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### Calendar:

- June 14, Hike with TERC, Mt. Rogers, Va., Don Shields.
- June 21-23, Meeting, Appalachian Trail Conference, Boone, N.C.
- July 13, 50th anniversary, Mt. LeConte, Paul Adams, leader.
- August 16, Little River Gorge, Bill Stutz.

Don Shields, leader of the Mt. Rogers hike, writes: "The Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club invites members of the Tennessee Trails Association to a day hike at Mt. Rogers, Va., on Saturday, June 14, 1975. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight time at the Tennessee Eastman Company, Building 215 at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Eastman Road, in Kingsport. This hike will traverse the rhododendron balds of the Pine Mountain-Wilburn Ridge area, with a return to Kingsport by 7:00 p.m."

The Editor published the May issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS early, to get ready for a vacation at Fontana Village. We spent the days fishing, but enjoyed the slide shows presented by the wildflower hikers in the evenings. Will Skelton of the Sierra Club had an interesting slide show on a Mt. Ranier climb. We found heavy traffic on the Appalachian Trail that last week in April. The wild flowers were later than usual this year in the Smokies.

At least 15 hikers climbed the trail in Frozen Head State Park in the rain April 19. The next day was fair and it was estimated that at least 1500 people visited the park. There is a problem with people picking the flowers, often taking whole plants. TTA will take the lead in discouraging this kind of "poaching". The Virgin Falls hike April 26 drew 18 people for our group, but many others were on the trail. The parking lot for the Pocket Wilderness overflowed, with many parking on the road.

Evelyn Tretter, Dot Ventress, and Dot Lingerfelt and son, Mike, took in Sam Powell's work camp on Signal Mountain May 17. Fourteen Scouts were in the work party, along with adults Mike Ezell, Jr., Calvin Duncan, Lurt Davidson and Scoutmaster John Sullivan. The ladies and Mike camped out Saturday night.

The 20th meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference, June 21-23 at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ATC. Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Recreation Club is the host organization. The meeting may be properly called a national town meeting on the Appalachian Trail.

Early registration will begin Friday afternoon, June 20. Many of the delegates will be housed at the University. Stan Murray, chairman of the ATC, will open the meeting Saturday afternoon, June 21. There will be reports on the status of the Appalachian Trail by various clubs. There will be entertainment by mountain clog dancers and a square dance in the evening.

Sunday, June 22, will begin with an early morning spiritual service. There will be workshops and demonstrations, followed by a general session. TTA Vice-president will serve on a panel discussing trail problems.

Everyone is invited to bring their instruments for a Mountain Musicales Sunday evening. The formal business meeting will be held on Monday, June 23. There will be post-meeting hikes Tuesday through Friday. TERC would like to have advance registration if you plan to attend. Write to Judy B. Murray, c/o L. Powell Foster, TEC Building 230-a, Kingsport, TN 37662.

Clarence Streetman, public relations manager for Bowater, announces a new trail patch program. A cloth patch, brightly embroidered in Nature's major colors, is available to those who have hiked one or more of Bowater's trails. Add-on bars contain the names of individual trails.

These patches are general in nature and not like the commemorative patches which were made for the original dedication hikes. A brochure and order form may be obtained by writing to Public Relations, Bowater, Calhoun, TN 37309.

As far as we know, as this was written, neither House Bill 129 nor Senate Bill 1169 has passed the General Assembly. The former would remove the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail from the State Trails System and the latter would take away the power of eminent domain for trail purposes. Much misinformation has been fed to the public about both the trails program and the scenic rivers program.

Our thanks to Doyle Carman, editor of Tennessee Sportsman, for his support on the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail. The April issue of the magazine carried a full-page feature on TTA with our emblem at the head.

Free information on the Pacific Crest Trail is available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelop to Camp Research-PCT, P. O. Box 1907, Santa Ana, CA 92702.

We have sent for a review copy of "Hiking Trails in the Southern Mountains", by Jerry Sullivan and Glenda Daniel. According to the publisher, Great Lakes Living Press, Tribune Tower, Chicago, IL 60611, the 256-page illustrated book tells of trails in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and a bit of Oklahoma. The price is listed at \$5.95.

TTA's Board of Directors met at Kingston May 3 and voted to sponsor the "One For The Trail" movement, originated nationally by the International Backpackers Association. TTA will compile information on trail activities by Tennessee organizations and individuals. All persons and groups interested in trails are asked to volunteer one hour of work on a trail during Bicentennial Year, July 1, 1975 to July 4, 1976. Send reports to Dot Lingerfelt, P.O. Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN 37405. She will relay the figure to IBA.

The Board also voted to incorporate TTA as a non-profit corporation. This will give us the power to enter contracts without obligating individual members.

A press release on our support of the "One For The Trail" program will be sent out to Tennessee news media before the start of the Bicentennial Year. A part of our Centennial activities will be an educational program to tell the public that hikers are neither litterers nor destroyers.