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Twenty-nine members of the TTA and the Seirra Club, including invited guests, made an "exploratory" hike on Sat., Feb. 20, 1971. The purpose of this hike was to select the most scenic route for the Cumberland Trail between Hick's Gap and Brown's Gap, via Hinch Mountain. There was no shortage of scenic spots for in this six mile section was found the heading of Sequatchie River, Devil's Step Cave, The Hell Hole and expansive views of Sequatchie Valley from numerous overlooks all along the proposed route.

Following the hike and dinner at the Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant, a meeting was held in a basement room of the Lodge. Three officers, two directors, six members and two visitors were present. Two new members were added at this meeting.

The proposed Tennessee Trails System Act was discussed as it was presented to the House of Representatives. It was decided that a few revisions should be made in the bill before it is introduced in the Senate. In an effort to gain support for the bill it was suggested that members should contact legislators representing the counties through which each of the seven proposed trails, mentioned in the bill, will pass. Donald Todd was assigned the Trail of The Lonesome Pine and the Cumberland Trail; Bob Brown--The Natchez Trace Trail; Robbie Hassler--The John Muir Trail; Dick Wooten--The Trail Of Tears; and Henry Hall--The Chickasaw Bluffs Trail. The seventh, being the previously established Appalachian Trail, understandably requires no publicity.

An activity program for the next four months was scheduled as follows: March 27--trail clearing in the Grammar Springs area, led by Mr. Todd; April 17 or 24--wild flower hike in Frozen Head State Park, led by Mr. Todd; May 22--hike on Clinch Mountain; and on June 26--trail clearing on Hinch Mountain.



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Following dinner at the Park Restaurant, a TTA Board of Directors meeting was held with the following members present; Pres. Donald Todd, Vice-pres. Bob Brown, Rec. Sec. Robbie Hassler, Dir. Roy Hall and David Hassler.

Mr. Todd and Bob Brown reported that they were the only members that attended the trail working in the Sequatchie Valley area. Mr Todd also reported on the work done by the National Trails Symposium, held at Washington, D.C. June 2-4, of which he was chairman.

Activities for the months of July and Aug. were discussed and resulted in the following tentative dates and places; July 24--work party at Grammar Springs area, Aug. 14 --exploratory hike or work party at Pickett State Park on the Sgt. York Trail, beginning at the park and ending at the Sgt. York Mill at Pall Mall.



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HONEY CREEK POCKET WILDERNESS

OCT. 23, 1971

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Hiwassee Land Company held a dedication hike in their Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness Area Oct. 23, 1971 to which all TTA members were invited. The response was overwhelming for 190 hikers of TTA and other hiking groups made the five mile trail, even though a light rain was falling. Scenic overlooks, Indian rockhouses and a variation of plant life make the Honey Creek gorge interesting to the hiker. Trails were well constructed and planned so as to take the hiker to all points of interest.

Refreshments were waiting at the end of the trail and each hiker was given a commemorative emblem patch by Hiwassee Land Company.

Following the hike a directors meeting was held at the parking lot. The following officers were present; Pres. Donald Todd, Vice-pres. Bob Brown, and Rec. Sec. Robbie Hassler. One director was present; E.W. Means. Business consisted of the following discussions; the Trails Progress meeting to be held Jan. 8, 1972 which the TTA co-sponsors with the Tenn. State Dept. of Conservation; the dedication ceremonies of the Laurel-Snow National Recreation Trail, which is to be co-sponsored with Bowaters Southern Paper Corp and is to be on Nov. 13 at 9:30 A.M. EST; and the TTA annual meeting at Cumberland State Park Dec. 11 at 10:00 A.M. CST. Stan Murray, chairman of the ATC was to be contacted as a possible speaker for this meeting. A nominating committee consisting of Ed Casey, Carl Leathers and Dick Wooten was named by Pres. Todd to present to the annual meeting a slate of candidates for nomination and/or election for the year 1972.