

TENNESSEE TRAILS

Official publication of Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.

Volume VII

April 1977

Number 5

Calendar: April 3, special meeting, South Cumberland Committee, Signal Point.
April 16, Hike, Snow Falls, Dayton, David Rhyne, leader.
April Wildflower hike, Frozen Head State Park, Donald Todd, Sr.
April 28, Nashville Chapter Meeting, Cumberland Museum, 7:20 p.m.
May 1, 1:30 p.m., Hike, Radnor Lake; picnic, Margaret Mann.

Sam Powell has called a special meeting of the South Cumberland Trail Committee Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Signal Point. All Chattanooga area members are urged to attend.

There will be two hikes in April. Saturday, April 16, meet David Rhyne at the Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness parking area at 10 a.m. EDT. Turn west off U.S. 27 at Rhea County Hospital. Look for Pocket Wilderness sign. There will be lots of wildflowers along the trail to Snow Falls.

Saturday, April 23, will be Donald Todd Day, as suggested by Bill Stutz. Meet at the ranger station at Frozen Head State Park, off State Route 62 near Wartburg, at 10 a.m. EDT. The annual wildflower hike will have special significance this year.

The Nashville Chapter has 41 members now and is growing. Margaret Mann will lead a hike around Radnor Lake at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1, followed by a picnic at Ellington Agricultural Center. Details will be discussed at the Chapter meeting at Cumberland Museum Thursday, April 28. The date in Chairman Dave Stidham's memo of March 15 is wrong.

We went to press early with the March issue and missed the report of the Indian Town Bluff hike Feb. 12 from Evelyn Tretter. She reports that 17 people made that trip and she sold \$8 worth of TTA patches. It was a beautiful day and the views were great, except for the vandalized graves on the ridge overlooking the mouth of the Harpeth River. The Nashville Chapter is trying to get State Trail designation for the Indian Town Bluff Trail.

President Grimes Slaughter reports: "The minimum shuttle number of two cars arrived at Cumberland Gap for the hike to Baptist Gap Feb. 19. The hikers were Dave Fulmer, the two Dots, Ruth Slusher and Grimes Slaughter. Snow covered the northwest slopes, and that night a snowfall occurred in the area, closing schools again. In case the Editor still thinks that trail is "flat", I will remind him that there are numerous deep gaps between the starting and ending points. The shuttle in and out of Tiprell was an adventure in addition to that hike."

Joe Gaines reports: "Forty-six people attended our hike on the Fiery Gizzard Trail March 19 and 20. Eleven stayed overnight at the Small Wild Area campsite. I believe that everyone enjoyed the hike, even the trudge up the eastern escarpment of Fiery Gizzard Gorge. The hikers who camped Saturday night encountered a little bit of rain. Sunday dawned clear and beautiful, however. The campsite is near a very spectacular waterfall and the sound of the creek rushing over it made a pleasant backdrop for the hikers, who had covered over ten miles that day. I hope that all TTA members hike the Fiery Gizzard Trail."

The Board of Directors met March 26 and discussed plans for additional work on the Cumberland Trail and Trail of the Lonesome Pine. The Board voted to support the Nashville Chapter's efforts to establish a TTA library. We need a volunteer to serve as librarian and we need contributions of books and reference material on trails and related subjects.

Quite a few members have not paid dues for 1977. They are still \$5.00 individual; \$10 supporting and \$1.00 for students. Send remittances to Dot Lingerfelt, P.O. Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN 37405. If the word "Dues" is written on the top margin, please take the hint.