" bring 10 or 12 of your choice slides of outdoor life, and we will have a projector and screen ready to show them. Musical talent will be appreciated too, so bring your instruments.

FOR CAMPING-Bring your own food, eating and cooking utensils, hiking and camping clothes, swim suits, bedding, and tents. There will be 14 shelters which sleep 5 comfortably. Please write Robert Humes, 50 Miles St., Millbury, Mass., to reserve shelter. Bring stove, or fireplace grate, and camp refrigerator. Food stores are in Tyson or Ludlow, (5 miles).

COST TO YOU-A charge of 50¢ per person/night or \$1.00 per family per night, or \$5.00 for whole week per family.

HOW YOU GET TO CAMP-Camp is located one mile northeast of Tyson just off Route 100 5 miles north of Ludlow, Vt. Ludlow and Route 100 from southeast or north is reached best via Route 103. New York or Conn. folks will find Route 7 north to Wallingford Vt. then east on 140 to Route 103 best. As you approach Tyson look for Echo Lake Inn at center, and cross the cement bridge to the east. This road with one left turn will take you to camp area. Be on lookout for G.M.C. signs.





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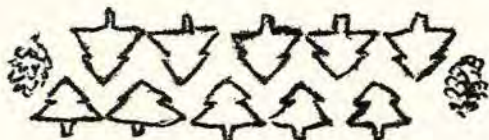
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Sat. Sept. 16 - BAKER PEAK

This week we try a new trail. Ben Rolston did the heavy job of making and blazing it. Now it needs to be packed down. Ben also made a map with very good directions, and they say that there is a good view. So bring the binoculars! Leaving Meldon at 9 o'clock and we hope to see you all.

Sun. Oct. 1 - MENDON PEAK

This promises to be a long (around eight miles) rugged hike. We will start at Clement Shelter and go to Consultation Point. There we will leave the trail and follow the height of land west. Should be exciting. Take a light pack and meet us at Meldon at nine o'clock. Total hike - about eight miles. Should try to learn the story of Consultation Point.



Sat. Oct. 14 - MOUNT AEOLEUS

Wear old clothes and bring a flashlight if you have any intention of exploring the cave on the mountain. There are old quarries to look into also. This will be a nice easy hike of not more than four miles. Leave at nine o'clock.

Sat. Oct. 21 - CALLING ALL RUMMAGE

Now is the time to go through those closets, cupboards, attics, etc. to collect any and all items you have no use for which could be donated to our Rummage Sale.

Remember, this is our one big money making event for the year, and its success depends on you.

This year we have a change of location, as the Neighborhood Rooms are no longer available. We expect to have the use of the former Adams & Noe store, corner of State and Grove Sts. This should be an excellent location, being near the parking lot and with good show windows to afford additional publicity. With all this, we might even top last year's record!

As usual, we will be on hand all day Friday, Oct. 20th, to receive your donations and get things organized and priced. The change of location will make some additional problems in preparations, so we will need plenty of help. Anyone who can give some assistance please contact Vera, Mary, or Crague Perkins.

Remember that dishes, household equipment, nic-nacs and so on are good sellers as well as clothing and such items as bedspreads, curtains etc.

Proceeds of the sale will go toward the expense of rebuilding Buffum. The lumber for this is already on hand, and we hope the shelter will be built this fall.

All together now, let's have the cooperation we had last year and we can't miss!

Sat. Oct. 28 - COVERED DISH
SUPPER - BEECHWOOD

This year we have an addition to the supper - an afternoon hike. A group will leave Beechwood about 2 PM for "The Bump". If you don't know where that is, come early and find out.

You'll be back in time for supper, naturally. We will have a large selection of good food to appease your appetite. After supper, there will be an entertainment.

Call Vera Perkins for reservations by Thursday, Oct. 26th. Her number is PR 3-2941. Supper at six-thirty. See you there!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Killington Section held a meeting recently at Tall Timbers. Ray Catozzi, Crague, Mary and Vera Perkins, Eleanor Walker, Barbara Allard and Churchill Scott spent a very pleasant evening around the fire at the Perkins' cottage.

The construction of the new camp at Buffum was the most important subject covered. Ray has received permission from the owners of the land. Crague has ordered the lumber, and construction will start as soon as possible. After much

controversy during the past year, it was finally decided to build it in the same location.

The fall and winter schedule of activities was drawn up, and the meeting came to a close as the last of the dying embers of our fire faded into the darkness. We all agreed that membership in the Killington Section becomes more enjoyable each year.

WORK PARTIES

There have been a number of trail cleaning work parties during the past month, so now we can say our section is in good condition. Ben Rolston has finished from Gov. Clement Shelter to the Gulf Road. The other have gotten the rest of our section cut out and cleared.

Now we are all looking forward to building a new closed camp at Buffum. This will add another snug, warm camp to visit while the cold winter winds blow.

INTERSECTIONAL DOINGS By Ann Reynolds

If the rest of the 1961 Intersectional was as full of fun and friendliness as the last two days, which we attended, we know everyone must have enjoyed it. The setting on Echo Lake, with its many trees and surrounding mountains, was beautiful, and the facilities of the Boy Scout camp were excellent. Many members worked hard to provide an outstanding program to make everyone comfortable.

A grand total of 177 were registered during the eight days, with 37 members-at-large accounting for the largest number. Burlington Section with 31 and Killington Section with 28, were two of the largest groups.

On Sunday, campers had a choice of several scheduled hikes, as they had throughout the week. Ben Royston led a group to Baker Peak and hiked out along the Long Trail while the less ambitious visited a nearby abandoned gold mine. Two tardy 'day ers' spent the whole afternoon at Plymouth and did

not reach the camp until after dark.

Sunday night the new Memorial Hall dining room was again the gathering place for singing and slides. Terry Gulick, who works at the Coolidge cheese factory in Plymouth, read an interesting article about the gold mining in that area. The previous night John Vondell had shown some of his favorite slides - his work often appears in "Vermont Life".

Swimming in the lake was always an attraction, especially when hikers came down from the Trail, hot and dusty. And GMC'ers were always ready for impromptu pranks-- as on Monday morning, when a group decided to give Larry Dean the "cold water treatment", because he had waked them up every other morning. Larry foiled their plans, however, by crawling out of his tent just as they started to drip water on him. Practical joker Don Kent was continually thinking up tricks, such as substituting raw eggs for hard-cooked ones in his tentmate's trail lunch, and putting coconuts in sleeping bags.

No hikes were scheduled for Monday, because people were leaving throughout the day, but a group of us did make the trip to the gold mine. No gold on this trip, but there was talk of the GMC's "gold reserve" -- a few flecks in a bottle -- which had been gathered on an earlier panning expedition.

The Martins had come over for the day, after spending four days camping here earlier in the week, and we joined them for a swim. When we left late in the afternoon, Chairman Bob Humes, Roy and Mrs. Buchanan and Don Kent and others remained to do the cleanup work.

Once again we were impressed by the easygoing friendliness and helpfulness of GMC members and by the fact that the Club's activities are enjoyed by so many of all ages and varied occupations.

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WALLINGFORD POND
By Florence Van Wyck

On Sunday, the 13th of August some 23 people met at Meldon School. We were happy to see Ella and Hans

Fritsch, Killington Section members from Copiague, N.Y., who were vacationing at Tall Timber. We hadn't seen them since last Aug. at Chittenden Pond. Hans brought along his telescope which he set up. This aided him in observing any birds and wild life which might be around.

It was a clear, cool day, for a change, and we drove to Wallingford, turned off Route 7 at Wallingford Inn and up 140. Instead of turning to the White Rocks picnic area, we followed the road up Sugar Hill beyond the Cemetery until we came to a sign marked "2 miles to Wallingford Pond". Next, we turned right and followed that road until we couldn't drive any farther, so we parked and hiked the rest of the way, - a good 2 miles.

Arriving at our destination, we were met by two interesting fishermen who had brought their boat, food, etc. by truck all the way to the pond. (Later when ready to leave, some of us were lucky enough to ride on the back of their truck to our cars. What a ride!)

When an interesting spot was found, a fire was started with one match and no paper. In the meantime Churchill Scott went by boat with our two fishermen clear to the other side of the pond for water, and since he was quite a while, we thought the water was being boiled.

After he returned, we were anxious to settle down to the enjoyment of a meal, rest and chatter. We shared our fire with the helpful fishermen whose pithy wit added zest to the occasion.

When our energies had been revived we walked around the pond enjoying the many interesting things along the way, especially the wild flowers of the following varieties: Queen Ann's Lace, Indian Pipe, etc.





SMOKE & BLAZES

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Sun. Nov. 12 - MT. HANLEY

One of our newer hikes in recent years. Those who have been there before enjoyed it very much. In case you don't know, Mt. Hanley is located west of West Rutland. At 10:30 we will leave Meldon. Come have lunch with us.

Sun. Nov. 26 - PICO COMP

The group will be leaving at nine o'clock on a fall trip to Pico Peak and Lodge. We always have a good time here, even if you take a nap after lunch. Anyway bring your family, friends and otherwise and come along.

Sat. Dec. 16 - GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

Time to start checking the shelters before winter. This time bring something to cook instead of a sandwich. See if you can cook a steak or maybe

bacon outdoors. Get the idea? See you at ten.

Sat. Dec. 30 - BUFFUM LODGE

This is the first scheduled hike to our newest camp. If you haven't gotten there by now it's time you did. Take time off from the mad holiday dash and come relax with us for a while (You may need a breath of fresh air by now, it's very restful). Leaving at ten from Meldon, but you are welcome to come anytime.

Sun. Jan. 7 - SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Break out the snowshoes and skis. Bring a sled or toboggan along if you like to slide. It's Sunnyside this trip. Hope for lots of snow and sun and come along at ten.

BAKER PEAK
By Crague Perkins

Wherezat?

This was a new one on our schedule and should be repeated soon.

Equipped with Ben Ralston's step by step instructions, we set out up the Lake Trail from Danby. The weather was fine, and we took the time to visit the lookout on a short branch trail.

The brook was reached at mealtime, the coffee pot was put on the fire, and hikers did a little cooking over the grate provided by Churchill Scott. What, no sink? Fried peppers flavored with forest herbs. Yum! Yum! Someone suggested that we ought to have an honest-to-goodness cook out sometime. We have gotten too much into the sandwich habit.

After lunch, we set off up the new Baker Peak Trail. The going was easy along a terrace, but then the trail climbed to another terrace and led around the shoulder of the mountain. Very soon we came out on an open ledge on the west side of the peak. The rock was of an interesting formation, being much wrinkled and broken. We pursued a very large porcupine which ran very slowly. We ran very rapidly but the porcupine escaped. Mystery.

Baker Peak, situated just east and far above the village of Danby gives views equal to those from Equinox. Most of the peaks from Bloodroot to Stratton were visible. Dorset Peak, just opposite, reminded us of our much scheduled and much postponed trip to its summit.

After a couple of hours in the sun, we registered in Ben's mailbox and returned to the cars. A fine new trip to a scenic spot. Thank you! Ben, for discovering and building this train.

GOV. CLEMENT TO GIRL SCOUT
CAMP

By Susan Tarbell

The mountains rolled in the distance
The birds beneath us flew
And God was in His heaven
As we looked at his world anew.

We walked and walked along the trail
Until we reached Four Brooks
And there we sat and ate and talked
For no one had brought any books.

Some opened a can of sardines
And some a can of pop
The sardines didn't have a key
And the pop it wouldn't stop.

By then it was getting close to twelve
So again we hit the trail
And walked the county up and down
Where beauty did prevail.

But then at the point consultation
We departed from the trail
Our navigator fixed his compass
And we settled down for travail.

We first went up Little Killington
Three times we did it, no less
The views were quite satisfactory
The footing was not of the best.

Then past the thick pines of the summit
Down into the slash underneath
The walking was very bouncy
The air was still cool and smelled sweet.

Soon we went off that nice broad trail
And into the marsh beyond
And followed there the ridge to the west
'On to Mendon' was our song.

Then on with our packs and down we went
Down four foot, six foot or two
I tried not to step on the hands of my friends
But my feet were lost in green stew!

Then down to the relative flat of
a slope
Where the drop is in fractions,
not feet

And past the uncut telephone poles
While stopping at clearings petite

And then we followed some 'Loggins
Roads'

That went this way then that
If we can lose roads as recent as
these
Crown Point hasn't got a chance.

Well, on we went and on and on
'Til we could trudge no more
And then we saw a miracle
Lefe had opened another door.

For there was a road, a substan-
tial one
And we followed it to the end
And thanks to our clever geniuses
We ended where we had planned.

So while we waited for the car
We made plans of going anew
And blaxing a trail to Mendon
For the lucky ones like you.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS \$123

In spite of slightly higher
expenses due to a necessary change
in location, the Rummage Sale
went over the top with a take of
\$123. This will be a substantial
aid in paying for the materials
in our new Buffum Shelter.

We want to thank all those who
donated articles. Additional
thanks go to these people who
worked on the sale - "T" Valiquette,
Ruth Fostman, Churchill and Bobby
Scott and Barbie Allard helped
in pricing and selling; Eleanor
Walker acted as cashier; Janet
Martin provided the advertising
posters; Jack Martin arranged a
window display of GMC material;
and at closing time we welcomed
the help of Harold Valiquette and
his truck for the clean-up job.

Mary, Crague and Vera Perkins,
Committee

COVERED DISH SUPPER AT
BEECHWOOD

This fall foliage hike and tast-
ing supper is one of our sections
most cherished festivities. The
comfortable old farm house at
Beechwood is a perfect setting for
this event. I am always reminded
of the Victorian house parties one
reads about in 19th Century English
novels, or in American ones for
that matter. Only this is more
confused. A taste of this and a
taste of that. Soon the plates are
piled high and it's a scrimmage for
a seat somewhere.

After several desserts, the
conversation is interrupted by a
program. This year Barbara Allard
gave a witty talk on her trip to
Montana last summer, (accompanied
by sister Marjorie) and showed us
some beautiful slides. John
Reynolds flirted outrageously
with the ladies, both during the
entertainment and after it was
over.

Suddenly, the guests departed
leaving a few hangers on to tour
the house, an antiquarian's delight.
Did you get to see the darling
little stoves upstairs? You
might have, if you hadn't hurried
off so fast.

WORK PARTIES

After months of planning, the
rebuilding of Buffum Shelter
finally got underway. On Sunday
Sept. 24 Mr. Walter Gartner loaned
us a truck and a good sized work
party of Ray, Jimmie and Johnie
Gatozzi, Candy and Churchill
Scott loaded it up and took off
with high hopes of a short after-
noon's work.

The plans all worked out well
until we got to the last grade
about 100 yards from camp. There
a combination of wet grass and a
bit of mud stopped us. There we

stayed, as every known trick was tried to ease us over that last little hill. Finally, with heavy hearts, as darkness descended, we threw off the supplies so neatly piled a short time before.

The next day Ray and Churchill were loaned a jeep by Mr. Henry Douglas and were able to take all the heavy material the last few hundred yards.

On the following Sunday Mr. Vic Randolph and two of his older Scouts spent the weekend there and helped to carry the remaining boards, helped by Ben Ralston.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, another work party put the finishing touches on Buffum. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weeks of Springfield, Prof. and Mrs. Buchanan of Burlington Ben Ralston and George Reynolds were a few of those present.

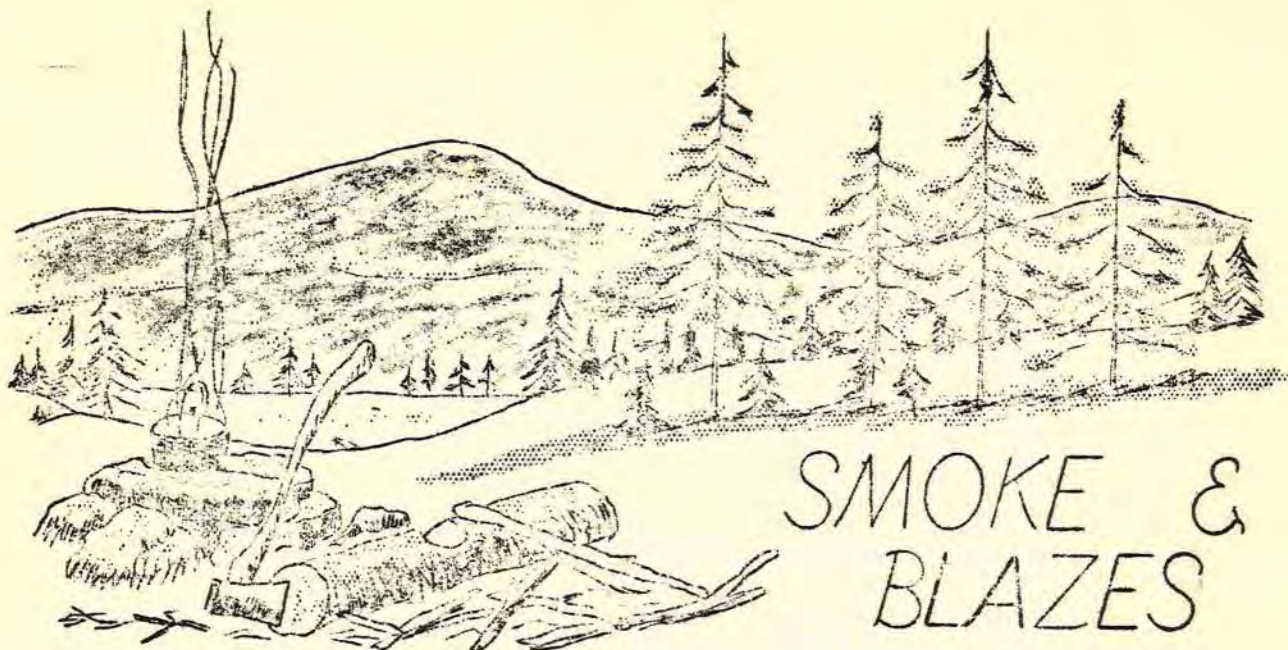
The Killington Section owes a great deal to Craig Perkins for the great amount of time, effort and energy he has spent to make Buffum a camp we can all be proud of. Also to the many folks who have contributed both money and manual labor to the completion of our latest addition, we all owe so very much and shall be grateful for many years to come.

TRAIL CLEARING

Pres. Ray Catozzi has led two recent work parties to trail clearing spots. Last month a group of Boy Scouts finished the mile and 900 (according to Ben Ralston) south of Killington Peak, so that now the trail from Gov. Clement to Cooper Lodge is in fine shape.

Later he took another group of Scouts up between Pico and

Killington at the swamp area and spent the day clearing the trail in this area. Even though a great deal of work was done, he reports that there is still more, and we don't know if time and the weather will allow us to complete this work before snow flies.



SMOKE & BLAZES

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Sat. Jan. 20 - MOONLIGHT HIKE
TUCKER LODGE

The calendar promises a full moon. How about an evening in the fresh air? If the stove gets hot, we'll have something warm to drink. If you've never been before, why not take the evening off and meet us at Meldon at 7-30 PM.

Thurs. Jan. 25, 7:30 PM - ANNUAL
MEETING Mark the date down
and don't forget it. You'll
be sorry if you do!
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Thurs. Feb. 1 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER
CLARENDON LODGE. GROUNDHOG
EVE.

This hike celebrates that great night - GROUNDHOG EVE! Naturally, we must have something special for this one. A spaghetti supper. SPAGHETTI AND COFFEE FREE. Bring YOUR OWN equipment and any trimmings (food) you wish. If you can get near the stove you can cook. Serving begins at 6:30, but if

you want to eat don't come too late, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE JAN. 31 Call Mary Perkins at 3-7954,

Sat. & Sun. Feb. 10 and 11 -
WINTER WEEKEND. TALL TIMBER

Would you like a weekend in the country? Everyone always enjoys it here. Meals will be served from Sat. breakfast (in case you want to come Fri. night) to Sun. dinner at noon. For RESERVATIONS, call Mary Perkins at 3-7954 by Wed., Feb. 7. If you can't make it for the whole time, come up for a few hours. Lots of people you don't see very often will be there, so why not come?

ACH TUNG ! ! ! ANNUAL MEETING

TIME: Thurs. Jan. 25, 7:30 PM
PLACE: C.V.P.S.C. Bldg. (Please use Maple St. parking lot and go in back door from there.)

ONCE AGAIN we have been fortunate in obtaining the use of the C.V. Conference rooms for our annual meeting, and we have planned the evening to follow the pattern of last year: business, entertainment and then refreshments. Following the business meeting, we will take an interesting trip to another continent via a talk and a showing of colored slides by Dr. A. G. Barrett of Granville, N.Y. Dr. Barrett has traveled extensively in foreign lands, and we have heard glowing praise for his beautiful color photography and pleasant talks.

Going to a meeting isn't as strenuous as some of our other planned events, like going cross-country over Mendon Peak, so we want to see all you armchair hikers as well as the active ones at this annual meeting.

A slight charge will be made to cover incidental expenses of the evening.

MT. HANDLEY
By
Churchill Scott

On Sunday, Nov. 12, we held our annual hike to Mt. Handley. A rather small group left Meldon School in the face of threatening weather. The walk started smoothly enough, but soon we had missed the turn onto the old wood road. Soon we were bushwhacking through the woods toward the summit. But then this came quite natural since our trip over Mendon Peak.

At last we hit the road and hiked along a nice easy path, looking forward to eating by a nice cool brook. But when we got there, it was bone dry!

Nevertheless, we built a fire and Susan shared her hot chocolate with those who had no drinks. Carol and Vera decided to rest by the fire as the rest of us hiked on,

As time went by, the weather continued to improve, and after a final short climb, we reached the top in bright sunshine. We rested for some time, enjoying the view to the south and west - planning hikes to some of the other mountains visible from Mt. Handley.

Soon we were headed for home, drawing to a close another enjoyable fall hike.

SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Since Sat. had been a bit nasty, it was surprising to have ten show up for Sunnyside. Snowshoes made the going a bit easier for a couple.

We found the camp with plenty of wood, but too many grates in the stove and an oven door that fell on the feet of those who stood in the wrong place. This troublesome door went under the stove with three of the five grates. Once lit, the fire did very well and produced hot water and heated both various foods and the campers.

After lunch, only four had enough energy to go on to the clearing that overlooks the lake and valley. The view was well worth the effort. Going back to Sunnyside, we were ambushed by a couple of Indians who used snowballs instead of arrows. After they made us wash 'our' faces in snow!

In camp, things were just as strange. Someone was smashing the furniture. Naturally we had to fix it before we could leave. Then we headed for the cars. Four by way of some wild sledding down the icy hill. The rest slid on their feet (I guess).

We came to the conclusion that just because it looks unpleasant

out from beside the fire, doesn't mean it's like that when you get out.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

Five members came. It was a beautiful blue-sky day, with snow, and the river was full of blue ice and green water.

The stove at Clement is lacking a decent top to cook on, so we used the fireplace for our fire. That is getting a little smaller each year. Still, plenty of room to heat water and burn hotdogs.

This shelter is going to need a little attention next summer - new bunks, stove top etc.

It was a lovely winter hike.

PICO CAMP
by
George Reynolds

It was a cloudy, wintery day when the group donned their hiking gear at Sherburne Pass and started up the trail. The No Trespassing signs on the gate to Long Trail Lodge seemed to apply as much to the trail as to the Lodge, but we ignored them. The going was a little slippery in spots where previous hikers had trod, but thanks to the crust, it wasn't too rough.

Before we got to Pico Camp, we passed a group of high school boys from New Jersey hiking out with their teacher. They had hiked in Thursday in the rain and snow.

We arrived at the camp with our bundle of newspapers, only to find a large pile already there. Before the water had a chance to boil, a family arrived and was invited to join us for coffee as soon as the water got warm. We then directed them up

to Pico and back down on a route which would not pass the shelter, so they never got their coffee. We wondered later what they thought of this kind of hospitality.

The weather cleared so that we got good views of the surrounding mountains both from the camp and later from the fire tower on top. For a time the light was such that the mountains stood out in emphasized perspective.

Killington, Shrewsbury, Mendon, Blue Ridge and Ascutney were positively identified, while Washington, Mansfield, Camel's Hump and others were found in various locations depending on the viewer. Anyway, no matter which mountain was which, the view was well worth the hike.

The trail down was difficult to locate, due to the cut for the new lift, but a few signs should remedy this.

I guess it is only fitting that as a first-timer on Pico, I should be drafted to write this piece.

TWENTY-THREE OUT FOR THE
BUFFUM HIKE
By
Miriam Bell

On Sat., Dec. 30th, there was a really good-sized turn out for the hike into New Buffum shelter in North Wallingford (twenty-three in all). We traveled through a winter wonderland, almost a mile up to the spot from the main road.

The closed shelter was warm because another member-at-large, Ben Ralston, and his young friend, Raymond Secor of Schenectady had spent the night there as part of a long weekend - two days and three nights --- in the cabin. "It takes a lot of wood chopping to keep us warm," they said.

Water from the winter brook was soon boiling in the old club coffee pot, and lunches were cooked on the

good wood stove. Then the young children went outside to play in the snow in the yard, while Joe Mandella and Peter Hadeka explored a bit, and the older folks just sat around the stove visiting. They talked of how Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi and George Reynolds had hauled in the wood to build the shelter last fall and of how Craigie Perkins had hiked in nearly every day in October to build the cabin all by himself. The neat painting of the sash by Mary Perkins was admired too.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club now maintains five such shelters and is proud of them. Their guest registers show the public appreciates them too. The only one which remains an open shelter now is Gov! Clement. While the buildings were formerly used mainly in people's summer vacations, an increase in leisure time and an increased interest in winter camping mean that the closed shelters are most welcome all the year round.

Buffum is one of the most cheerful shelters because its new windows face the west, and even when we left at three-thirty, the cabin was flooded with sunshine. Coming down the trail, we stopped to take pictures of the big trees laden with new snow. Some of those hemlocks stood forty or fifty feet tall. They were like giants of old, guarding the mountain passes.

We hated to leave the winter woods, the quiet broken only by chickadees' chirping; but as we came down the Long Trail, we chatted with three cheerful strangers on their way up, their snowshoes under their arms - so we knew someone else would be enjoying the beauty we had left.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 1962

Polly Crocker
Sally Crocker
Robert Deemer
Mrs. Ruth Fostman
Alexander C. Mason
John M. Paddock
Mrs. John M. Paddock
Ann Reynolds
George Reynolds
John Reynolds
Ben Rolston
Ray Secor
Candance J. Scott
Robert I. Scott
Walter C. Scott

TRAIL TALES

Many of us, we are sure, have enjoyed reading the registers placed in our shelters and camps along the Long Trail. There is rarely one that doesn't disclose abundant writing talent amongst the hikers and campers who take more than the time to write just their names and where they come from. There are many humorous anecdotes, beautiful descriptions of scenery and sunsets, sad tales of uncooperative Vermont weather and pesky porkies, and even a few entries of good poetry.

Starting with this issue we are going to print some of these items, in part or in whole, some old, some of recent times, all interesting, we believe. We will use names as they appear if we feel they have any bearing on the story's interest, or if we feel the writer should be credited for his excellent work.

For an opener we couldn't find a better one than this from the Tucker Lodge register dated June 6-7, 1959 -
"...spending our 0th wedding anniversary, having successfully escaped attacks of various MMC-ers.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Day
Middlebury Mountain Club"

This from the Montclair Glen Lodge register of Aug. 11, 1957:
"...arrived in fine condition at 6 p.m. - not even breathing hard; in fact, not breathing. Art Watson recorded our respective pulses at 200 (+), blood pressures unobtainable. Expired at 11 p.m."

From an entry in the Clarendon Lodge register on Aug. 10, 1960:
"...arrived about noon Aug. 9th, foot-sore and weary, was so pleased with this camp that we decided to rest, wash up and enjoy ourselves. Beautiful afternoon, studied ferns, birds and generally enjoyed ourselves. Have now identified seventeen different ferns, and several birds, some new for some of our party. Light rain about 3:00 AM, E.D.T. Still showery as we leave 7:45 AM.

Nine members of the Forest Audubon Club.
Steubenville, Ohio

From the same register on Aug. 16th, a postscript:
"...we left some paper plates, hamburger rolls and some triscuit wafers..."

followed by this entry on Aug. 18:
"...we ate the triscuits at a short lunch stop here on the way to Killington. Thanks."

Here is a lengthy piece from the register at Cooper Lodge on Killington, dated July 15-16, 1947, a year when Tom Pease was the caretaker for the Killington section there that summer:

"Twenty-two campers spent the night after a rainy afternoon. Nine came up from Sherburne Pass, arriving in a cloud-burst. Later on thirteen boys and councillors came in from the south and dried out after a wet hike up from Blue Triangle.

"It was a bit of a job to manage meals with the young fry dashing about, but we managed by cooking in shifts. We used up a lot of Tom Pease's nice dry wood, but have chopped up some rather wet stuff that will eventually dry out.

"Both parties leave in the morning for Sherburne Pass and will try to leave the place ship shape.

"A few of us are old timers who have been to Killington on and off since the old hotel woodshed was still standing, and it is an

old story to us but the youngsters are getting a real thrill out of it.

"It is a great improvement to have a camp like this, especially when well taken care of. Quite a contrast from the January day in 1921, when the writer and a friend came up from Rutland via the Notch road and old hotel trail to the tin shack, and slept on a sheet of ice that had formed on the floor.

"Incidentally, the first group were students of St. Albans School, Washington, D.C.
Walter Boyd"

This same register at Cooper Lodge had many interesting entries by Tom Pease, himself, and is almost a day to day record of Tom's experiences on Killington Peak that summer. We plan to do a whole column on just Tom's interesting entries in a future issue of S & B.

One of the following four persons from New York City wrote this ode to camping in the register of the new Pico Camp in November of 1960:

"...Joy Hornung - Julio de la Torre, Harry Sydor - Iere Brian
...arrived tired 11/15/60

departed wet 11/16/60 with provisional thanks for the knotty pine mattress, heatless stove, and solid salt.

Let us go, oh, friend
To where the cloud bends way, way
down
To plant a gooey smooch on Pico's
crest
And gaze with awe
At autumn's sauce and gravy stains
On Pico's once green vest.
Abandon, man, the city's enervat-
ing warmth and rich food,
Wallow through wet ferns, stumble
over moldy rocks and roots,
Recapture anew that near-lost
sylvan mood.

Eat dry bread, salami, weak tea -
man's food!

Stumble in blackness unsullied by
watts and amps!

Crouch around a stinking fire!
Sleep with that healthy awareness
of a pine-scented board
mattress!

The wild joy of morning rain!

Let us go, oh, friend, and cast
our city sins away,
And gather strength from secret
thought

That it's only for a day!"

How many of us have had similar
experiences such as these that have
been written in the camp registers!

Even though we have a fairly
large supply of old filled registers
in which to find these entries, if
any of you readers find any interest-
ing ones on your hikes or camping
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to print them for all to enjoy.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE BIG

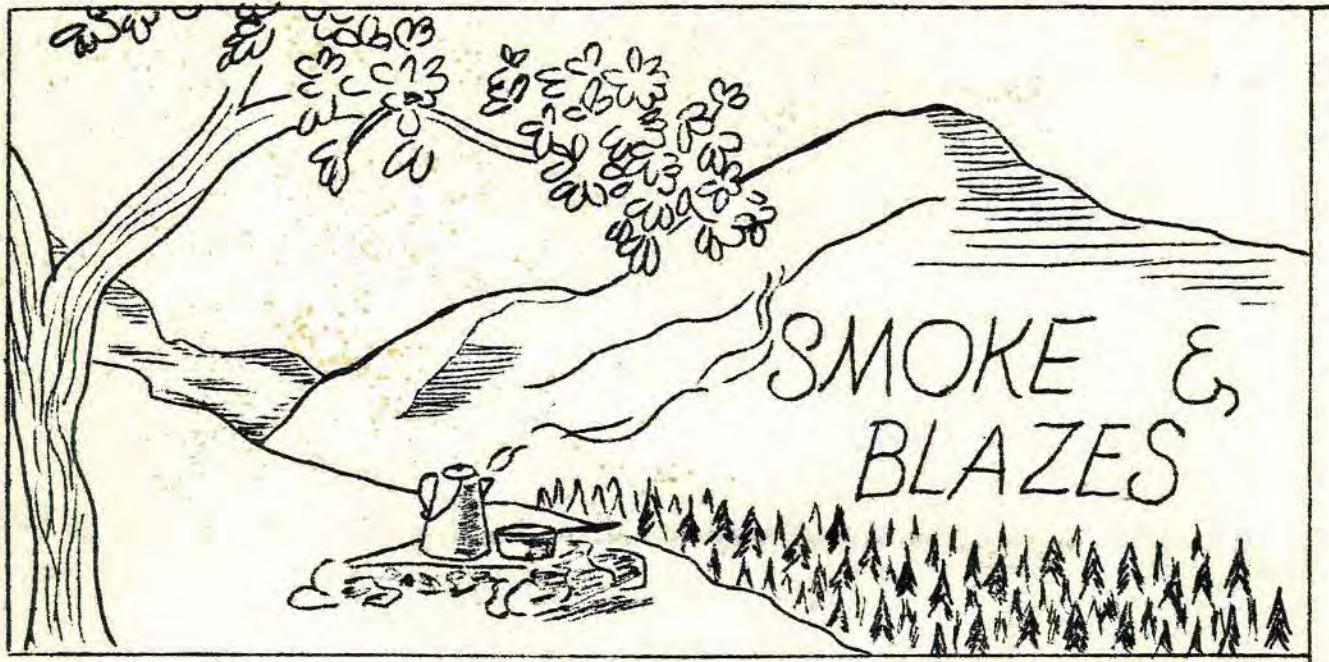
ANNUAL MEETING OF

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC

BE THERE, 'CAUSE

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU

(Details of meeting on page 2)



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Sunday, Feb. 25 - BALCH PASTURE

Dis. out the snowshoes and check your harnesses. We're leaving Meldon at 10 AM for a rough-it hike (no shelter) covering some territory south of Bald Mt. Those who have already been there say that the country is lovely.

Saturday, Mar. 10 - SUNNYSIDE
FROM CLARENDON GORGE

We'll be going into Sunnyside from the north today. This ought to be a good snowshoe hike too. Shake your legs and meet us at Meldon at 10 AM. P.S. If you'd rather, you can go in by Spring Lake Ranch.

Saturday, Apr. 7 - MAPLE SUGAR
PARTY

How long has it been since you have come and enjoyed the donuts, dill pickles and sugar-on-snow? The party will be at the Perkins' home, 242 So. Main St. Serving will start at 6:30 PM. If you haven't paid your dues yet, this will be a good time to do it! Call PR 3-2941 for reservations before Thursday, April 5th.

Saturday, Apr. 14 - HAYSTACK MT.

We will leave at 9 AM from Meldon for Haystack Mt. in Pawlet. We predict that this will be a snowshoe or a sunshine hike. This might prove to be interesting. Coming along?

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 28 and 29 -
BUFFUM SHELTER OVERNIGHT

Sort of a do-it-yourself hike this time. Come along whenever you can. Bring your own transportation, food and sleeping bag. It's supposed to be a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, so bring along the makings. If it's been a long time - or never - since you've slept in one of our camps, now is your chance. You are welcome just to drop in and visit too.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE is Wednesday, April 25th. Please get copy to Ann Reynolds, at 33 Temple St., 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 welcome - Call Ann at PR 3-3295.

1962 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Killington Section of G.M.C. was held at the CVPS rooms on Thursday Jan. 25, 1962.

President Ray Catozzi began the activities at 7:30. Craig Perkins gave a report on outings, saying that four were called off during the year because of bad weather. Future hikes were discussed for the new schedule.

Jack Martin reported on photos, photo album, and publicity. He stated that new slides or pictures are always welcome.

Trails and shelters were taken care of by Ben Ralston and Churchill Scott. Ben Ralston and Craig Perkins were thanked for the great amount of time and effort given to clearing trail and building Buffum, respectively. The suspension bridge over Mill River has again been repaired.

Mary Isbell was commended for the good work she has done as editor of "Smoke and Blazes". Ann Reynolds has agreed to act as the new editor.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read by Churchill Scott. (See separate page for Treasurer's report.)

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Ray Catozzi, President; Harold Valiquette, Vice President; Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer. A motion was made for the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers.

President Catozzi explained the election of trustees, and Ben Ralston was elected to represent the Killington Section.

Ben Ralston spoke of the 1964 Appalachian Trail Conference to be held in the Manchesters with the G.M.C. as host.

Craig Perkins made a motion that Lincoln Isham be made a Life Member of our section in appreciation of his generous gifts. Also discussed was a fund (to be named the Lincoln Isham Fund) to be set aside for major repairs and maintenance work on our section.

After the business meeting was adjourned at 8:30, Dr. A. G. Barrett of Granville, N.Y. gave a very interesting talk, complete with many colorful slides, of a recent trip to Africa. Members enjoyed the comparison of wildlife encountered by Dr. Barrett with that which we meet hiking in the Green Mts.

Refreshments served by Vera Perkins, Ruth Postman and Eleanor Walker, ended another very warm and friendly get-together of the Killington Section.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT

By W. Churchill Scott

The year 1961 has been the most active one in the memory of present members. A great deal of thanks and appreciation go to Ben Ralston for his endless work of clearing trail and repairing camps. Thanks also to Craig Perkins for the good job of constructing Buffum Lodge as another closed shelter that the Killington Section can be proud of.

This coming year promises to be just as busy, with many odds and ends to do. To name a few: Sunnyside - door repaired, camp creosoted, annex built. Swinging bridge - catwalk creosoted. Clarendon - stove pipe repaired, annex rebuilt. Gov. Clement - roof and lower bunks repaired, annex built. Pico - windows rehung, outside creosoted. Tucker - foundation rebuilt, upper windows repaired, annex built. In addition we have 22 miles of trail to maintain. Anyone willing and able to help with these projects please contact Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St.

The new spring and summer outing schedule is enclosed with this issue. If you would like extra copies for "prospects", see Craig Perkins. Have a few handy in your pocket when you're on the trail!

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WINTER WEEKEND at "TALL TIMBER"
By Barbara Allard

The party began Saturday morning with the arrival of several groups in time for lunch. They must have smelled the good stew. Everyone enjoyed the meal.

The afternoon was perfectly beautiful - blue sky and lots of sun. Also no mosquitoes. One group went into the woods to inspect the cabins. They soon came back to the fire and games, as feet had a tendency to cool off.

Supper was a gay affair serving about 30 people. After cleanup we saw an interesting group of photographs with comments by Crigie Perkins. Then one group went out to the workshop and tried somewhat unsuccessfully to pop some corn. All the others stayed in the house and saw slides belonging to Ben Rolston.

Bedtime came, with a bit of discussion as to who would keep fire watch. This was important, as the temperature was now heading toward 20 below zero.

Morning came, and while none of us froze, some of the cars were slow in starting. Hot air and elbow grease finally got them going.

Sunday dinner was somewhat smaller than in former years - not in the amount of food, but the number served! Then it was time to start heading for home. Thanks once again to "Tall Timber" owners for the use of their very nice camp.

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David John Martin timed his arrival into the world most auspiciously, coinciding with the beginning of the "Winter Weekend". He weighed in at almost 10 pounds early on the morning of February 10th. Congratulations Janet and Jack!

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER
By Judy Allard

On a rather brisk evening in January, six brave souls started out on a moonlight excursion to Tucker Lodge. Before the shelter in the woods was reached, the wind was cutting and cold. Snowshoes were not needed on account of the crusty snow. However, the going was quite rough. The snow made the woods seem very bright, even though the moon didn't show its face until later, and the lodge was reached without the aid of flashlights.

A fire was quickly started and water for warm drinks was put on. Donuts were put in the oven to warm. The hikers huddled around the stove and helped immensely by watching the pot. Contrary to popular superstition, the water boiled anyway, and we were soon warmed by the coffee, tea, cocoa and donuts. Three of the four dozen donuts were devoured, and there were even donuts on the roof!

After six appetites had been satisfied, and the hour noticed, we prepared to start for home. As usual, the moon appeared as soon as we left. The short walk out was very invigorating and a perfect ending to a very pleasant evening.

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Additions to 1962 Membership List

Martha Adams	Louis Catozzi	George Kirk
Dr. A. G. Barrett	Raymond Catozzi	Florence Mitchell
Bennett Bell	Edith Ewald	William Mitchell
Miriam Bell	Ella Fritsch	Doris Newton
Gene Broecker	Hans Fritsch	Pearle Nichols
Harriet Bryant	Frances Green	Vera Perkins
Miles Bryant	Robert Hathaway	Ellen Russell
Janice Catozzi	Suzanne Hathaway	Dr. J. Donald Schultz
James Catozzi	Lincoln Isham	Harold Valiquette
John Catozzi	Jay A. King	Thelma Valiquette

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TREASURER'S REPORT - 1961

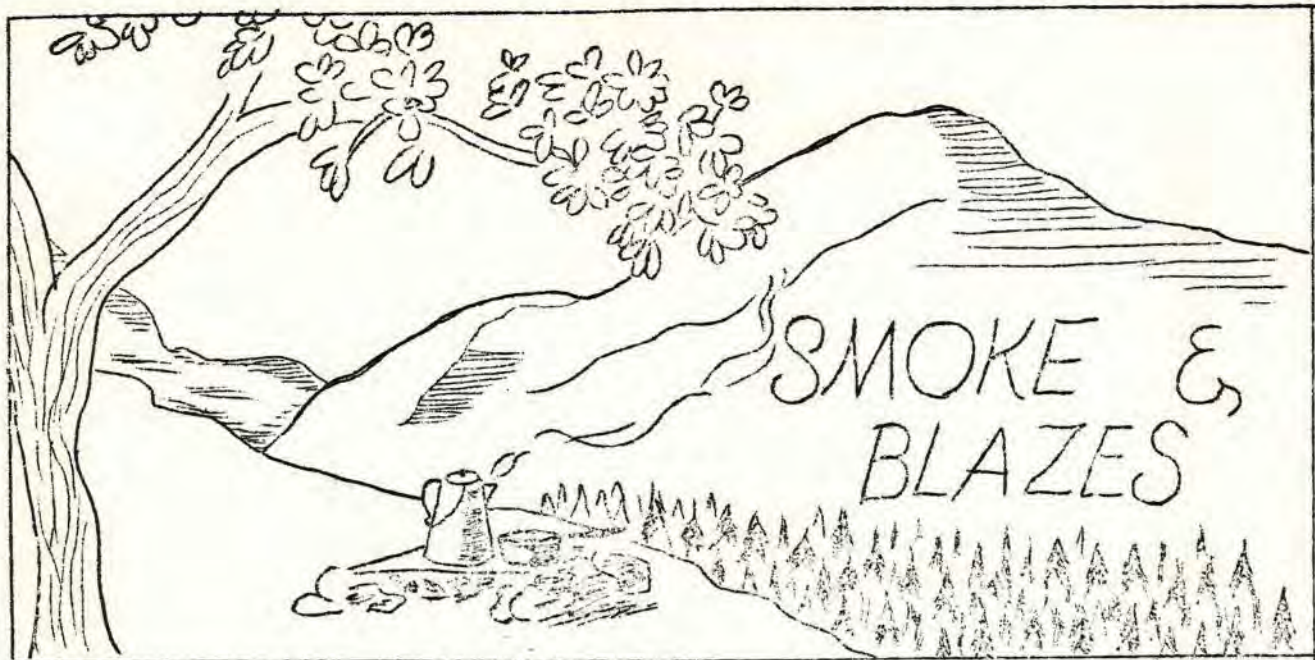
RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1961	\$ 513.78
Received from dues	140.00
Received from Rummage Sale	139.13
Donations for Buffum Shelter	221.00
Interest on money in bank	11.17
Received from Winter Week-End	5.95
Received from Annual Meeting supper	4.10
Received from sale of Guide Books	9.00
Total	\$1,044.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Buffum Shelter	390.51
"Smoke and Blazes"	37.70
Outing Committee	8.43
Outing Schedules	17.50
Fred Field - Fire Insurance	15.00
Trails and Shelter Committee	58.96
Postage	5.00
To Main Club for Guide Books	10.00
To Main Club for Dues	30.05
Rummage Sale expenses	13.50
Total	\$ 586.65

Cash on hand December 31, 1961 \$457.48



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Saturday, May 12 - MT. AEOLUS

If you see anyone doing a rain dance about this time -- shoot them! Once again we are headed for Aeolus, the cave, and maybe spring flowers. The group leaves Meldon at 10 AM.

Sunday, May 27 - PICO CAMP

Meet us at Meldon at 9 AM for a beautiful day and a nice climb to Pico Camp. We always have a good time here. If you haven't seen the new camp by now, you really should come.

Saturday, June 9 - DORSET MT.

We have heard that Dorset Mt. had a trail. Seemed a bit doubtful that we could find it now, but we are going to try anyhow. There will be a good view, if we can find the top! Leaving Meldon at 9 AM, and this will be a hard one, if you haven't already guessed.

(P.S. Remember the fun we had on Mendon--another hard one.)

Sunday, June 24 - KILLINGTON

A trip to an old pal, with a slightly different twist. Leaving Meldon at 10 AM, we'll go to Clement Shelter and head north on the Long Trail up to the peak. It is a very beautiful walk. Of course, if you're lazy, there's always the lift.

ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, May 26

The annual meeting of the entire Green Mountain Club will be held at the Long Trail Lodge annex on Saturday, May 26th. There will be a "get-acquainted" coffee hour at 10 AM, followed by a business meeting.

The afternoon program, to be planned by the Killington Section, will feature hikes to nearby spots. The evening program, at 8 PM, will feature Roy Buchanan of Burlington as speaker. He will reminisce about "50 Years of the GMC".

Lunch and dinner will be available at the Lodge, with

members signing up on arrival.

A new feature this year will be displays by the various sections, depicting the history, activities, etc. of each section.

The annual meeting offers an excellent opportunity to meet members from other sections and to renew old friendships. We look for a good representation from Killington Section.

MAPLE SUGAR PARTY--M-M-M-M!
by Eleanor Walker

On April 7th at 3:30 PM the maple syrup was put on to cook. All preparations for the annual event to take place that day at Vera Perkins' home had been made. The tables were set on the third floor, and were gay with vases of flowers from Vera's greenhouse. At the top of the stairs we were greeted by branches hung with eggs that had been decorated by Janet, Carol, Nancy and Betsey Martin.

The syrup boiled and was watched by Vera, Pearl and Eleanor and at 6:30 was ready to be served, along with pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

The snow was carried up from Vera's freezer by Jack Martin, George Reynolds and Harold Valiquette. Between 45 and 50 members and their friends gathered to partake of sugar on snow.

The work of clearing was done quickly by the committee, assisted by Mary Allard, Candy and Bob Scott, and Carol Martin.

Barbara Allard, the Reynolds, Churchill Scott and Mary Perkins brought slides of past activities and Barbara operated the projector. It was fun to see where we had been and to see members who are now living in other states.

Among those from out-of-town who attended were Ben Rolston, Ray Secour, Mr. and Mrs. John Vondell, and Bob Humes.

All Killington members who did not attend missed a good time.

BUFFUM OVERNIGHT

The Killington Section held its first official overnight trip to the new Buffum Shelter the weekend of April 28-29, with warm spring weather prevailing.

Craigie Perkins, Churchill and Bobby Scott, Ben and Dorothy Rolston, Ray Secour and his sister Joan (from Schenectady), and Susan Tarbell initiated the new bunks and proclaimed them comfortable. Brian and Richard Gallagher came for the day on Saturday and returned on Sunday, while George, Ann and John Reynolds, Vera Perkins and the Martin girls joined the Sunday group.

Although the trip was billed to include a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, the Reynolds seemed to be the only ones enjoying that treat! Part of the fun on each trip is to see the interesting variety of food brought by the members, and this outing was no exception.

Saturday's activities included a climb to Button Hill and looking for deer (none sighted). Got a report that Susan found "a utensil", but no further details! Pulling stuck cars out of the mud was a diversion on both days, with Craigie's car being the victim on Saturday and the Reynolds' on Sunday.

The outdoor picnic table and benches made by Ben Rolston during the winter "when he had nothing else to do" were put to immediate use.

It was good to see in the register the names of some of our members from Springfield--the Roberts family, the Weeks family, and Mr. Herick Cahee. We missed them up at the Winter Weekend, but were glad to see they have been enjoying some of our section just the same.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
at CLARENDON LODGE
by Florence Van Wyck

(Editor's note: This writeup arrived too late for publication in the last issue, but it serves as a good reminder that we better enjoy summer?-while we may!)

On Groundhog Eve, February 1, a spaghetti supper was held at Clarendon Lodge. The hike to and from the Lodge was quite an experience, since it was the coldest night of the year--and I do mean cold--20 below zero. The walking was fair, a bit slippery in spots, owing to ice under the snow, but this added excitement to the trip.

We parked our cars in a clearing off 103 about 50 or more yards from the trail and walked to the path.

Ray Catozzi, John Allard, Vera Perkins and others had arrived early. The frost-bitten stragglers came upon a most welcome sight as they approached the warm and glowing Lodge.

The delicious spaghetti contributed by Mary Perkins and sauce by Jan Catozzi, along with the hot coffee, climaxed an interesting day for the hungry hikers.

CAMPING GUIDES

Mary Isbell reports that the Rutland Free Library has added two camping atlases to its reference collection. They are "Campground Atlas of the United States and Canada", by James A. Bier and Henry A. Raup, and "Camping Family's Guide to Campsites", Hammond and Co. "These should be useful for outdoors-minded vacationers who plan to do a little sightseeing this summer", says Mary.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE
Wednesday, June 21st. Please send material to Ann Reynolds at 33 Temple St. or call her at 3-3295 if you have anything you wish to be included.

HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN
by George Reynolds

It was a dark damp day when a group of seven diehards assembled at Meldon School.

After a drive through slate-quarried hills and along Lake St. Catharine, we finally arrived at a farm near the base of Haystack Mountain in Pawlet.

During the first part of the hike, we came upon a handful of small deer which promptly took off. Soon we turned off what appeared to be a trail and struggled up a steep slope through numerous trees knocked down by one of the hurricanes.

Reaching what appeared to be a trail, we followed it a short distance along the ridge to the top. From the bare knob we could see off in all directions and the various shades of gray made a striking view.

Being cold and hungry, we moved back down the ridge a short distance to a pine sheltered spot to light a fire. The fire finally decided to flourish without benefit of kerosene and soon got hot enough to burn marshmallows, hot dogs and a few boots.

The hike down turned out to be easy, as we followed the old trail back to the car.

As we passed Mt. Aeolus, Baker Peak and Dorset Peak, we thought of hikes to come.

BALCH PASTURE
by Churchill Scott

"Smoke and Blazes" did not get out in time enough to give this hike in late February much publicity, so when the departure hour came, there were only three hardy souls at Meldon.

We were at the point of tossing a coin to decide whether or not to go, but the brilliant sun, blue sky and warm air proved to be too much of an attraction for us to stay home.

The snow was perfect for snowshoeing, and as we passed the Balch Cemetery, then the Locust Spring, we began to get hungry. We stopped by a huge pine windfall, hung up the tarp, rested our backs against a side hill, and let the sun pour in.

Soon we were on our way again, but the warm sun made the snow too sticky to enjoy good traveling, so we turned around and headed for home.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS COMMITTEE

The committee has been quite busy since the last issue of "Smoke and Blazes". Ben Rolston and Ray Secour report that they have covered the Trail from Rt. 140 (the Gulf Road) north to the Lower Cold River Road, and have done all the necessary repair work to have it ready for the summer season. They also repaired a broken pane of glass at Glarendon Lodge.

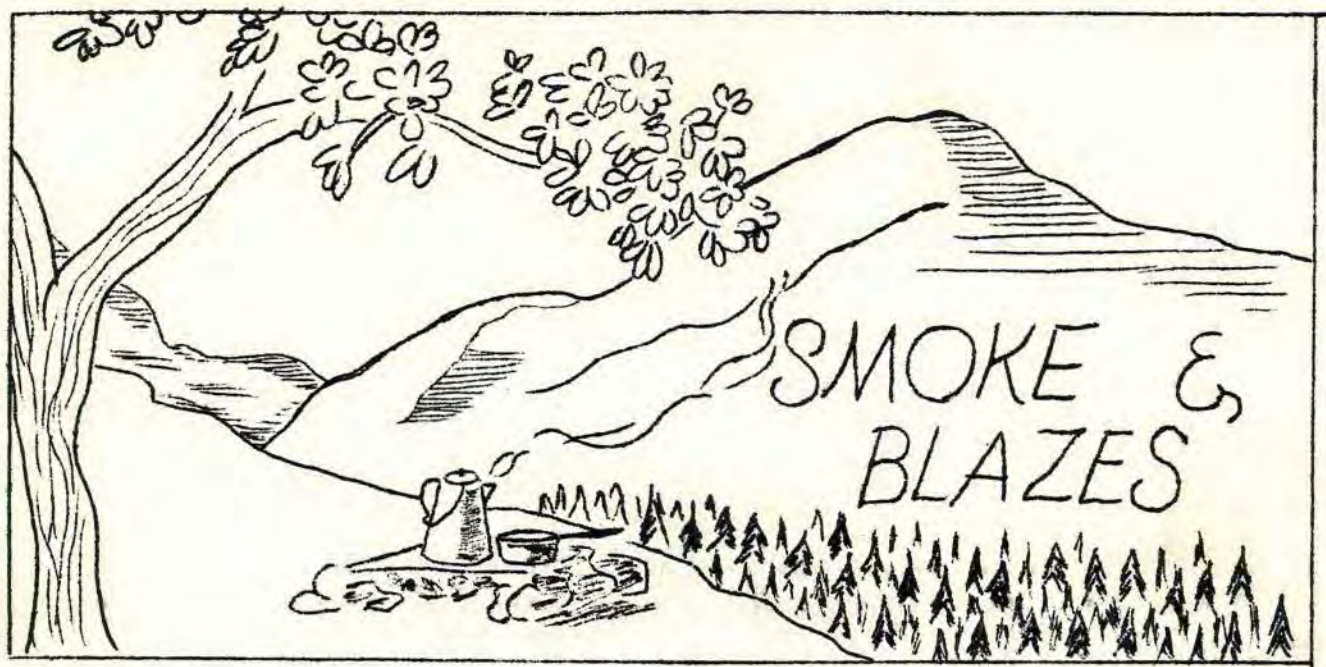
On the winter hike to Sunnyside, the door was repaired, and on the recent overnight trip to Buffum, one light of glass was repaired, the annex was given a roof and a creosote job.

As we see the snow line move up and up the mountain sides, it means the summer hiking season is getting nearer and nearer. There remains a great amount of work to be done in the next two months to put our section in first class condition.

ADDITIONS TO 1962 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Barbara Allard	Richard Gallagher	David Perkins
John Allard	Mary Isbell	Polly Perkins
Judy Allard	Veda Knipes	Tim Perkins
Mary Elizabeth Allard	Joel Munford	Charles Sabourin
Helen Bailey	Margot Montague	Patricia Sabourin
Anna Berg	William Montague	Gerard Sabourin
Herick Cahee	Craig Perkins	Mary Pat Sabourin
Diana Conlon	Mary Perkins	Michelle Sabourin
George Conlon	Robert Perkins	Florence Van Wyck
Helen Frink	Thelma Perkins	Eleanor Walker
Brian Gallagher	Amie Perkins	Mrs. Lloyd Weeks

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PLACE - Little Rock Pond
 DAY - Sat., July 7
 DEPARTURE TIME - 9 AM
 DEPARTURE PLACE - Meldon School
 REMARKS - We plan to meet another section of the GMC. Hiking, swimming and lunch are the order of the day.

PLACE - Camel's Hump
 DAY - Sunday, July 22
 DEPARTURE TIME - 8 AM
 DEPARTURE PLACE - Same as above
 REMARKS - Since we have a long drive before we can hike, we leave early. The view is wonderful from the top.

PLACE - Lake Pleiad
 DAY - Sat., August 4
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 AM
 REMARKS - How about a nice swim at Lake Pleiad and then a cooling (?) splash at Texas Falls.

PLACE - Greenwall Shelter
 DAY - Sun. August 22
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 AM
 REMARKS - We hear the blueberries should be good here.

AND DON'T FORGET THE 1962 GMC
 -- INTERSECTIONAL --

TIME - Monday, August 27, through Labor Day, September 3.
 PLACE - Stratton Mountain Scout Reservation at Grout Pond, Stratton, Vt.
 (Details in May issue of Long Trail News.)

ADDITIONS TO 1962 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Patricia Bruneau
 Minerva Hinchey
 Jack Martin
 Janet Martin
 Betsy Martin
 Carol Martin
 David Martin
 Nancy Martin
 Tommy Martin
 Bernice R. Tuttle
 Mrs. William S. Wadsworth, Sr.
 William S. Wadsworth, Jr.
 Mrs. William S. Wadsworth, Jr.
 Lori Wadsworth
 William S. Wadsworth, III

PICO CAMP by Judy Allard

At 9 AM on Sunday, May 27, an ambitious group started for Pico on a beautiful and promising day. After a short ride we reached the Long Trail Lodge, our starting point.

The trail was in rather bad condition. One member remarked that this particular section hadn't been quite that bad since the '52 hurricane. It was damp in spots, and this added to the hard going. One thing which surprised us, though, was the absence of bugs in the woods.

Despite the trail's condition, the outing was a lively one, with the youngsters setting the pace. About noon we arrived at the camp and set about starting a fire. Water was soon boiling and we occupied ourselves with devouring our lunches. We were soon joined by three adventurous people who had hiked over from Killington.

Later, different groups started for either the top or the bottom. The only broken panes of glass were fixed and then the fix-it men proceeded to the top to get a look at the marvelous view. After the camera bugs had taken enough shots, the last group started for home. The trip down was very pleasant, with the many wild flowers making the trail look like a garden path.

The whole outing was enjoyable for all, and everyone went home with a feeling of accomplishment.

KILLINGTON CLIMB by Barbara Allard

The day started cloudy, but nine brave (??) adventurers showed up at Meldon. No one stopped us, so we headed for Killington by way of Clement Shelter. The sun did try, so we can say that much for it.

At Clement we found a familiar black VW from N.Y.

Up the trail we went and by the time we reached the brooks (there were three then), it was time to eat. Our expert firemen had only damp wood, but they soon had a fire going that could not only cook but also keep the bugs away.

Our energy renewed, we hiked along, meeting Ben Rolston disguised as Robin Hood. He was clearing trail.

Cooper Lodge, we found, is in a very sad state. Vandals have smashed every one of the 96 panes of glass, allowing the porkies to take over the camp. It was a mess.

We took a quick trip to the summit, where we got a short cloudy peek at Pico--over to inspect the top of the lift and then back to do a quick cleanup job at the lodge. All hands pitched in and we worked until thunder drove us out. However, if you feel like helping out, there is still lots of broken glass outside the camp.

Thunder and clouds began to roll and so did we. About half way down the trail ran (or changed) into a brook. Everyone slid the rest of the way to Clement. It was a change from walking.

WORK PARTIES

The Trails and Shelters Committee has planned a number of work parties for June and early July to prepare our section of the trail for the summer season.

With the Girl Scout Roundup at Button Bay and the increased interest in hiking the Long Trail, we feel that this year will be the largest ever.

Ben Rolston has cleared the Trail from Rte. 140 north to Gov. Clement. This leaves the rest (about 10 miles) up to the remainder of the section.

Anyone who is willing and able to help in any way at all, Please contact. W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland.

MT. AEOLUS
by W. Churchill Scott

On a bright and sunny day in May, a hardy group of G.M.C.ers left to find the caves and summit of Mt. Aeolus.

At East Dorset the local rural mailman directed us to the correct path, where we left the cars. After a short time this trail divided three ways, and with a great deal of talk we chose the most likely looking one. We followed up a small stream beside the wood road and at last came to a very small marble dump and a surface marble quarry where the wooden derrick had long since rotted away.

Here the road swung north, so we bush-whacked south a ways and hit another road. Soon we had a tasty pot of coffee, thanks to the jug of water Craigue had carried. As we were resting, a bit of red flashed by and upon closer look we saw two scarlet tanagers.

Soon we were climbing up the steepest wood road we had ever seen. Near the top we had some very good views of the Coolidge Range, Bromley, Stratton and Mt. Equinox.

The road bore around the south shoulder of the mountain and Craigue believed we'd gone too far, so he led us in a likely direction and sure enough, we hit some red blazes (seen earlier), which we had thought were property lines. Nevertheless, as we followed them they went on and on over a rather hard trail. Along the way we had numerous views to the east and north, at last reaching the summit where the blazes changed to yellow and a sign said "Dorset". Here on a small ledge there was a beautiful view south down the valley toward Bennington and Glastonbury Mt.

On the way back we met Carol Martin and Vera Perkins resting by the Trail. Soon we hit the wood road and left the red blazes. Perhaps this is where we made our mistake--we should have followed the trail to the east in order to

find the cave, according to our later conversation with Mr. Aldrich, who knows a great deal of Mt. Aeolus.

At last we got back to the cars and found a note from President Catozzi, saying that he'd been there but couldn't find us. So ended an enjoyable hike to another new spot, and thanks to Craigue's perseverance, we found one of our goals.

COOPER LODGE--AND REGRETS

Because of recent vandalism--and we suspect that it may have been ADULT vandalism--all 96 panes of glass have been smashed from the windows of Cooper Lodge.

The few are evil. And the majority of innocent, as usual, must suffer. Until such time that we can determine the reasons for vandalism, and a method of preventing it, we must take the following action on Cooper Lodge:

The cabin will be cleaned up, screening will be installed over the windows to prevent the entry of porcupines, a missing stove part will be replaced, and a new stove pipe will be installed. Cooper Lodge will then be AN OPEN SHELTER.

Therefore, it is suggested that those planning trips in the Killington area be advised that, should the weather report predict cold or stormy conditions, the use of Pico Lodge or Clement Shelter is recommended for over-night stops.

Ben Rolston

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF
SMOKE AND BLAZES -Wednesday
August 29.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -
By Ben Rolston

I am most pleased that, after an absence of five years, the Killington Section once again has one of its own trustees in the presidential seat of the Green Mountain Club. Your new president will, through personal contacts and his huge volume of correspondence, do all he can to boost the Killington Section and to bring to the hiking public the advantages of hiking and camping on this section of the Long Trail.

We are proud of our portion of the Long Trail, and proud of our volunteers who have made it the fine trail that it is today. Volunteers conquered the engineering feat of constructing a suspension bridge across Clarendon Gorge. Volunteers built Clarendon Lodge, one of the finest on the entire Long Trail. Another volunteer built, almost single-handed, the magnificent new Buffum Lodge. And untold thousands of hours of volunteer labor have continued to keep the Killington Section of the Long Trail alive.

We salute these volunteers--those from the Rutland area and those from our neighboring states. Why have they contributed, with throbbing hearts, aching muscles, and sweating brows, those efforts--without any thought of monetary remuneration? Because they LOVE the Trail and Shelters, and want to make them available for others to enjoy.

We are proud of our views too. Not counting the horizon-sweeping panoramas from the heights of Killington and Pico, we have views which we consider among the finest in Vermont. The pastoral view from Button Hill Ridge, with the cliffs of White Rocks across the valley. The view from Spring Lake clearing of the range of mountains named for one of our native Vermonters who attained the highest position in our nation. And the view from under

those maple trees atop the hill just south of the Cold River School--a view of the peaceful valley of the Cold River. PEACE-FULL VALLEY--a dream of millions of enslaved people throughout the world--yet enjoyed so freely in our beloved Vermont

Yes, we are proud of our section of the Long Trail. To the hundreds of hikers from near and far who will hike our section of the Trail this season, we sincerely say WELCOME! We hope that you will receive the same enjoyment and inspiration--yes, the mental and spiritual uplift--during the use of our Trail and Shelters that we have experienced in preparing them for your hiking pleasure.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable summer season.

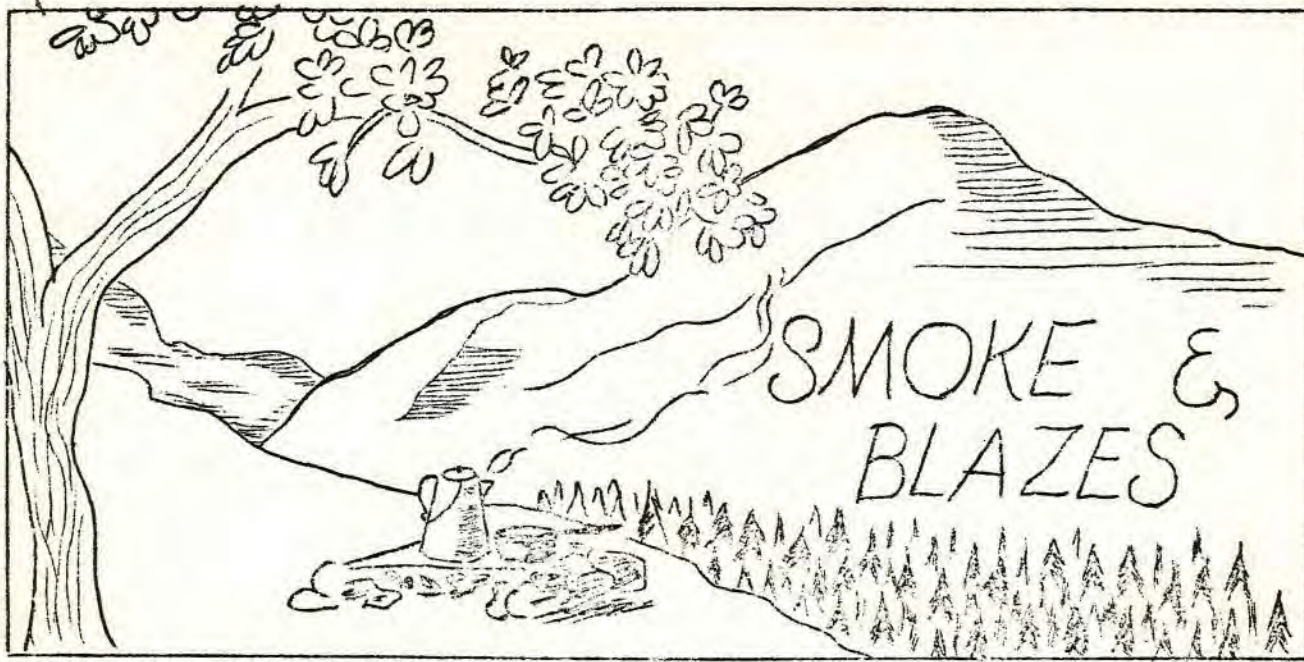
END-TO-END, ANYONE?

About 12 years ago, the Killington Section planned a series of hikes designed to qualify the participants for the End-to-End Award. We utilized the long Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends for distant parts of the Trail and hiked over closer parts at other times of the year.

After seven years of steady effort Mary, Craigie and Vera Perkins covered the whole length of the Trail and won the End-to-End Award.

About three years ago this idea was started again, but interest died out and it was forgotten. Now a number of members feel this might be an easy way to cover the Trail, so we would like to try it again.

Anyone interested in this type of hike is asked to contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland.



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COMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all hikes depart from the old Meldon School building, on Center St. just off South Main St.

DATE - Sunday, Sept. 16
 DESTINATION - Bromley
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

It's time now for the fall hikes--no more bugs! Come along and enjoy the view. Bring your camera.

DATE - Saturday, Sept. 29
 DESTINATION - Mt. Cushman
 DEPARTURE TIME - 9 A.M.

This is a new hike to most of us. Maybe it'll be a good one!

DATE - Sunday, Oct. 14
 DESTINATION - Mt. Hanley
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

The color should be nice today. Everyone who has hiked this mountain in West Rutland has enjoyed it.

DATE - Saturday, Oct. 27
 DESTINATION - Beechwood, for the annual covered dish supper.
 TIME - Supper begins at 6 P.M., but come earlier if you want to take a walk.

Call Vera Perkins at 3-2941 by Friday, Oct. 26, for reservations and instructions about what dish to bring. Please bring your own plate, cup and silverware. After supper you'll be properly entertained. GMC Trustees meet in Rutland the same day and we hope to have some of them present.

DEADLINE DATE

Deadline for the next issue of "Smoke and Blazes" will be Wednesday, Oct. 31. Please get material to editor Ann Reynolds at 33 Temple St. on or before that date. If you are asked to write up a trip that you attend, please try to do it as soon as possible and send it on in. The editor is making no follow-ups, as you can see by the size of this issue!

GREENWALL SHELTER by John Carnahan

A week of gray, muggy weather in Rutland broke almost on the hour for our departure from Meldon School on Sunday, August 12, and our small group of eight had a perfect day for the hike into Greenwall from Wellingford Gulf Road.

Just below U.S.F.S. road #19, we were joined by Ben and Dorothy Rolston, who had been camping at Gifford Woods for the weekend. Their appearance on the trail was most welcome.

Biggest surprise was the progress on the new shelter at Greenwall. A completely new, prefabricated-spearing leanto, facing west and nearer the trail, was awaiting us, together with steel-covered picnic table to ward off the porkies. Some cleaning up and perhaps some finishing touches were all that remained to be done to this handsome shelter.

For lunch our group preferred the sunshine and pleasant solidness of the older log shelter. Also, the older shelter is closer to the outhouse and the spring. Water is in short supply at this camp and along most of this section of the Trail.

All were agreed that the log shelter should be allowed to remain. Forest Service, please take note! It is in good repair and has many more years of useful life. Furthermore, it is a beautiful job of log construction and has a Long Trail character which newer structures cannot duplicate.

For a short hike after lunch, the group went on up to the peak of the cliffs at White Rocks. There we were joined by Crague Perkins for the homeward trip. All in all, it was a good half-day outing.

LATE NEWS FLASH

RUMMAGE SALE NOV. 17th --

NEIGHBORHOOD ROOMS

RUMMAGE SALE

The date and place for the annual rummage sale, Killington Section's chief fund-raising event, have not yet been set -- but it will be SOON, and you will be notified in some way, if it is before the next issue of "Smoke and Blazes".

In the meantime, start gathering your donations. The committee reports that the following items have sold especially well in the past: books, jewelry, puzzles, yarn, toys, dishes, wallets and handbags.

LITTLE ROCKY POND

The first Saturday in July proved to be an ideal one for a trip to Little Rocky--not too hot, yet warm enough for swimming and sunning, and the bugs seemed conspicuous by their absence, compared with last year.

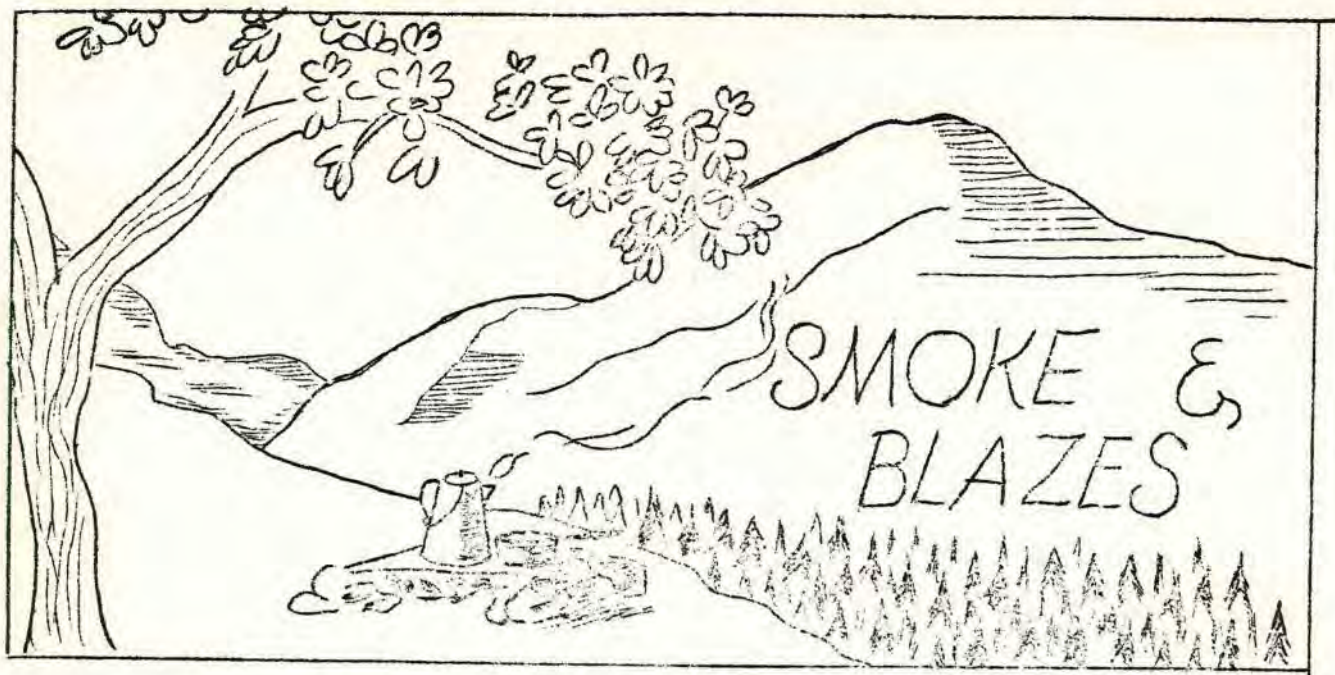
The trip was marked by its large attendance, with some 25 people joining in at one point or another. In addition, a large group of Boy Scouts stopped for a rest.

Everyone traveled at his own pace, so that actual arrivals and departures from the pond were spread out over a long period--and no one seemed in a hurry to leave.

As the next-to-last groups got in their cars at the road, we wondered how six Allards and one additional hiker were going to return in one small volkswagen, but somehow they made it, we learned later!

NEW OUTING SCHEDULE

With this issue of "Smoke and Blazes" you'll find enclosed the fall and winter outing schedule. We'll visit each of the shelters in our section, as well as other hikes, old and new. Extra copies of the schedule may be obtained from club officers.



All trips leave from the old Meldon School building, on Center St. just off South Main St. unless otherwise noted.

DATE - Sunday, Nov. 11
 DESTINATION - Saltash Mountain
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

This is a new one and I don't know much about it. Come and see if I'm wrong.

DATE - Saturday, Nov. 24
 DESTINATION - Pico Shelter
 DEPARTURE TIME - 9 A.M.

The view from the tower last year was marvelous. The beechnuts might be good, and the company is always excellent-- naturally.

DATE - Sunday, Dec. 9
 DESTINATION - Tucker Lodge,
 Moonlight Hike
 DEPARTURE TIME - 7 P.M.

After much consulting of charts, graphs, etc., the powers that rule decided this was the right time for moonlight. Let's see if they are right.

DATE - Saturday, Dec. 22
 DESTINATION - Clement Shelter
 DEPARTURE TIME - 9 A.M.

If the season is getting you down, and you slump into a valley of fatigue, come out into the fresh air and get rid of your worries.

DATE - Sunday, Jan. 6
 DESTINATION - Buffum Lodge
 DEPARTURE TIME - 10 A.M.

This will probably be a snowshoe hike. Try to get them in shape before you leave, but bring along a piece of string, just in case. It always comes in handy!

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual GMC rummage sale will be Saturday, Nov. 17th, at the Neighborhood Rooms, starting at 9 A.M. Please bring rummage on Friday, for sorting and pricing. If you need to have your contributions picked up, call Craigie Perkins. Let's make this fund-raising event a successful one.

BROMLEY MOUNTAIN

On Sunday, Sept. 16, a large group took advantage of a good fall day to climb Bromley Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Paddock's daughter and family from Manchester accompanied us, along with little Louie Catozzi, who started working on his End-to-End award.

After a short trip from the road, we arrived at Bromley Shelter, where we ate lunch. This is a rather small camp, but snug and in a nice spot. Nearby a good-sized brook supplies the water.

With lunch finished and a good rest, we hiked up a very well-kept trail gently climbing through brilliant hard-wood foliage. Everyone set his own pace and soon we broke out into the ski runs. From here the trail became pretty steep and soon we were at the top.

Some folks were content to bask in the sun and enjoy the view of mountain after mountain to the east, south and west. Others went on to the tower, where we could get a 360 degree view of the Adirondacks, Green and White Mountains and the Berkshires. But none of us could figure out what is the fifth state one can see from there, according to the publicity. Soon it was time to go and we ended another enjoyable day hiking to the top of another beautiful mountain of Vermont. May we always be able to walk to the summits instead of taking the easy way via chairlift!

ANOTHER NEW HIKER

George and Ann Reynolds are the happy parents of a second son, born Sept. 17. Bob was introduced at the covered dish supper, just as his brother was two years ago. Your editor thanks the GMC members for their cards and expressions of good wishes.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

On Oct. 27, Ray Secor checked the Trail from Clarendon to Gov. Clement and reported that it was in good condition, in spite of the recent wind and rain storm. Clarendon was in good shape, with only one broken window. Ray and Ben Rolston spent the night of Oct. 26 there.

On the same date Churchill Scott checked from Clarendon south to the Gulf Road. There was a small amount of brush and blow-downs. The camps were in excellent shape, with no broken windows, a good supply of wood, and were swept clean.

There were at least three entries in the Sunnyside log book about the poor water supply. This will have to be taken care of on our next trip there.

On Nov. 24, when we have a hike to Pico, there are a number of things that can be done before winter. The window frames can be moved, the trail cleared from Pico Junction, and if time permits, a new annex can at least be started. If weather permits, we plan to cut a new trail around the big swamp south of the near junction.

COVERD DISH SUPPER by Mary Isbell

Almost 60 people attended the annual covered dish supper at Beechwood on Oct. 27. This gathering included several GMC Trustees and their families, who had come for a Trustees' meeting that day. Among them were Ben Rolston, Bob Humes, Roy Buchanan and Bill Bartlett.

The food was delicious, as usual, with a variety of dishes and desserts. Although we expected to bring our own dishes and silver, we found that silver, and paper plates and cups had been provided. We had a lot of fun visiting with our out-of-town guests before and after dinner.

LONG TRAIL HIKE by W. Churchill Scott

From Aug. 19-23, I enjoyed leading a group of Girl Scouts and their leaders on a trip from the Wardsboro-Arlington Road 26 miles north to Mad Tom Shelter and out to East Dorset.

When I volunteered for this job, I figured there would be seven or eight in the group. But when it came time to go and I was informed there would be seventeen of us in all, I had my doubts. Our section has always maintained that only small groups should use the Trail, so I was hoping I'd meet no one on the Trail that I knew.

However, after four days of watching these girls handle themselves and the various situations they met, I'm sure that if all groups conducted themselves as well, the GMC would have nothing to worry about.

We left Grout Job about 3 P.M. Sunday and hiked up the logging road to Willis Ross Camp, passing a good-sized beaver dam on the way. Each group set its own pace, with a counselor in charge. With 12 girls and five leaders, this was no problem. We just missed the work party, for they had been going over the Trail and had painted the annex. We dug a temporary one with the trench shovel we'd carried for just this purpose. This first night we all crowded into the shelter.

Next day we went on to Swezey past Bigelow and Stratton View. Beavers have done a lot of work at Stratton Pond, and at the outlet there is a 30-foot log to cross. With the packs some girls had, this was a job. I finally wound up taking off my shoes and socks and going in up to my knees. You should try that early some morning!

New Swezey is a good camp, but we went on to Old Swezey. We decided to sleep out in spite of the threatening rain, making shelters of our ground cloths and ponchos.

The following day we went on by Spruce Peak, where we got a good view of the Manchester Valley and arrived at Bromley Camp in the early afternoon. Since it was occupied, we decided to eat, fill our canteens, and go on to the two brooks mentioned in the Guide Book. They were dry as a bone when we got there. We felt full of pep, and the brisk northwest wind had cleared the sky, so it was good and cool.

So we kept going, and soon were on top of Bromley. Here we made our beds, planned to have a dry lunch, and eat at Mad Tom the next morning. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, but about 3 A.M. the clouds rolled in and everything got wet. We ate and went on to Mad Tom, where we ate a breakfast-lunch, rested and viewed the new Mad Tom Shelter. We hiked down the Mad Tom Brook Trail to East Dorset.

In this 26 miles of hiking, there are only 2.5 miles - climbing Bromley - that is uphill. The Worcester and Brattleboro Sections have done wonderful work on the Trail and shelters. The group I was with came from California, New York, Maine and all over Vermont, and they all learned a great deal about the GMC and the Long Trail. We all want to thank the GMC for a wonderful experience.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been added to the membership list for 1962:

Allen Camp
Dr. Earle Johnson
Ken LaPlant
Elsie Maier
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Les Pfenning
Marc Pfenning
Susan Pfenning

Which reminds us - it will soon be time to pay 1963 membership dues to Churchill Scott, Treasurer,

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MT. CUSHMAN
by Vera Perkins

A small but optimistic group met at Meldon School on Saturday Sept. 28th for the trip to Mt. Cushman. Tho the morning was foggy we anticipated clearing weather and a colorful drive up scenic Route 100 to Rochester. Tho we kept telling each other that over the next hill or around the next bend we would run out of the fog, it stayed with us all the way. We had occasional glimpses of bright trees - just enough to show us what we were missing.

At Rochester we took the road toward the east just beyond The Common and stopped for directions soon after leaving the village. Following these brought us to the place for leaving the cars and beginning the actual hike. Here we crossed an open pasture and after several false starts found the trail. A fairly steep but not too long climb brought us in sight of the fire tower which proved to us that we were on the top of something. The fire warden assured us that it was Mt. Cushman, but for all we could see it might have been anywhere as we were enveloped in clouds.

After a brief warm up in the warden's cabin, Churchill built one of his famous fires in spite of the dampness. The hot coffee never tasted better.

We learned from the warden that there is a Jeep road practically to the top. An old issue of THE VERMONTIER tells of a proposed project of the Rochester Improvement Association to develop Mt. Cushman. The old road leading from Rochester to Randolph and passing near the summit was to be restored, also a connecting road leading over to Bethel.

The first annual Mt. Cushman Day was held on the summit on August 27, 1936 with 600 persons picnicing there. Many years

earlier a building 30 x 40 ft. had been erected on the summit by the original Artemis Cushing for parties and dancing.

In spite of all this enthusiasm 25 years ago, two fireplaces for picnic parties are the only remaining "developments" and the warden reported that the mountain had very few visitors these days.

The view from here is said to be excellent. We wouldn't know about that but we'd like to go again and find out.

We returned to our cars by the same trail we had followed up the mountain, arriving just as a steady rain began which accompanied us all the way to Rutland. In spite of the poor weather this was an interesting trip.

CHRISTMAS GIFT
SUGGESTION

For that friend or relative "who has everything", why not a membership in the GMC and/or the GMC Guide Book? Churchill Scott 132 Maple St., will be happy to help Santa Claus by filling your order.

BEWARE - HUNTING SEASON!

With not one, but two hikes scheduled during hunting season, it might be well to equip yourself with an item seen in a local sports store - a bright red vest boldly labeled, "DON'T SHOOT - I'M A MAN!"

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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 Craig 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.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

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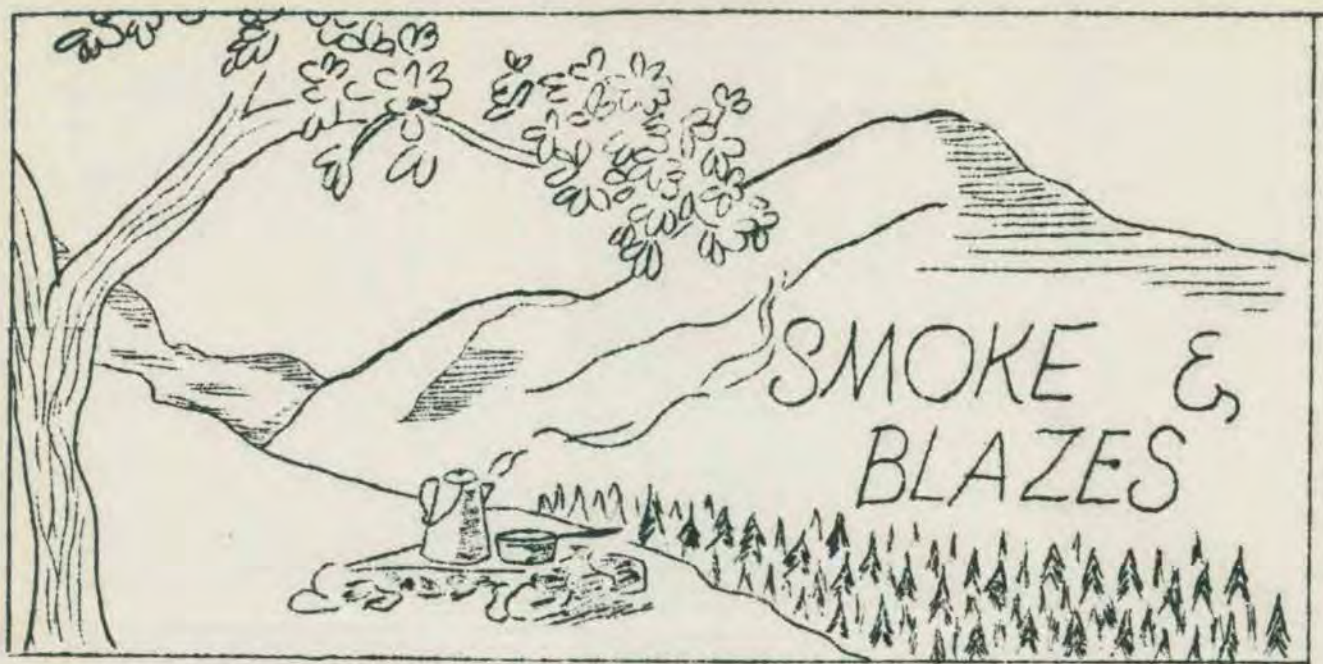
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Sat., Jan. 19 - SUNNYSIDE

We'll be leaving at nine A.M. from Meldon School for a good snowshoe trip to Sunnyside Shelter. Bring along your cameras, and sleds if you like to slide.

Sun. Feb. 3 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT CLARENDON LODGE

The dinner gong rings at six P.M. GMC provides the spaghetti and sauce free. Bring your own salad, garlic bread, wine, or whatever else you like with spaghetti. Come right to the lodge at six or sooner. Those of you who went last year remember what a smashing success this hike was. Come on and join the fun.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 16 and 17 - WINTER WEEKEND AT TALL TIMBER

Reservations will be necessary for this weekend. Call the Perkins at 773-7954 by Tuesday, the 12th. If you can't come for the whole time, come and visit us and take a walk in the woods.

Sat. Jan. 26 - ANNUAL MEETING

President Ray Catozzi will call the annual meeting of the Killington Section to order at 8 P.M., Saturday Jan. 26, in the OVPS rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of Springfield will show slides of their Long Trail travels, and refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. Anyone willing to provide refreshments is asked to call Vera Perkins at 773-2941.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Vera Perkins and her committee report that the annual fall rummage sale netted about \$115.00, which they felt was a good return. They want to thank everyone who contributed rummage, including the out-of-town folks who brought or sent items--including Betty Ball, who sent rummage all the way from Florida.

In the 15 years since they began, rummage sales have netted the Killington Section nearly \$1,800.00--a lot of money we wouldn't have had otherwise.

A MESSAGE FROM SCHENECTADY -

It was surely nice getting out again with the Killington Section on the January 6th Buffum Lodge trip. One of the nicest camps on the Long Trail, and one of the friendliest groups to hike with. It was encouraging to see the many children along --these young people will be tomorrow's GMC leaders.

On the 5th, made a snowshoe trip over one of my favorite sections of the Trail--between Upper Road and Lower Road. A most inspiring walk--the sound of Cold River gurgling under its coating of ice; the surface of the snow broken only by the footprints of the deer, rabbits and other wildlife in search of food; the quiet of the winter woods broken only by the sound of whirring partridge wings, or the chickadee-dee-dee of my favorite bird. These are the rewards of snowshoeing thru the wilderness.

Munch will probably be written and discussed about the recent vandalism at Clarendon Lodge. Such acts are most discouraging. Yet we can feel fortunate, for this is the first major vandalism to hit Clarendon since it was built 10 years ago. Perhaps such damage, instead of discouraging us, may make us so mad that we will be even more determined to work hard to keep our Long Trail program moving ahead. And our appreciation goes to Churchill Scott who has been working so diligently to repair the windows.

As 1963 starts to roll forward, we know that the program of the Killington Section will move forward too, keeping pace with the increasing interest in hiking, camping, and enjoying the beauty of our Vermont forests, streams, and mountains. With our combined efforts, 1963 will be a great year for GMC.

--Ben Rolston

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER

by Doris Newton

At take-off time the first real snowfall of the season was in full progress, but after all, when did snow ever stop the GMC? After some sliding around on the road, cars were parked, equipment gathered, and we were off on the path to Tucker.

Isn't it surprising how light the open hard-woods can be at night and in a snowstorm? Still, lights in the window of Tucker were a pleasant sight. Members from Springfield were already there after an afternoon of scrambling around on Deer Leap. They had been as glad as we were not to find a stone cold cabin and to find dry wood and coals in the stove; thanks to a morning trip by Craigie Perkins and Churchill Scott. (Thanks to both of you from all of us there!)

With about 25 people present, Tucker was not quite bursting at the seams, but space was at a premium and the upper berths were well filled. After good talk, good coffee, good doughnuts, and a pleasant walk out thru heavily falling snow, the "Moonlight" hike was pronounced very satisfactory.

PICO PEAK

by Barbara Allard

Even though the weather looked bad, quite a few showed up to climb Pico. We even had some of our members from way down in Springfield. There was just enough snow to make the walking interesting. The higher we got on the mountain the lovelier our surroundings. Everything was covered with white.

In camp we found some clever person had knocked a hole in the stove so he could build a fire in the oven. Makes it difficult for people who know how to use the stove.

After lunch the expert carpenters had an audience while they rehung windows. After the traditional last cup of coffee, it was time to go home. It had been overcast all day, but with sunset came some clear and colorful views. So you missed a good one if you didn't come along.

BUFFUM SHELTER By W. Churchill Scott

Our annual winter hike to Buffum proved to be a big success with visitors from New York and Massachusetts.

The early arrivals decided not to wear snowshoes, except for George Reynolds, but when we saw the amount of snow in the woods--14½ inches deep, according to Craigue Perkins--we were sorry.

Ben Rolston, Vic Randolph and family and friends were there, and as usual, a good fire and warm cabin greeted us. Soon lunches were being eaten, and then all we wanted to do was sit around the fire and talk.

George tried many times to promote a hike to Sunnyside, but after numerous attempts said "What a bunch of hikers!"

After lunch the Martins, Vera Perkins, Doris Newton and the Valiquettes arrived to swell our total number to 26.

Soon it was time to leave and all of us are very grateful to the Wallachs, for permission to use their land, and to Craigue, for his willingness to build such an enjoyable shelter for us.

SALTASH MOUNTAIN by W. Churchill Scott

The day for this hike was very threatening, and as the five of us sat in the car hoping more would show up, rain fell now and then, Craigue, Churchill and the Gallagher boys discussed the pros and cons of going. Seeing this was a new trip, we finally decided to try it.

After many crooks and turns we arrived at the spot where, according to the topographical and Vt. State Dept. of Highways maps, a road was to lead us to Bear Mt., a peak just north of Saltash.

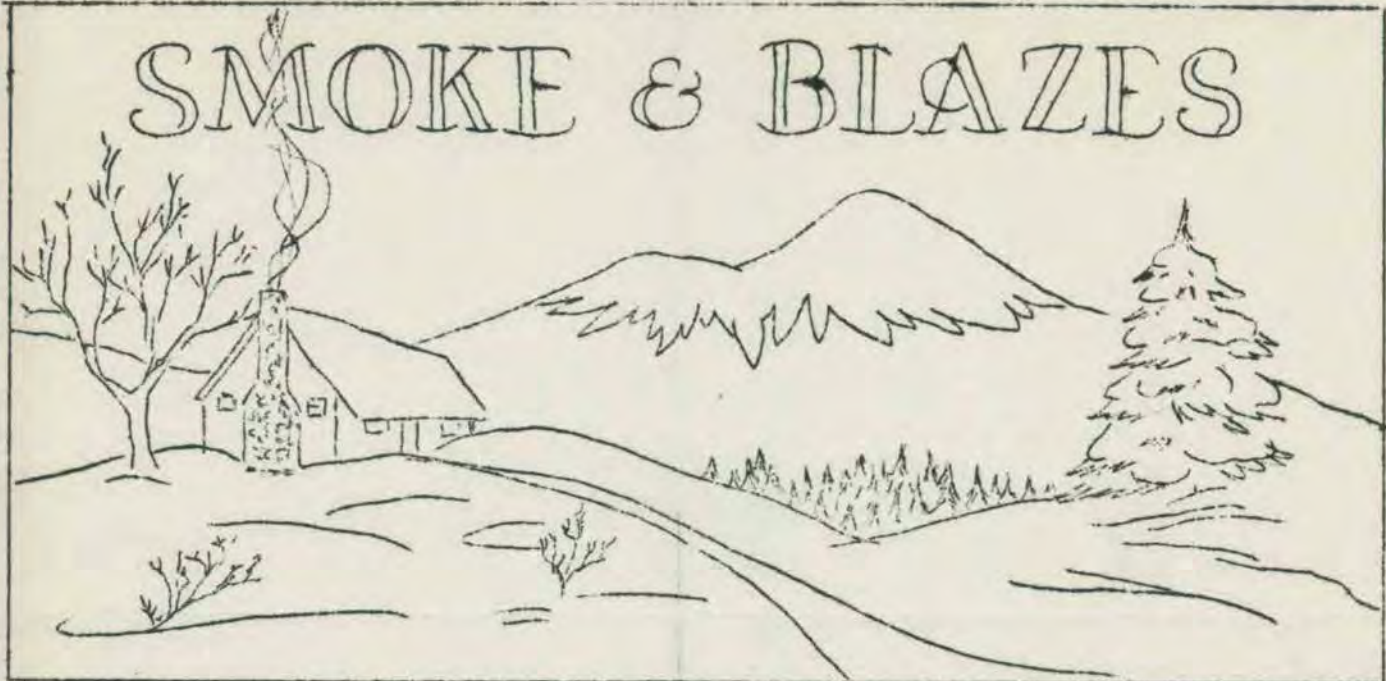
Just as we left the car snow began to fall and lasted all day. We hiked along a well defined wood road, choosing the right turns for over a half mile. Then, seeing we were turning north too far, we found a good spot to eat.

With Craigue's ever-present tarp, good dry wood and a brook, we had a very comfortable rest and a chance to dry out the boys' socks. We decided to return a ways to a fork in the wood road, which turned to the east. This proved to be a very easy grade through young pine trees. We made a mental note that this would be an ideal snowshoe hike for the future.

Soon the boys were getting wet and tired, and the sun was setting, so we turned toward home as the clouds broke. The last few minutes' walk was beautiful, with the sun's rays piercing the clouds to speed over the snow covered farm land.

We feel that if we'd been able to see Saltash we'd have had better luck, but now we'll have to wait till next time.

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DATE - Saturday April 6
DESTINATION - Sugar Party at
Universalist Church, West Street
TIME - 6:30 PM
The GMC is holding its annual
"sugar on snow" party in a public
place this year. Call 773-2941
for reservations by Thursday
April 4th.

DATE - Sunday, April 21
DESTINATION - Greenwall Shelter
DEPARTURE TIME - 10:00 AM
We have a new shelter at Greenwall.
We may still have a bit of snow,
so be sure to wear good boots.
There'll be a chance to visit
White Rocks too. Leave from
Meldon School.

DATE - Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5
DESTINATION - Tucker Lodge
The club will be meeting right
at the lodge. It seems that
since the lodge was built in 1936,
it now needs an operation. We'll
be using all the consultants and
assistants we can get. Activities
will be going on both days, and
you're welcome to stay overnight.

DATE - Sunday, May 19
DESTINATION - Clement Shelter
DEPARTURE TIME - 10:00 AM
Clement also needs a bit of
attention, so this will be a
combination work and pleasure
hike. We may be able to drive
right to the shelter by this
time. Leave from Meldon School.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

At a recent meeting of the
committee, it was decided that
with the tremendous amount of
snow (29 inches on top of table
at Buffum) it will not be
possible to do much work until
after the next issue of "Smoke
and Blazes". At that time we
will have more information on
work parties.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Lincoln Isham has given
the Killington Section another
very generous contribution in
honor of Abraham Lincoln, to be
used in trails and shelter work.

WINTER WEEKEND AT TALL TIMBER
By the Days and Cahees
of Springfield, Vt.

The bright sun and cloudless blue sky made the 40 hikers forget the frigid air and biting wind as they packed their gear up the hill to the Perkins's camp Tall Timber, on Feb. 16. A total of 50 people registered, coming from Schenectady, New York City, Worcester and Shrewsbury, Mass. Springfield and Rutland, Vt., with 26 staying overnight.

Beef stew, the kind that sticks to the ribs, and all one could eat, was served at noon in two sittings to about 40. This grand meal with all the trimmings gave everyone extra energy for the afternoon activities.

After lunch, six hikers, led by Ben Rolston, snowshoed to Tucker Lodge, arriving at 4:30. After a short rest they continued on to the main road and hiked back to Tall Timber on foot, enjoying the colorful alpine glow as the sun set, on Pico Peak.

The Springfield group chopped umpteen cords of wood to help keep Jack Frost out of their cabins, while others took short snowshoe hikes over the beautiful countryside and snapped many pictures of the sparkling white snow and the bluest sky imaginable.

The hearty supper of corned beef hash, cabbage salad, and chocolate bread pudding, more than satisfied the appetites of the hungry hikers. The lively after-dinner discussions were suddenly hushed as many found themselves engrossed in trying to extricate the pencils with string attached which Harold Valiquette had deftly fastened to sweater or shirt buttonhole.

Around nine o'clock, 12 of the group left the cozy farmhouse and braved the 15 below zero temperature to hike to the cabins - to sleep? During the night, the temperature dropped to about 20 below.

Those in the farmhouse and workshop retired soon, and all met the next morning for a welcome breakfast featuring hot oatmeal.

After breakfast had been digested, one group snowshoed to the Beaver Pond near the old Chittenden road crossing and beyond to the Long Trail, arriving back just in time for dinner. Others took advantage of the second day of pure blue skies to take further short hikes and more colored pictures. Still another group spent the morning enjoying the excellent skiing at Pico.

Another sumptuous meal, starring fricasseed chicken breasts, was enjoyed by the Winter Weekenders at noon on Sunday. After dinner, gear was gathered up into packs as all reluctantly prepared to head down the trail to the cars.

No one will ever forget the hospitality of the Perkins, the warmth and cheer of the comfortable farmhouse, the delicious meals so ably planned and prepared, and the good fellowship of old and new friends.

BOOK NEWS

THE FUN OF FAMILY CAMPING, by George S. Wells, is a new addition at the Rutland Library. It contains everything imaginable about family camping, from menus to stoves. "Ignoring outdated wood lore, 'The Fun of Family Camping' is an invaluable handbook for lovers of today's tamed wilderness,"

LONG TRAIL NEWS

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1963 KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP LIST

Following is a list of paid members for 1963, to date. You can still pay your 1963 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 1962 list.

Martha Adams	Fred Field	Ann Reynolds
Rachel Berry	Ella Fritsch	George Reynolds
Richard Berry	Hans Fritsch	John Reynolds
Theresa Berry	Frances Greene	Robert Reynolds
Thomas Berry	Mary Isbell	Ben Rolston
Vanessa Berry	Lincoln Isham	Richard Roberts
Harriot Bryant	George Kirk	Ellen Russell
Miles Bryant	Florence Mitchell	Ray Secor
Lucy Bishop	William Mitchell	Candace Scott
Henry Bride	Joel Mumford	Robert Scott
Anna Berg	Pearle Nichols	W. Churchill Scott
Hedrick Cahee	Doris Newton	Susan Tarbell
Florence Cahee	Herbert Ogden, Jr.	Florence Van Wyck
Jimmie Catozzi	John Paddock	Harold Valiquette
Johnnie Catozzi	Florence Paddock	Thelma Valiquette
Louie Catozzi	Anne Perkins	Elizabeth Weeks
Raymond Catozzi	David Perkins	Donald Wilder
Polly Crocker	Polly Perkins	Diane Wilder
Sally Crocker	Robert Perkins	Robert Wilder
Virginia Day	Thelma Perkins	Carleton Wilson
William Day	Tim Perkins	
Thomas Dunn	Vera Perkins	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1962

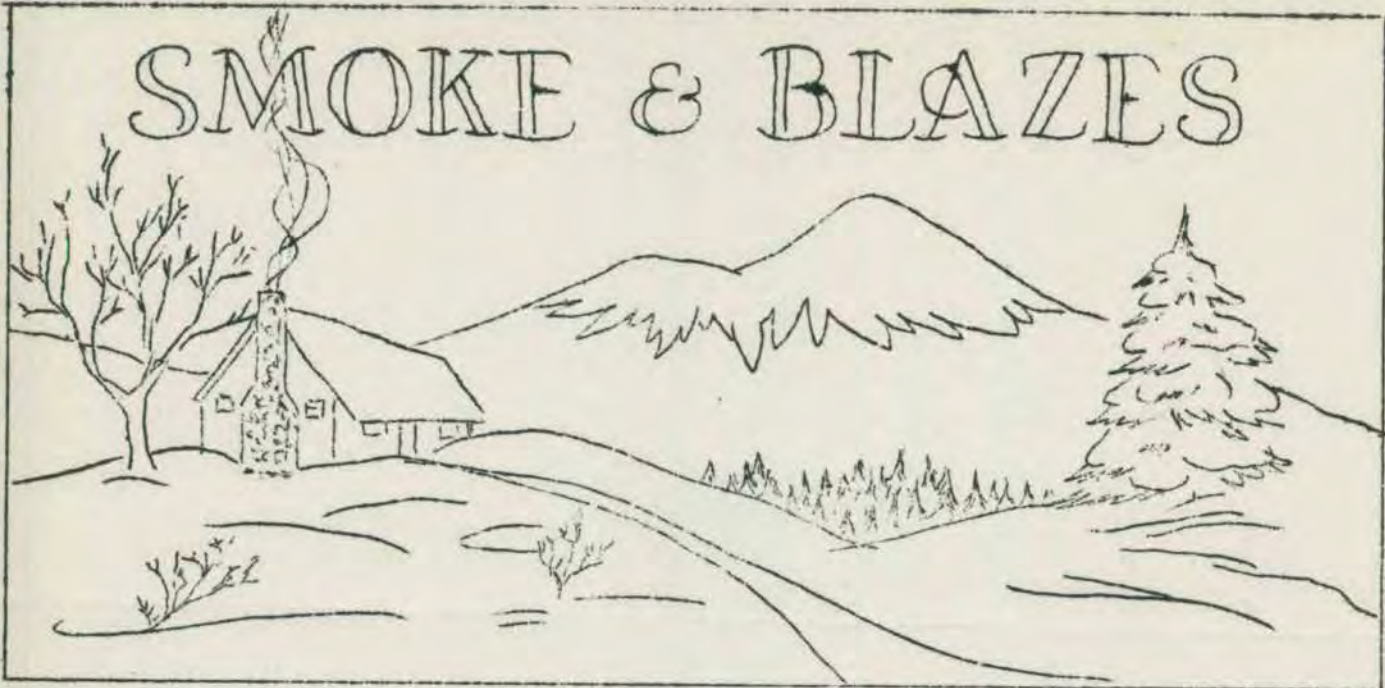
RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1962.....	\$457.48
Membership dues	147.50
Rummage sale	119.26
Gifts for trails and shelters	119.00
Interest on money in bank	18.30
Winter Weekend	6.10
Sugar-on-snow party	2.80
Sale of 2 guide books	3.00
Sale of 2 GMC patches	1.00
	<u>\$874.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Fred Field for fire insurance.....	\$ 25.50
To main club for dues	32.55
To main club for guide books	10.00
"Smoke and Blazes" expense	23.82
Outing committee	20.47
Trails and shelters expense	19.67
To Novak Printing for membership cards	10.50
Postage	4.00
Annual Meeting expense	2.99
	<u>\$149.50</u>
Balance, cash on hand.....	\$724.94

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Vol. 15, No. 9 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - June-July 1963

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 1 - GMC ANNUAL MEETING

As announced in the recent Long Trail News, the annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be Saturday, June 1st at the Long Trail Lodge.

Here's the schedule:

- 10:00 AM - Coffee hour
- 11:00 AM - Business meeting
- 12:15 PM - Lunch at the Lodge
- 2:00 PM - Conclusion of business meeting
- 6:15 PM - Dinner at the Lodge
- 8:00 PM - Program to be announced.

Let's have a good representation of the Killington Section. No advance reservations required for meals; they'll "count noses" at morning session.

Sunday, June 2 - BLUE RIDGE

Bring a good pair of shoes to hike in if you're coming along today. We'll be passing the Cascades, and the view from the top is very nice. Leaving Meldon School at 10:00 AM

Saturday, June 15 - STRATTON POND

Stratton Pond comes under the heading of a difficult hike. Whoever comes along should have at least some idea of what he is doing. Don't forget your swim suit if you like to swim. Meet at Meldon at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, June 30 - WILCOX HILL

The GMC'ers are going to try a different assault on Wilcox. The view should be tremendous from the top, so don't forget the cameras. Meldon School at 10:00 AM.

Saturday, July 13 - SALTASH MT.

We now have another of our famous discovery hikes. We don't know what we'll find here. The Club meets at 9:00 AM at Meldon. Come looking with us.

CLEMENT CLEARING AND CLEANING TRIP

"SHORT TRIPS" FOLDER

An excellent cleanup crew appeared to give Clement shelter a good spring cleaning. We found the shelter fairly clean, but walled against the winter wind with balsam branches. After lunch and hot, hot coffee, we moved out the branches and swept the floor. A bit of discussion went on as to how the lower bunk should be repaired.

The shelter now spotless, all but three people left for home. These three steamed up the trail about a mile and a half, tore out blowdowns, ripped out brush, and in general smoothed the way for future travelers. Upon returning to camp, we found more visitors and a final cup of coffee. All day we never saw even one porkie.

---Barbara Allard

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Secretary-Treasurer Churchill Scott reports the following names added to the 1963 membership:

Helen Bailey
Allen Camp
John Carnahan
Mary Carnahan
Paul Carnahan
Sarah Carnahan
Ruth Fostman
Helen Frink
Brian Gallagher
Richard Gallagher
H. Minerva Hinchey
Elsie Maier
Margot Montague
William Montague
Craig Perkins
Mary Perkins
Charles Sabourin
Gerard Sabourin
Mary Sabourin
Michelle Sabourin
Patricia Sabourin
M. Eleanor Walker

It's nice to see some new names on this list, as well as old familiar ones. When did you last get a new member for the GMC?

A revised edition of the popular folder, "Short Trips on the Long Trail", is now available from the GMC office in Rutland. The state of Vermont has also purchased a large quantity of the folders for distribution to visitors.

GREENWALL SHELTER

On a bright spring day, a good-sized group of hikers drove to the Gulf Road and walked south on the Trail to Greenwall Shelter. There were a number of new faces and we all had an enjoyable walk as we climbed toward the Boule Farm. At the upper road we found a jeep parked and decided it belonged to Don Kent.

After plowing through a number of snow drifts and passing numerous pussywillows, we soon arrived at the new Greenwall Shelter, built last year by the U.S.F.S.

Sure enough, there was Don Kent with a couple from Middlebury College, and two more girls from Middlebury who had come in over the Keewaydin Trail from the White Rocks picnic area. They had a good fire going and in no time dinner and coffee were served.

After a short rest, the more active members continued on to the top of the White Rocks Cliff, and on a side trail had a beautiful view of the Otter Creek Valley, the western mountains of Vermont, and the Adirondacks.

At last we began to head for home in our own little groups, talking over plans for our future hikes and work parties. Just as we crossed the brook by our cars, it started to rain; once again the weather had treated us very good.

--- W. Churchill Scott

TUCKER WORK PARTY

On our first scheduled work party in a number of years, we hiked in to Tucker where there were a number of jobs to do before the camp would be ready for the summer season.

Craigie and Churchill had made a special trip the day before to carry the material in. On Saturday most of the day was spent in tearing up the floor, jacking up the joists, putting solid footing under them, and relaying the floor. We leveled up the bunks and secured the stove pipe. Eleanor and Vera came in to wash the windows for us, but we were almost ready to leave, so they came out with us.

On Sunday we tackled the foundation that has given us so much trouble for years. Thanks to Harold's and Craigie's knowledge of masonry, a new wall was built. One would have to see it to believe what a big difference this makes in the appearance of Tucker. The front roof was repaired, a gutter added, and the front steps rebuilt.

In mid-afternoon a large group from Springfield stopped in for coffee after spending the day clearing the Deer Leap Summit Trail. This had not been done for a number of years and will be a welcome addition for use at both the Annual Meeting and Intersectional.

We did quite a bit of work, but there is still much more that could be done if we had just a few more members who could give a few more hours of help, in return for the many days of enjoyment they have had on the Trail.

"LONG TRAIL NEWS"

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GMC PRESIDENT

As my term of office draws to a close, I think back with pleasure and gratitude on the events of the past year. True, there has been a lot of work -- most of it involving editing of the new Guide Book and a continuous job of keeping up with the biggest amount of correspondence I have ever tackled.

But this type of work is most gratifying, knowing that each effort is directed toward improvement of the Green Mountain Club and its program. I trust that my efforts have achieved the goals toward which they were directed.

I am sure that hikers will be very pleased with our new Guide Book. This book is possible only because of the splendid help given by our Guide Book Committee and others who volunteered their services. We are again indebted to Janet Martin, for most of the sketches she prepared for past editions of the book have again been used as page fillers.

Am also pleased that the Killington Section has offered to make all arrangements for the 1963 Intersectional, to be held at the Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp near Rutland. Once again, our Killington Section trails will be swarming with happy GMC'ers and prospective End-to-Enders.

Dorothy and I enjoyed attending the Killington Annual Meeting, the spaghetti supper at Clarendon, and once again, the Winter Weekend. I also extend the appreciation of the Trustees for your arranging the October covered dish supper and the April sugar party so that many Trustees could attend.

As the GMC year ends, I extend my official and personal thanks to the Killington Section members who contributed so much of their time and efforts toward the Trail, the shelters, and the Club program. And as the new GMC year begins, I wish all Killington members a

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very enjoyable season of GMC activities, a successful program of Trail and Shelter Maintenance, any many miles of good hiking in sunny weather!

---Ben Rolston

WORK PARTIES

In addition to clearing trail from the Long Trail Lodge south to within one and a half miles north of Governor Clement, each camp we maintain will need to have at least one day's work put in to prepare them for the coming hiking season.

With the 1963 Intersectional to be held at the Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp, we must also improve the side trails in our section so that we can take pride in them.

Work parties are scheduled on each Saturday that we do not have a scheduled hike. Each member is asked to do as much as possible to help. We need old brooms and large metal containers for trash cans.

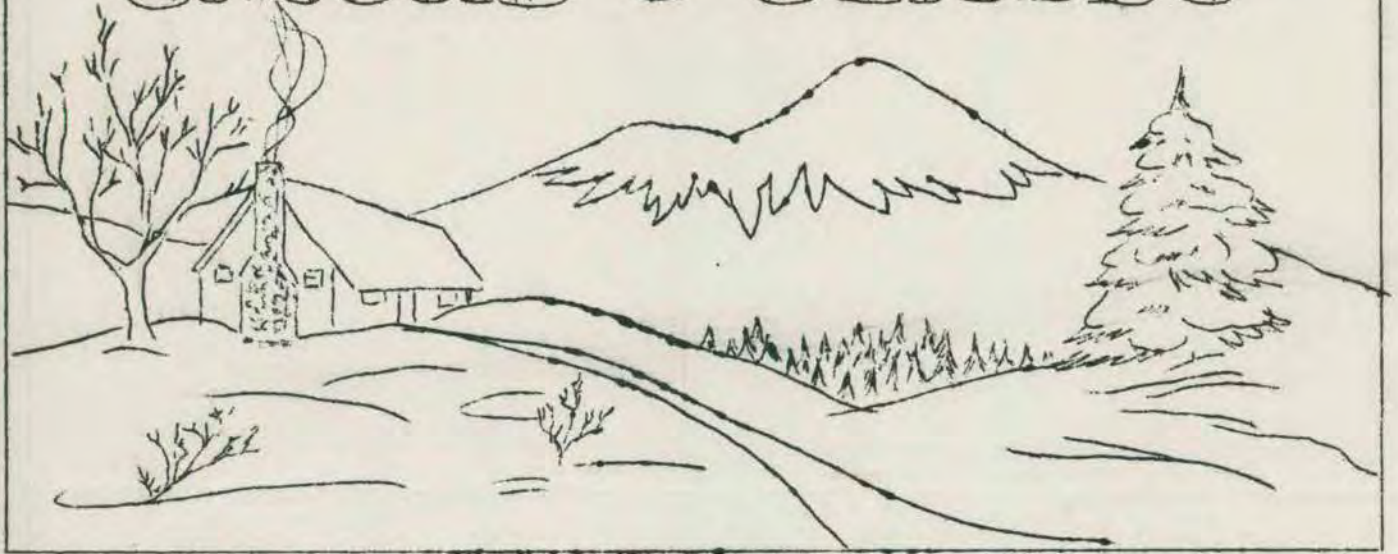
Anyone who is able to help is asked to contact Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland.

NEW LONG TRAIL GUIDE BOOKS

According to the current Long Trail News, the 1963 edition of the Guide Book is now available. Any Killington section members wishing to purchase them are asked to remember that Churchill Scott will have them for sale at \$1.50 each, with the Section making a small profit from each sale.

Also available are the new sleeve patches, in addition to about ten of the old style, which some folks might like for keepsakes.

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Vol. 15, No. 10 KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - Aug. 1963

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 28 - ROCKY POND

The hike to Rocky Pond is slightly over two miles, but with a very nice reward at the end of the trail. Two new shelters and an excellent place to swim. The new shelters make room for many more people. The group will leave Meldon School at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Saturday, August 10 - LAKE PLEIAD

This will be sort of a double feature swimming party. We're leaving Meldon at 9 a.m. First stop is Lake Pleiad for swimming and lunch. The rocks here are a good place for sunbathing.

We will probably leave here early enough to stop at Texas Falls for a cooling off swim. This is a fairly easy trip, so bring the kids along.

Saturday, August 24 to Monday September 2 - 1963 INTERSECTIONAL

Killington Section will be hosts for the Intersectional at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp. With two weekends included, everyone should be able to come for at least a little while. Details written up separately, or call Ray Catozzi for further information. Ray will be needing lots of help, so volunteer if you can.

EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can see from reading the bylines in this issue of Smoke and Blazes, as well as in other recent issues, we wouldn't have much of a paper if it weren't for Churchill Scott. Let's have some contributions from other members. Your editor will especially welcome firsthand coverage of the Intersectional. Please send material to Ann Reynolds, 33 Temple St., Rutland, or call me at 773-3295 if you have any ideas, etc.

SALTASH MOUNTAIN by Churchill Scott

On Saturday, July 13, we reached the summit of a new mountain, after a rather poor attempt last fall. The group, consisting of four young members, Vera, Churchill, Mrs. Preston, and Mrs. Biddle of Eastham, met at the latter's summer home, with a handful of different directions for climbing Saltash.

After much discussion we walked up an old CCC road to an abandoned stone bolt, where our instructions said to go straight up. Soon it was noon and after a good hearty meal we were ready to go again.

Bushwacking was rather hard for a time, but soon we hit the ledge right on the nose and at last we arrived at what we felt was our destination. The view was good to the west and southwest, but would improve after the leaves fall.

Saltash Mountain Camp has a trail painted yellow from the south, and we scouted around the top for it, but at last cut south down the grade.

We all agreed it is easy to get mixed up on Saltash, but already are looking forward to it as a snowshoe hike or a trip up the south trail in the near future.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT

The latest report from Ben Rolston is that the Trail from Route 140 to Gov. Clement is in good shape. North to Cooper Lodge is in good shape too, having been cleared during July. From Route 4 to the northern ski trail has been cleared, leaving the middle section undone as usual. This will need to be done during August to have it in good condition for the Intersectional.

Once again Clarendon and Sunnyside have suffered from vandalism, with at least 20 broken windowpanes in each camp.

In view of all the work we have to do on the trail and shelters, the following work parties have been scheduled:

July 29 - Gov. Clement Shelter

July 30 - Sunnyside

July 31, August 1 - Overnight to Pico

August 2-3-4 - Bucklin Trail

This year the Club will furnish meals for all members of the work parties, and the oldtimers will tell you how delicious those meals can be. Why don't you come along and see?

Please contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt.

BLUE RIDGE by Churchill Scott

On Sunday, June 2, after the GMC annual meeting, a good sized group hiked up Blue Ridge. Ray Catozzi and his Scout group brought the number to over 20, in spite of a rather hot and humid day, and many bugs.

By the time the Cascades was reached, the hikers were well spread out, with the resulting confusion of lunches being in one spot and eaters in another! Soon the hot drinks were served and the climb started again.

After a short stiff climb the trail leveled off and within minutes we reached the summit.

It was pleasant to visit with Mr. Gene Banforth as we enjoyed the view and planned summer activities.

At last we had to hike our way home, and as we neared the end we met John Reynolds with his mother and father and Allan Camp, just starting up the trail. We learned later that John and his mother failed to reach the summit, but George and Allan made the grade.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following names have been added to the 1963 membership list of the Killington Section:

Barbara Allard	Kenneth R. LaPlant	Dennis Payne
Johnny Allard	Jack Martin	Tim Payne
Judy Allard	Janet Martin	Leslie Pfenning
Mary E. Allard	Betsy Martin	Marc Pfenning
Mark Battles	Carol Martin	Susan Pfenning
Edith Ewald	David Martin	Francis Roberts
Earle E. Johnson	Nancy Martin	Bernice Tuttle
Kenneth A. LaPlant	Tom Martin	Bard Wheeden

THE BUCKLIN TRAIL by Churchill Scott

After hearing many reports about the very poor condition of the Bucklin Trail, we have had a chance to observe it at first hand.

A short time ago a group of Girl Scouts from Tamarack Notch hiked to Killington for overnight. They made a wrong turn, wandered over the ridge, hit the old Rooney Trail and returned to Brewer's Corners.

On July 17, we tried again and found the right way, marking the old road and clearing the brush from the blazes along the way.

Now it is passable as far as the spring, but the last mile is a terrific tangle. It will take a great deal of work to clear this trail, and unless it is done soon, it will be an outstanding example of how very little the 110 members of the Killington Section care about the success of the hiking program of the 1963 Intersectional. At that time this trail will be a most important one.

Cooper Lodge was in worse condition than ever, yet many people use it. That one night there were 13 Girl Scouts, 4 young men from Shelburne, Mass., (via USFS Road #10), and 10 campers from the Farm and Wilderness Camps.

SWIMMING TRIP TO WILCOX HILL by Ann Reynolds

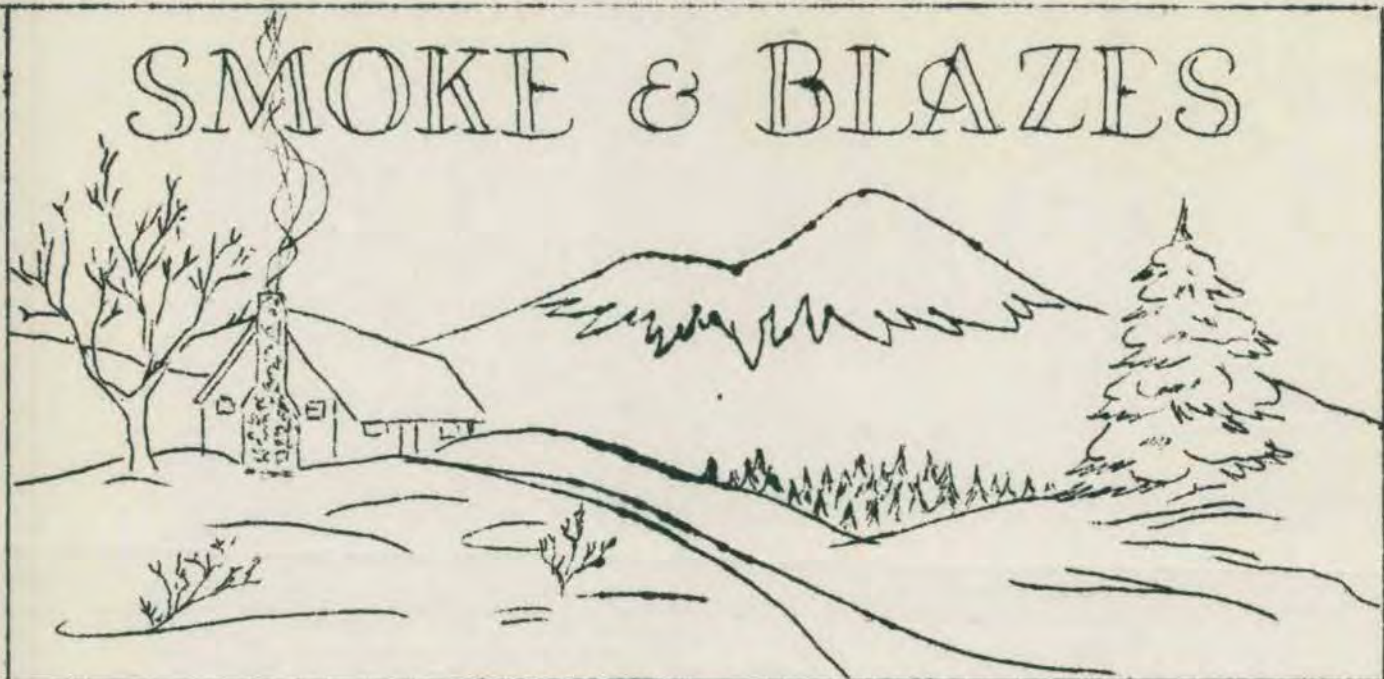
When Churchill Scott, George, Ann, John and Bob Reynolds, and Allan Camp were the only ones to show up for the scheduled trip to Wilcox Hill, we decided to change our destination.

With only a vague plan in mind, we stopped off at Spring Lake Ranch to say hello, parked our car further up the road, and made the short trip in to Sunnyside camp. Here we were very disappointed to find the place a mess, with the floor dirty, the register gone, and nearly all windowpanes broken. We decided windows were unnecessary in the summer, if they are only to be broken, and Churchill removed the damaged sashes and took them home.

Although we got the place in pretty good shape, we felt it would be more pleasant to eat on the trail, and soon found a shady spot. Instead of continuing on the level open road to reach Spring Lake, we stayed on the Long Trail, and began to wish we hadn't. We had not come prepared for swimming, but the water looked tempting, and nearly everyone managed to get wet. We thought we were at the Spring Lake Ranch dock, where we had been invited to come, but found out that the Ranch has traded docks with the Shrewsbury Outing Club. Later we went on up to the other dock and tried the water there,

We certainly didn't see much of Wilcox Hill, but we had a good time!

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Vol. 15, No. 11 - KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB - FALL 1963

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 6 - Mt. CUSHMAN

Fall color time is here. Now is the time for a walk in the leaves. Hamburgers sizzling over a fire. How can you possibly stand not to meet us at Meldon at 10 A.M.?

Saturday, October 19 - BAKER PEAK

Leaving Meldon at 9 A.M. to hike down Danby way. We first head toward Griffith Lake and then cut off to head for Baker Peak. Bring the children. There are many nice views too.

Saturday, October 26 - COVERED
DISH SUPPER AT BEECHWOOD

Supper will be served at 6 P.M. at Beechwood. Call 773-2941 by Thursday, Oct. 24 for reservations. Plan to bring along one of your favorite dishes for everyone to taste.

Sunday, November 10 - BALD MOUNTAIN

Leaving Meldon School at 10 A.M. The Bald Mountain hike will be a nice walk in the woods.

Saturday, November 16 - PICO CAMP

Always a good hike. You can meet with the Club at 9 A.M. at Meldon School or come along later.

Sunday, December 1 - GOV. CLEMENT
SHELTER

The GMC leaves Meldon at 10 A.M. Clement has had some work done on it this past summer. Besides that there is a good walk up the road. We would like to have you along.

1963 GMC INTERSECTIONAL by W. Churchill Scott

A very successful Intersectional drew to a close on Labor Day at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp, with the Killington Section acting as host.

The weather was just right for hiking with only one day of rain. Many folks were able to do short sections of nearby trails for their End-To-End award. Baker Peak, Blue Ridge, Bird Mountain, Deer Leap, Killington Peak, Pico, and Mendon were visited. The trail was covered from Lincoln-Warren Pass to USFS #10 at Danby.

Killington Section was third in attendance behind Burlington and the members-at-large. More than 200 overnight visitors were registered, probably a record for Intersectionals.

NEW MEMBERS -

Added to the Killington Section membership list since last issue were:

Wilson F. Fowle, Jr.
Charles B. Gulick

(Ed Note: A special welcome to "Terry" Gulick. Some of us met him at the Intersectional two years ago, when he was working in Plymouth, Vt. He is now director of student activities and bookstore manager at Castleton College.)

TRAILS AND SHELTERS REPORT -

The section is very grateful for the work done by Ben Rolston, George Reynolds, Allan Camp, John Carnahan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks of Springfield to clear the trails and to make our part of the Trail in such good condition for the many hikers at the Intersectional.

There are going to be a number of day-long work parties to the various camps to prepare them for winter. The roofs must be checked, the windows repaired, exteriors creosoted if possible, and nearby areas cleaned up. The swinging bridge at Clarendon Gorge must also be creosoted this fall without fail, and the cables checked and tightened if necessary.

Anyone who can help on any of these projects is asked to contact W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St. Rutland.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING -

The Executive Board of the Killington Section met recently at the home of President Harold Valiquette to discuss plans for the Intersectional and also the problem of increased damage to our shelters.

Clarendon and Sunnyside have been hard hit and the board voted to offer a \$50 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of any person damaging the camps or surrounding property.

We feel that it may be necessary to visit each one of our shelters, except Pico, once a week, in order to keep a closer check on their condition and to keep repairs up to date.

A VOTE OF THANKS -

I propose a vote of thanks to all who pitched in to make the Intersectional a success: Mrs. Whitney for helping in many, many ways; Ray Catozzi for the advance planning, maps, and signs; Churchill Scott for long hours of trail clearing and working all week at the camp; Jim and John Catozzi for pitching in around the camp, and all the others who also helped.

George Reynolds

LAKE PLEIAD
by Vera Perkins

The weather on August 10th was clear and cool. Black flies, the plague of summer hiking, were gone. A perfect day for going to Lake Pleiad.

Hikers assembled at Meldon School and proceeded by car, via Goshen, to the top of Ripton-Hancock pass. This was a lovely drive, much of it over wooded secondary roads.

Leaving our cars where the Long Trail crosses the highway, we enjoyed the easy hike to Lake Pleiad. Our party included two family groups with four small children. This is a perfect "family outing" as the distance is short and much of the Trail can be negotiated by even the toddlers.

The Lake was as lovely as ever in its mountain setting, with its rock ledge on the near side for lunching and sunning.

After lunch one or two braved the chilly water for a quick swim. Others enjoyed voyages on the old raft, while the rest of us loafed in the pleasant sunshine.

Early in the afternoon we packed up for the return hike and the trip to Texas Falls which is a traditional part of a Lake Pleiad outing.

At Texas Falls we enjoyed the Nature Trail with its explanatory leaflet. For once, no one took a swim in the icy waters below the Falls!

Leaving the Falls area, we drove home by way of Hancock and Route 100, always a beautiful drive, thus ending another enjoyable GMC outing.

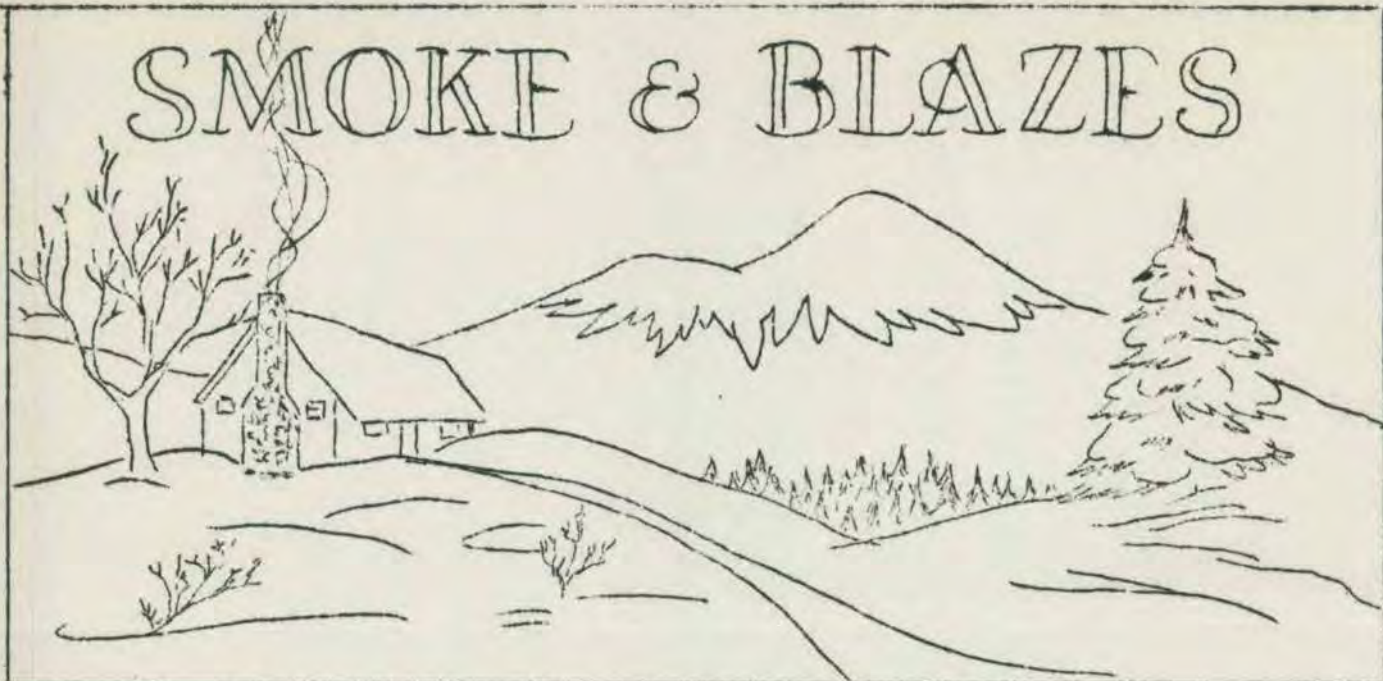
RUMMAGE SALE COMING!

We can't give you the exact date of the Rummage Sale at present. However, we know that there is going to be one --So--- if you haven't already started collecting items for it, do it now.

Remember that housewares, dishes, curtains, spreads, kitchen utensils, gadgets, nicknacks are all good sellers, as well as clothing. Children's clothing is especially in demand.

Let's have a big supply of salable items and a good corps of volunteer helpers. We'll let you know the date soon.

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COMING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On Saturday Jan 11 comes our annual shaggetti supper. For reasons explained elsewhere in this issue the event will be held at Tall Timber instead of Clarendon Lodge. The Club will serve spaghetti and coffee. If you want all the fixin's bring your own. It wont be necessary to bring cups plates, or cutlery. Supper will be ready at 6 P.M. Come when you like. To get to TALL TIMBER turn north from Route 4 opposite the Mendon Fico Hotel. Dont park your car so as to block the road or any drive way.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. will be held at the Central Vermont Pub.Serv. Corp. hall at 7:30 P.M. Friday Jan.17,1964

This is an important event in the program of the Section and all members should try to be in attendance.

First will come the short business meeting. Pres.Harold Valiquette has appointed a nominating committee composed of Eleanor Walker, Susan Tarbell, and Craigue Perkins. Officers will be chosen, reports of committees will be heard, and it is rumored that some action will be proposed to try to curb the vandalism that has been so bad this last year.

For entertainment we have a very special treat. Mr.Fernand Bartlett will be on hand to tell us about his travels in Africa. He has slides momentoes, and a big stock of anecdotes. Some of our older members will remember when Fernand started hiking with the Section in 1938. It is nice to have him back in Rutland for a while.

After the entertainment there will be refreshments.

Let's try to get a big crowd out for this affair and start the Club off with a bang on the New Year.

WINTER SPORTS DAY

Sunday, January 26, 1964 has been designated G.N.C. Winter Sports Day. The place will be at Tall Timber where warming facilities and coffee will be available all day. This will be a good chance for our outdoor cooking enthusiasts to try their skills. There will be twelve fireplaces available. Also we are planning games of skill and chance to keep everybody from climbing Blue Ridge Mountain. Now be there!

MT. H. ANLEY

At 10 A.M. we meet at Meldon School for our ~~Saturday~~ Feb. 9 hike to Mt. Hanley. This is the first time we have made it on snowshoes. It should be good going on these old wood roads. For those from Castleton and points west we should be on the Whipple Hollow Road just off Route 4 about 10:30. You could meet us there and save a trip into Rutland.

BUFFUM LODGE

Saturday Feb. 22 at 9 A.M. we meet at Meldon to go to Buffum Lodge. This trip always brings out a good crowd. Sometimes even a big crowd. There are lots of hills for free-style skiing or you can snowshoe up Button Hill. Or you can just toast yourself by the stove.

Isn't that quite a program of "coming events"? O.K. then, let's see some action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Scott requests that all bill due for Club expenses be presented to him at once so he can get his books cleared up for the ANNUAL MEETING.

PAST EVENTS

PICO CAMP

The annual get-ready-for-winter hike to Pico earned the Club some much needed recognition from the Rutland Herald. Mr. Jackson went all the way with us, took several pictures, and wrote an interesting account of the outing. Thank you.

The camp was found in perfect condition. The damaged stove was patched with aluminum and that was all that was necessary.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER

We parked our cars on the upper road and walked all the way in to the shelter. For the last several hunting seasons a group has been "winterizing" this open shelter and using it as a camp. This year they donated a good new stove. Believe it or not! It has two griddles and is made of cast iron so it should withstand the rust pretty well. Thanks, boys wish we knew who you were.

We were happy to have with us Fernand Bartlett who has been out of Rutland for several years.

SUNNYSIDE CAMP

(by Harold Valiquette)

The weather was cloudy and cold, only a few of us showed up. Churchill Scott checked with us at Meldon School to let us know he is working around the clock to get your Christmas card through, and could not make the trip with us.

Craig, Peter Hadaka and myself arrived at Sunnyside and found things in pretty good shape. We repaired the stove and the door and then who ?? dropped in but the chickadee man from Schoenectady, who told us he was going to sleep there that night.

Us natives didnt like the idea of this---it being so cold--but he did never the less. I told him I would be back Sunday morning at 9 A.M. to thaw him out. When I arrived at 9:15 A.M. Sunday the temperature was zero and it was winday. Two brave men from Schoenectady joined Ben about 11 P.M. Saturday---- Clifford Farrington and Richard Kenyon.

We all pitched in and put a 12 foot strip of tar paper on the roof. We were finished about 11:15 and I was back home by 12:30.

TUCKER LODGE

This was the moonlight hike and no flashlights were required. Thirty people (count 'em) with two staying over night. The camp was clean and in good repair. The stove worked perfectly and a good time was had by all. We enjoyed the company of several new comers and hope they can be with us often.

WORK PARTIES

CLARENDON LODGE

Some time ago we learned that all the sash had been smashed out of this camp. At last we have them replaced. The cost will run over 40. Those participating in this little exercise were Judy Allard, Churchill Scott, Michel Wiley, and Craigho Perkins.

First a trip to view the wreckage and get measurements. Then ordering the windows and waiting for them to come. Then a quick trip with the sled to get them to the Lodge before the snow got too deep. Then two trips to fit them in and put on the hardware. We found that more work was required to keep the stove from smoking us out than was needed to replace the windows.

We plan one more trip to replace the stove pipe. This may improve the smoke problem (we hope). However a new stove should be provided next summer. It was discovered that after the fire was going good the smoke could be prevented by closing all drafts. Only trouble was that the fire promptly went out. So you have a choice; a fire and a room full of smoke, or no fire and no smoke.

It was the opinion of those who took the cure that it was impractical to try to boil a big pot of water for the spaghetti supper on that stove under winter conditions. So we had to change the location for the party.

And next summer let's try to get a coat of creosote on Clarendon. It is beginning to look shabby.

PROJECTS PROJECTS PROJECTS

We have more projects than members in our Section. The Annual Meeting is a good time to bring several friends and prospective members. If everybody would bring just one other person think of what it would mean in terms of money and muscle to help keep up our part of the Trail.

The main Club's slides are again available for showing. By choosing from them, from our Section slides, and from slides belonging to the members it should be possible to put on an interesting program for Clubs and so forth.

Let's see if we cant build our Section membership up to two hundred this year. It can be done if everyone gives it a try.