

It is my sad duty to report that our regular editor, Mr. E. L. Means, was injured in an accident at one of the Union Carbide Company plants at Oak Ridge on September 16th. He suffered second-degree burns of the face, right shoulder, arm and left hand. He was still confined to the hospital as of late last week (Sept. 30). We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his resuming his job as editor of TENNESSEE TRAILS. D.T.

We have two events scheduled for late October, the first on October 23 will be a hike on the new trail that Bowaters Southern Paper Company has opened on the new Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness in Scott County, and the second event will be a Fall Color hike in Frozenhead State Park near Wartburg.

The Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness has just been developed and will be dedicated on this occasion. The writer has been in the Honey Creek Corpe and can report that it is an area of outstanding scenic beauty. The hike will get underway at 9:30 a. m. EDT. It is about five miles in length over fairly rugged terrain. Hikers should be in good physical condition, wear sturdy shoes, and carry a lunch. Directions to area: Go north on U. S. 27 to Elgin, turn west on State Route 52 for approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) mile, turn right on paved county road, follow this road crossing Clear Fork River at the Turned Mill bridge, continue along this road for approximately 2.5 miles. You will see a Bowaters road leading to the right. The parking area is just ahead on this road. For anyone coming from the north, the travel on U.S. 27 would, of course, be south to Elgin. Elgin is approximately 37 miles north of Harriman and 22 miles south of the Kentucky line.

For the Fall Color hike at Frozenhead on October 30, we will meet at the caretakers house on the western side of the park above the State Honor Farm at 9:30 a. m. We will hike to some of the scenic high elevation areas of the park from where you should be able to get a good view of the fall colors. Wear sturdy shoes and carry a lunch and canteen of water. If we have proper conditions between now and October 30 colors should be at about their peak at that time.

On November 13 the Bowaters people will have a dedication of the Laurel-Snow trail as a National Recreational Trail. This is the first trail in Tennessee, and one of only two in the Southeast to be taken into the National Trails System as recreational trails. The Tennessee Trails Association has been invited to co-sponsor a hike as part of the dedication ceremony. The Laurel-Snow trail is located a short distance from Dayton, Tenn. Additional details will be given in the next newsletter.

We have received word from Mr. Joe Gaines, West Tennessee Naturalist with the Tennessee Department of Conservation, that he plans to build two long hiking trails in the West Tennessee area. One trail of approximately fifty miles in length is planned for Natchez Trace State Park and Forest, and the other trail, twenty to twenty-five miles in length is planned for Chickasaw State Park. Mr. Gaines stated that he hopes to have the trail at Natchez Trace back in operation by early spring and the other in operation by Fall of 1972. He also stated, "These trails will require a good deal of work and planning to complete and I hope to arouse enough interest from interested persons and groups to insure their proper and continued use." I would like to encourage all our members to get behind this worthy project and anything that is possible to help Mr. Gaines. He may be contacted at Chickasaw State Park, Henderson, TN. 38340.

ps. A TTA Board of Directors Meeting will be held in the Honey Creek parking area immediately following the hike.

