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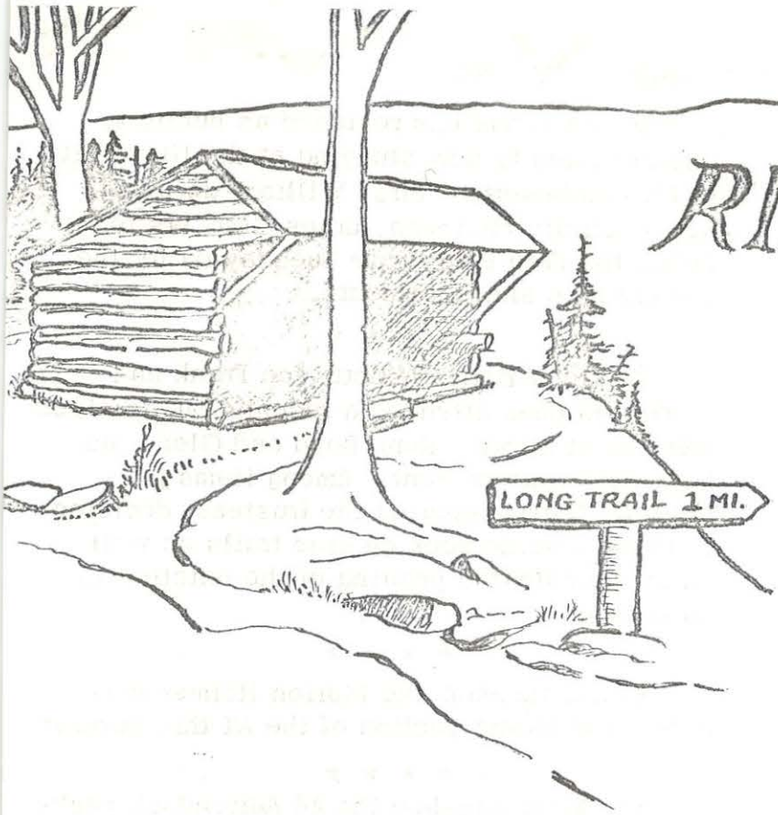

RIDGE LINES

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TRAIL WORK

A section of the Long Trail near Duck Brook Shelter was rerouted this summer primarily because of erosion problems. Jack Harrington, Pirk Pirkanen and Rod Rice scouted and rerouted the trail to avoid the steep bank beside Duck Brook.

Al and Brad Perkins, Dot and Pirk Pirkanen, Dot Myer, Chris Reyes and Jack Harrington all pitched in to open and blaze the new section which also pulls the trail back from the rim of a gravel bank and provides an easier crossing of Duck Brook.

Jack also reports relocating about one tenth of a mile of trail to Butler Lodge so that one follows a trail rather than the middle of a brook.

Crews working for the state rerouted part of the LT to Taft Lodge and worked on water bars, grading and bridges at the lower end of the Sunset Ridge Trail.

Recent work parties have had a good turnout and Jack wishes to thank the individuals involved.

ATTENTION: AMATEUR ARCHITECTS

Duck Brook Shelter is in dire need of a new privy and we're urging you to help!

The adoptive parents of the shelter are offering a prize to the contestant submitting the most unique design for this functional building. Be as creative and imaginative as you please. Designs, sketches and/or models will be scrutinized by an unbiased committee. Send them to Pirk and Dot Pirkanen, 31 Village Green, Burlington, Vermont 05401, by January 1, 1974.

The winner will be announced at the annual meeting, January 12, 1974.

Please come to the rescue, fellow GMC'ers.

FIGURES TO PONDER Madeline Miles

A group of GMC'ers was speculating about shelter costs and Roy Buchanan came to our rescue by a little research into his records.

1931	Barrows	$ 144.70
1966	Duck Brook	575.75
1966	Rolston's Rest	419.17

These are particularly interesting figures to compare because the Barrows design was used for both Duck Brook and Rolston's Rest except that these later shelters were converted to open face structures and Rolston's Rest eliminated the bunks.

One of the earlier shelters that was most expensive to build was Taylor Lodge ($1,058.00). This cost reflects the size of the shelter as well as the difficulties in getting materials to such an elevation. A team of horses had to be employed to drag the logs into place.

In 1969 Tucker-Johnson was built at a cost of $1,112.04. This is a simple frame structure with bunk room for eight persons. In contrast to Taylor, it is smaller and located in a reasonably accessible area. When compared with Barrows and Duck Brook, it reflects the rising cost of living - even for hikers.

OUTINGS

Outing Schedule Change

Sat., Oct. 13 - Work Day on the Long Trail

Sat., Oct. 20 - Hike and Baked Bean Supper

Halloween Potluck Supper

Hollie Johnson asks that you let her know well in advance if you plan to come. Either phone (658-2719) or drop her a card (138 North Union Street, Burlington). The trip will begin at 2 p.m. at the Dairy Science Building. Charges for the chile bean supper are 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. Bring your own eating utensils.

ANNUAL MEETING

Brad Perkins is chairman of the committee in charge of the annual meeting, January 12. Anyone who would like to share in the planning for that event may get in touch with him or one of the following persons: Al Perkins, Hollie Johnson, Dot and Pirk Pirkanen, Corky Magoon, Gretchen Hopper or Madeline Miles.

END TO END ALREADY !

Congratulations to Alan Briggs, 5, and Barbara Briggs, 8, who finished the Long Trail end to end this summer. They began the trek two years ago hiking sections consecutively north to south.

In an exclusive Ridge Lines interview the young hikers made the following comments.

Barbara especially liked getting to the shelter while Alan liked crossing the foot-bridge (in North Adams, Mass.). Alan said he didn't like having to take a nap after lunch.

Jelly beans, m & m's and raisins were highly recommended.

Congratulations, also, to Ruth and Newell Briggs, who became end to enders for the second time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janice Lange has resigned as publicity chairman and is now studying at the University of Massachusetts. Mrs. William deGroot, new publicity chairman, urges GMC'ers to check the Free Press from Tuesday on for the weekly hike announcements.

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Trustees Harris Abbott, Joe Frank and Marion Holmes attended a recent GMC trustees meeting at Stowe. Kenn Boyd and Glen Findhold were also present. Among items discussed, Harris reported the trustees' decision to issue a guide book on side trails as well as another limited printing of the existing LT guide book.

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Hollie Johnson and Marion Holmes completed the Maine section of the AT this summer.

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Dot Myer finished the 46 Adirondack peaks over 4000 feet.

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GMC treasurer Glen Findholt's new address: Olde Parsonedge, Waterville, Vermont 05492.

NEW MEMBERS — Carlene Whitcomb

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Burlington Section.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cook; James Cronin, Laurie and John Cronin; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curran; Joseph Delecki; Paul Froemming; Beth Ann Hanna; Barbara Jones; Mrs. Martha Knight, Ted and Morris Knight; Nancy Lieb; Milton Moore, Thomas, Miychel, Margaret and Shawn Moore; Kenneth Perry; Christine Reyes; Mr. and Mrs. Heath Riggs; Dennis Scanlon; Andy Squires; Mr. and Mrs. William Truex, Scott and Eric Truex; Hilda Turner; Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, James, Timothy, Peter, Lisa, Brian and Kathleen Wood.

RIDGE LINES

Jack Harrington, Corky Magoon, Madeline Miles, Dot and Pirk Pirkanan, Sally S. Spear, Carlene Whitcomb.

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