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The big news this month is the Third Tennessee Trails Seminar, to be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park March 23, 24 and 25. We are late with this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS, as we have been waiting for copies of the program which Joe Gaines was to have mailed from Nashville Feb. 23. The U. S. Mule got lost.

We talked with the Park Superintendent Feb. 22 and he said the rooms at Fall Creek Inn were going rapidly. There may still be some cabins available and campsites are plentiful. Other accommodations may be available at Pikeville, on U. S. 127.

The Seminar will open Friday night with informal discussions, movies, and slides of the Cumberland Trail, TTA's pilot project. Walter I. Criley, Director, Division of Planning and Development, Dept. of Conservation, will give the opening address Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. CST. Joe Gaines, State Trails Administrator, will report of the progress on the State Scenic Trails.

Saturday's program will include reports of work on the Scenic Trails by Gordon Newland; Kingsport; Donald Todd, Sr., Wartburg; Thurman Simmons, Memphis; Bob Brandt, Nashville, and others. Russell Griffith of Cherokee National Forest will talk about Youth Conservation Corps work on the John Muir Trail. Gene Herring, USFS, Cleveland, will report on problems of management, acquisition and maintenance on the Appalachian Trail.

There will be discussions of State Recreation Trails under the State Trails System Act; a municipal program by John Ulmer, Knoxville Housing Authority; other State programs by the State Parks Division and Division of Forestry; and Bowaters' private industry program.

Robert Baker, Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Atlanta, will discuss Federal activities. Ed Gray, of the National Park Service, Philadelphia, will talk about interstate trail planning.

Saturday Evening, Ed Casey and Joe Covington of the State Department of Public Health will give a presentation on trail sanitation. Sunday morning, TTA President David Rhyme will give a construction demonstration of techniques used on Bowaters pocket wilderness trails. The Seminar will adjourn at noon.

Donald Todd, Sr., chairman of the Cumberland Trail project, will lead a work party in Frozen Head State Park Saturday, March 10. Workers will meet at Arms Gap on State Route 116 above Petros at 9:00 a.m. EST. Petros may be reached via State Route 62 from Oak Ridge.

This issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS is being out short because of a death in the Editor's family. We apologize for the poor quality of this printing. We'll have a full report on the Third Trails Seminar in the April Issue.

President David Rhyme has sent membership applications to all members of TTA. Sign 'em up and bring them to Fall Creek Falls.