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### Calendar:

May 15, Hike, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Bob Richards, leader.

June 12, Hike, Montgomery Bell State Park, Russell Fryer.

July, Hike, Roan Mountain, Gordon Newland.

TTA members and guests have the option of a day hike or an overnight backpack trip at Fall Creek Falls May 15. Meet trip leader at the nature center, about a mile from the north entrance, at 10 a.m. CDT. Overnighters will camp at the site visited on the hike during the annual meeting.

We'll have the details for the June 12 hike in the next issue. It will be about 11 miles long, but the terrain will be less severe than that we encounter in East Tennessee. There was some discussion about the possibility that the rhododendren may be gone from Roan Mountain by July, but trip leader Gordon Newland prefers to have it in that month.

President Grimes Slaughter reports that six people: Lily Rose and Clyde Claiborne, Sylvia and Harry Hubbell, Ruth Slusher and Grimes Slaughter, worked on the Cumberland Trail in Frozen Head State Park Saturday, April 3. The section from Chimney Top to Mart Field is now completely cleared and flagged, culminating a two-year effort. It closes a loop between Spicewood Branch Trail and the Chimney Top Trail, making possible an 8-mile loop hike in the park. The spring near the cabin at Mart Field saved the day for the workers, since the weather was quite warm.

The April 10 hike in Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness attracted 24 people. It was more rugged than some had bargained for and they took until nearly dark to get back to the cars. About 30 turned out for the wildflower hike in Frozen Head State Park April 17. Here they could turn back at any time and some did. About 12 went all the way to the top of the mountain with Donald Todd. There was a big delegation from Chattanooga and we had hikers from the Nashville area, McMinnville, Oak Ridge and other places.

Edward Oliver reports that the Boy Scout Council in that area has completed a new trail on the Corps of Engineers Reservation at Cordell Hull Dam. This gives Middle Tennessee folks a good trail closer to their homes.

Contrary to the report in the March 7 Nashville Tennessean, the power of eminent domain has not been removed from all State Scenic Trails, only Chickasaw Bluffs. Gov. Blanton vetoed the bill to remove the Roaring River from the State Scenic Rivers System.

TTA members are working with several task force teams which are assisting the Corps of Engineers in making a study of water resources in a ten-county area around Nashville. Dr. Richard Renfro of Goodlettsville is serving on the team which is considering water-related recreation and wildlife conservation. Mrs. Billy Vasut of Nashville will work with the team dealing with stream bank stabilization. Bill Flintel of Old Hickory will serve on one of the teams and others may be added to the list.

We have begun preliminary correspondence to set up a regional trails conference at Paris Landing State Park Oct. 22-25. We have the lodge reserved for that weekend. The idea of the conference will be to study mutual problems faced by volunteer trail organizations in the Southeast and to search for solutions. Preliminary plans call for field trips Friday and Monday, with workshop sessions Saturday and Sunday.

The Kentucky Trails Association has been invited to be co-host with TTA for the conference.

TTA is working with the National Trails Council to compile a list of Tennessee trails to be listed in a national hiking directory.