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Donald Todd Receives 1982 Tennessee Trails

Award - Longtime TTA member Don Todd was
honored at the Annual TTA meeting by being awarded the Tennessee Trails Award for 1982. This award was established in 1979 to recognize individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions that trails development in Tennessee. Donald Todd was born in Scott County, TN, and spent most of his life in the Cumberlands, except for a tour of duty with the Air Force during World War II. He spent about ten years in the mining business, some of it strip mining, but he quit that when it became necessary to strip mine in the mountains. Of that business he says " That was just more than I could take". A long time school teacher and Scout Leader in wartburg, Donald attended his first TTA meeting in late 1960's. When committees were set up to implement TTA's pilot project, the Cumberland Trail, Todd became coordinator of the section from Poplar Creek Gap at Oliver Springs to Crab Orchard. He was elected to succeed Bob Brown as president of TTA at the 1969 Annual Meeting at Cove Lake December 6. He served in 1970, 1971 and 1972 and was succeeded by David Rhyne in 1973. He represented TTA and presented a paper at the First National Trails Symposium in Washington, D.C., in 1972. Donald Todd is the authority on trails and wildflowers in Frozen Head State Natural Area and he did the descriptions for that area in the book, TENNESSEE TRAILS. He has led spring wildflower hikes there since 1970. In addition to serving as a Scout Leader, teacher and president of TTA, Donald Todd has been president of TN Citizens for Wilderness Planning, has served as a member of the Morgan County Parks and Recreation Commission, and has been active in promotion of the Obed National Wild and Scenic River and the Big South Fork National River and Recreation area. Mrs. Todd supports his activities and his two sons, Donald, Jr. and Steve, are active conservationists.

<u>CITICO CREEK AND BIG FROG MOUNTAIN HEARINGS:</u> CHARADE OR REALITY?

by Will Skelton, Knoxville

The Forest Service in Tenn.'s Cherokee National Forest has often pointed to the 13,186 anti-wilderness petition and form letter signatures versus the 1,378 substantive "real" pro-wilderness letters received by the Forest Service during RARE II as evidence that there

is no real public support for wilderness in Of course, they conveniently ig-Tennessee. nore their blatant misrepresentation of the comment guidelines -- after telling us that they would consider only site specific, substantive comments, they changed the rules after the comment deadline to allow consideration of petitions, form letters, and newspaper coupons. Such justification by the Forest Service for non-wilderness is now endangered, however, by the results of the Citico Creek and Big Frog Mountain Wilderness Study Area hearings in Chatsworth, Georgia on Aug. 23, 1982, and Athens, Tenn. on Aug. 24, 1982. The hearings were held by the Forest Service to obtain public comments on the mainly nonwilderness recommendations in the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's) for Citico Creek and Big Frog Mountain Wilderness Study

Of the people who were willing to give up an evening, drive from ½ to 3 hours to the hearing sites, sit in a hot, stuffy non-air-conditioned room in Athens, and get up and say what they felt about wilderness for these areas, the vast majority supported wilderness. 11 people spoke in Chatsworth for wilderness while only 1 spoke against wilderness. 56 individuals spoke for wilderness in Athens, while only 15 spoke against wilderness.

The pro-wilderness advocates came from the entire geographic, social and age spectrum: from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Tellico Plains, Athens, Chatsworth, Delano, Niota and many other towns; from 11 years old to 70 plus; from carpenters and electricians to doctors and lawyers, to foresters and biologists. Almost every conservation group in Tennessee and Georgia was also represented, ranging from TCWP, Sierra Club, Smoky Mountain Hiking Club, Trout Unlimited, to the UT Canoe and Hiking Club. Many individuals who testified for wilderness were not affiliated with any group. 7 people from Monroe County testified for wilderness and only 1 against (Monroe County is, of course, the location of much past anti-wilderness activity). Thanks are obviously due a lot of people. The anti-wilderness individuals were surprisingly few and represented only 3 groups: Tennessee Valley Sportsman's Club of Knoxville, primarily a deer hunting organization; SORE - or Save Our Recreational Environment - based in Tellico Plains; and a motorcycle club.

The question now is what consideration the Forest Service will give this impressive turnout by people who care about Citico Creek and Big Frog Mountain -- perhaps none, perhaps they will change their minds. They will, of

course, also consider the written comments submitted prior to September 25, 1982 -- we do not know the results of the written portion yet. The Forest Service track record on wilderness is not good; the Cherokee National Forest has simply not been kind to wilderness and stands in sharp contrast to other national forests in the southern Appalachians from the standpoint of wilderness. However, we can only give them the benefit of the doubt at this point and hope the hearings were not a charade. In the meantime, there are 2 things you can do to help Citico Creek and Big Frog Mountain:

- (1) Write Congressman John Duncan, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, and tell him about the strong pro-wilderness turnout at the Athens and Chatsworth hearings and urge him to introduce a bill to protect these areas and the other areas in the Cherokee National Forest supported by the Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Coalition, all of which will total less than 15% of the total Cherokee acreage. Send copies to Senator Sasser and Baker, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510.
- (2) Any contribution to the Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Coalition (4058 Kingston Pa Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919) will be appreciated and well used -- we have already printed and mailed thousands of brochures, form letters, petitions, etc., which was costly -- we need to keep up the effort.

STATE TRAILS REPORT TO THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION Trail of the Lonesome Pine

- A. Cooperative Maintenance Agreement signed with Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club for the section from the TN-VA state line to Highway 70. A total of 12 miles.
- B. One final acquisition in process (Adler tract) before official opening can take place. Paul Edens finally gave permission to cross his tract.
- C. Official opening date is scheduled for April, 1983.

John Muir Trail

- A. Due to inability to hire a crew for this project and problems incurred with gaining permission to cross the Irlene Jones tract, very little progress has been made.
- B. We have an agreement of sorts with the Stearns Company to cross approximately 4 miles of their property. The agreement is "we will not stop you if you build. However, neither will we recognize the trail if Steans decides to mine or sell this property."
- C. We are going to attempt to construct the York Mill to Pickett State Park and Forest with 100% voluntary labor. The Department of Conservation will provide tools and staff time. We are looking forward to working with the Cumberland Mountain Chapter on this project.

South Cumberland Recreation Area

- A. The South Rim Trail is now officially open and ready to be hiked.
- B. Approximately 7-8 miles of the Collins River Gulf Loop Trail is complete. The trail will run 20 miles when completed.
- C. A new trails map of the area is nearing printing.
- D. Trail construction at SCRA will be completed by June 30, 1983.

Trail of Tears - Cardwell Mountain

- A. The five mile Cardwell Mountain Loop Trail is complete with the exception of a few minor details.
- B. A TTA hike needs to be scheduled for this trail soon.

West Tennessee

- A. Work is progressing on the Pinson Mounds Boardwalk. Should be completed by June 30, 1983.
- B. We are investigating the feasibility of acquiring an abandoned railroad right-of-way in Madison and Chester Counties for the development of a Bike trail. The right-of-way runs from Jackson for a distance of 18 miles to the community of Silerton. The route will directly connect the Jackson greenbelt to Chickasaw State Park and Forest and to the Statewide Bicycle Touring System which passes through Silerton. Other areas that can be passed through side trails are Pinson Mounds, Hatchie State Scenic River, Big Hill Pond, and Pickwick Landing State Park. A \$120,000 request for acquisition has been placed in our FY 83-84 Capital Budget.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{TTA}}$ can voice its support for this project by writing to the Commissioner at the Department of Conservation.

Cumberland Trail

- A. The number one priority in the Scenic Trails Program.
- B. Cumberland Trail Dedication September 18, 1982 at Cove Lake State Park. Section II - Oliver Springs to Cove Lake State Park - 30 miles.
- C. We now have a full time trail ranger (Bobby Harbin) and a trails headquarters at Cove Lake.
- D. Due to our mandate to complete the Cumberland Trail by 1985, we have been researching the possibility of using prison labor to construct the trail from Lone Mountain State Forest to Interstate 40.
- E. We thank TTA for signing the Co-op trail maintenance agreement for the Northern section of the Cumberland Trail. The agreement is now at the Department of Finance and Administration awaiting Commissioner Samsom's signature.
- F. We are looking forward to continued work with TTA in the development of the Cumberland Trail south of I-40.

State Park Comprehensive Trail Study Program

- A. New program which we hope will provide the justification to greatly improve trail systems within State Parks and Forests.
- B. A trails inventory will be taken and recommendations will be made in relation to major trail renovation, maintenance, development and even trail closures.
- C. Initial study is being conducted at Standing Stone State Park and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Forest}}$

Dear Trail Club Member:

The officers of your club have generously provided the Appalachian Trail Conference with your name and address for a very special purpose.

As you know, government budget cutbacks have greatly reduced the capability of the National Park Service and cooperating public agencies to complete the acquisition of a permanent, protective corridor for the Appalachian Trail. Appropriations for the A.T. in 1979, 1980, and 1981 averaged about \$12 million per year. In 1982, the Park Service appropriation for this purpose was cut to \$2.5 million—a drop of over 75 percent.

Rather than passively watch unacquired Trail land be jeopardized by development, the ATC Board of Managers recently took the bold step of creating the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands to pull together <u>private</u> resources to protect the Trail and its environs.

Land trusts like The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land have been successful for many years in protecting natural areas from adverse development. The Appalachian Trail Conference feels that the same principles of private initiative can supplement federal acquisition in order to maintain the momentum of the A.T. protection program by:

- Acquiring lands with privately raised funds
- Purchasing options to hold properties until federal appropriations are available
- Encouraging gifts and/or partial donations of land by emphasizing the tax benefits to the donor.

To be effective, the Trust will require strong support from the Trail community. I urge you to join me in making a tax-deductible contribution to the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands. Use of gifts to the Trust is restricted to covering costs associated with the protection of land along the Trail.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this new and exciting endeavor in protection of the Appalachian Trail successful.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL
CONFERENCE
P O BOX 23%
HARPERS FERRY W VA 25425

Sincerely,

Ruth & Blackburn,
Ruth E. Blackburn, Chairman
ATC Board of Managers

HIKES

CUMBERLAND TRAIL HIKE - OLIVER SPRINGS SECTION
(Anderson Co.)
6 Nov. 1982

The hike will be approximately 8 miles in length, and moderate difficulty. It will require good hiking shoes, water and lunch. Meet at 8:30 EST at the Druthers Restaurant parking lot, which is located in Tri-County Shopping Center on Hwy 62, between Oliver Springs and Oak Ridge. Call the leader for additional information.

LEADER: Diane Davidson
Nashville

615-297-6181

HIDDEN PASSAGE TRAIL, PICKETT STATE PARK (Pickett Co.)
7 Nov. 1982

On Sunday, November 7 the Cumberland Mountain Chapter will be hiking the Hidden Passage Trail in Pickett State Park and Forest. This approximately 8 mile hike follows the bluff tops along Thompson Creek and Rock Creek. There are several spectacular overlooks along the way. This is a fairly easy and enjoyable hike. We will be leaving from the Pickett State Park Office at 9:00 a.m. We suggest bringing lunch and water. We hope to have a good turnout for this late fall hike. See you on the trail!

Leader: Howard Ray Duncan-879-8245 (after 4:00 p.m.) Alternate: Steven Burke

TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE (Hawkins Co.)
13 November 1982

The Trail of the Lonesome Pine runs along Clinch Mountain from the TN-VA border to HWY 25 at Beans Gap. This hike will follow a section from HWY 70 at Little War Gap North to Looney Gap. A couple of steep sections and a very rocky trail gives this hike its moderate rating (Class IV). Two large rock formations and a firetower will provide good views of the great Tennessee Valley and the Smokies. Hiking distance 6½ miles. Meet at K-Mart parking lot on Ashville Hwy, Knoxville, 7:30 a.m. eastern time.* Hike will begin at 9 a.m. Joint trip with Smoky Mountains Hiking Club.

*(or at Hwy 70 at Little War Gap)
LEADERS: Ken Roberts 615-588-5005

Walt Duerksen 615-494-9279 Norris

WORK TRIP ON CHICKASAW BLUFF TRAIL, MEEMAN SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK

13 Nov. 1982

MEMPHIS - Our adopted trail, the Chickasaw Bluff Trail, will host another day of fun and frolic as we work on another section of the trail. This section between Jackson Hill Road and the open fields of the Management Area (infested by poison ivy and nettle in the spring, remember?) will be our focal point of work. Bring swing blades, heavy rakes, shears, and anything else to clear with. Don't forget gloves, water and snacks. We'll meet at the Park Office at 1:00 central time. For any additional information, call Jill Norvell at 901-454-2365, days.

STONES RIVER FLOAT TRIP - (RUTHERFORD CO.) 13 November, 1982

This is a ten-mile (Class I) pastoral river float with beautiful scenery. Similar to the Buffalo with overhanging trees, rock bluffs, plenty of wildlife, birds, a spectacular water mill and dam, and a small rapid to finish off the day. Bring lunch and water and meet at the MTSU Grelland Parking Lot behind the MTSU Murphy Athletic Center and Convocation Hall on North Tennessee Blvd. in Murfreesboro at 9:00 CST. For further information or pre-registration, call one of the leaders. Joint trip with TN Scenic Rivers Association.

LEADERS: Bertha Chrietzberg 1715 Elrod St. Murfreesboro 37130 615-896-1146

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Murfreesboro 37132
615-898-2147 (work)
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SMOKY MTS. WEEKEND - ELKMONT CAR CAMP - GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK (Sevier Co.)
20-21 November 1982

Saturday - Meetenat 11:00 a.m. eastern time at Indian Gap parking area on Clingman's Dome Road (first paved parking area on the right after turning off at Newfound Gap). 3½ mile downhill hike on Indian Gap Trail. Elevation change 1870 feet. Class I & II difficulty, due to stream crossings. Remember -- be prepared for winter weather -warm clothing and raingear. Camping (Fri. & Sat. nights) at Elkmont Campground on Little River Road. Informal hike on Sun. morning. Try winter camping - the colder it gets the more brag rights you earn. Car camping means the luxury of bringing extra blankets and escaping the elements with the turn of the ignition. Wildlife will be shot with 35mm fast film. Please pre-register with the leader.

LEADER: Gene Curp (work)615-822-1660 Hendersonville 615-824-1171

CHICKASAW BLUFF TRAIL, MEEMAN SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK (Shelby Co.)

This will be Memphis Chapter's second annual Thanksgiving Day hike. The 10 mile hike will be a good way to shed off those extra pounds after the enormous dinner on Turkey Day. The leaves should still be colorful and the weather perfect. Bring a snack, lunch and water, and meet at Meeman Shelby Forest State Park Office at 9:00 a.m. central time.

LEADERS: Jill & Charlie Norvell 901-876-5529

"Read everyday...
something no one else is reading.
Think everyday...
something no one else is thinking.
Do everyday...
something no one else is doing, or silly enough to do.
It is bad for the mind, to be always part of unanimity."

Chapter News

Cumberland Mountain

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter met at Allardt School August 30 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance was good with several visitors present as well as the guest speakers, Mr. Rick Mallory and Mr. Mark Mundy of the TVA Conservation Work Corps. Those present enjoyed a slide presentation given by the Cumberland Mountain Chapter of the activities that have been conducted during the last year. After the slide show Rick and Mark gave a presentation on the trail construction that their agency is currently conducting in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. They explained that the TVA Conservation Work Corps is a group of experienced professionals who are using mostly local personnel to accomplish the task of building approximately 150 miles of trail in the Big South Fork. Rick and Mark explained that this arrangement was the most efficient and cost effective way possible to get the job done. Upon conclusion of the program, the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served. Also, during the week of September 5 thru 11 the Cumberland Mountain Chapter had an exhibit booth on display at the Fentress County Fair. This exhibit seemed to draw much interest from the people who visited the booth. Several applications for membership were taken by interested individuals. The Cumberland Mountain Chapter accomplished the task of making our presence more well known and building good public relations...S. Burke.

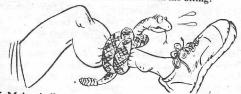
Nashville

NASHVILLE - Once again, the Nash-ville Chapter will join the Audubon Society and Sierra Club for our annual Christmas potluck dinner at the Cumberland Museum. Dinner will be at 6:30p.m. on Thursday, December 2. Bring a covered dish to share; to ensure a good variety, contact the coordinator for suggestions. You



A dipping from Cumberland Mountain first aid manual

3. If nothing else is available, a tourniquet can be made from the snake itself. This will also serve to teach the little wise guy not to be so free with his biting!



5. Make shallow cuts directly on the fang wounds. If the arm, leg, or other affected area falls off, you've cut too deeply. Start the procedure over by letting the snake bite the victim in a new area. This time make shallow cuts, idiot!

are also invited to bring 25 of your favorite slides for "Show and Tell" after dinner. This is one of the highlights of the year, so we hope everyone can attend.

COORDINATOR: Bet

Betty Smith 615-297-1026

(work) 615-329-7011

Memphis

November Chapter Meeting - Charlie Norvell will be the speaker for our November 18th meeting. Charlie is a ranger-naturalist at Shelby Forest State Park, just north of Memphis. He will do a Tennessee longhunter demonstration. Charlie will show us a muzzle-loading rifle, coyote hat, homemade knife, powder horn, and other items. Charlie will also talk about Shelby Forest, its wildlife, history, migrating waterfowl, and the bluffs and bottom land. We meet at 7:30 p.m., every third Thursday of the month, at Kingsway Christian Church, Poplar and Massey.

The Memphis Chapter would like to recognize those people who made the TTA Annual Meeting fun and successful: Betty Porter, Jerri Bull, and Anne Lindholm for the delicious BBQ dinner; Margaret Swann for conducting the registration and keeping everybody laughing; and Bob Barnett for the "priceless items" at the auction. Thanks y'all...Jill.

THE BOOK SHELF



Trail Design, Construction and Maintenance, William Birchard, Jr., and Robert D. Proudman, Appalachian Trail Conference, P.O. Box 236, Harpes Ferry, WV, 25425; \$5.80, plus \$1.80 for postage. Trail Design has chapters on Trail Clearing, Marking, Signs, Design for Recreation, Design for Environmental protection, Footbridges, Trail Tools, etc. 176 pages featuring 50 photographs and 100 explanatory illustrations.

Diane Davidson writes - "Books I have recently read, which I would recommend to environmentally/outdoor oriented friends:
McPhee, John, Encounters with the Archdruid.
New York: Farr, Straus and Girox, 1972.
Caudill, Harry M, The Watches of the Night.
Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1976.
Abbey, Edward, Down the River. New York:
E. P. Dutton, 1981.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1982

| | - Cumberland Mt. Ch. meeting. | 2 Dec. | - Nashville - Annual Christmas pot- luck dinner with Audubon. |
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| 6 Nov. | - Cumberland Trail - Oliver Spr. section. | 4-5 Dec. | - Cumberland Falls KY State Park, |
| 7 Nov. | - Cumberland Mt Hidden Passage | 6 Dec. | Betty Smith (615-297-1026). - Cumberland Mt. Ch. meeting. |
| 9 Nov. | - Murfreesboro Ch. meeting. | ll Dec. | - Murfreesboro - Panther Creek Trail. |
| 13 Nov. | - Memphis - worktrip - Chickasaw Bluff Trail. | | Franklin State Forest; Jim Chrietz-berg (615-369-9561). |
| 13 Nov. | - Trail of the Lonesome Pine; | 14 Dec. | - Murfreesboro Ch. meeting. |
| 13 Nov. | - Stones River Float. | 16 Dec. | - Memphis Ch. meeting. |
| 18 Nov. | - Memphis Ch. meeting. | 19 Dec. | - Nashville & Murfreesboro - Long |
| 20 Nov. | - Murfreesboro - Cohutta Wilderness. | | Hunter Shore Trail, Long Hunter |
| | Nashville - Smoky Mts. Weekend. | | State Park; Bucky Crowell (615- |
| 27 Nov. | - Memphis - Chickasaw Bluff Trail. | 07 D | 269-6579/259-5860). |
| 28 Nov. | - Nashville Ch. meeting. | 2) Dec. | - Nashville Ch. meeting. |

CANCELLATIONS - LBL Fall Hike Day - May be rescheduled for Fall 1983. TEC's Intergroup Conference - rescheduled for spring.

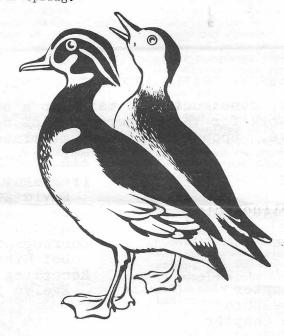
Plan Completed For **Pacific Crest Trail**

According to the terms of a comprehensive management plan signed into effect by USDA Forest Service Chief R. Max Peterson, multiple uses of the 2,560mile Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail have been assured. The trail will be managed to include such activities as long-distance and day hiking, horseback riding, and winter sports.

The plan was prepared by the Forest Service, in consultation with the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council, composed of persons representing landowners, users, and special interest groups. The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and states of California, Oregon, and Washington also cooperated in developing the plan.

All but 290 miles of the trail have been completed. Temporary routes along the unfinished sections, mostly in southern California, connect finished segments. Seven hundred sixty-seven miles of the trail lie within national park and national forest wilderness areas and state parks. This land is managed primarily for scenic purposes. Some 1,490 miles are on other public lands, including 24 national forests, where trail use will coexist with timber harvesting, grazing, and geothermal and mineral exploration.

The remaining 303 miles on private land maintain continuity of the trail. The plan directs agencies to minimize trail-related impacts on these privately owned areas by acquiring only that land necessary to construct and maintain the trail and provide space for campsites.



Trail Treats

NO OIL, NO SUGAR GRANOLA

2½ cups quick oats 3 tablespoons shredded coconut 3 tablespoons almonds (or dry roasted cashews), chopped 3 tablespoons raisins 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Spray a shallow nonstick pan or cookie tin with baking spray. Combine oats, coconut and nuts; sprinkle them on the pan in a shallow layer. Bake uncovered, in a preheated 350-degree oven, stirring occasionally, until crisp and golden, about 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and stir in raisins and cinnamon. Allow to cool thoroughly, then store in a covered jar. Use as a snack or serve as breakfast cereal with skim milk and sliced fresh fruit. Makes three cups granola, 175 calories per half-cup serving.

LET THE GRASS GROW UN-DER YOUR FEET: There are 14 good reasons not to mow your lawn, according to the Fruitarian Network. "If you did not mow your lawn, it would become a meadow, then a thicket, then a forest," the Washington group rhapsodizes. "Mowing destroys baby birds, butterflies, toads, bumblebees; causes suffering to creatures caught in the machine —and wastes billions of hours of human energy," not to mention gasoline if you use a power mower. Anyway, wouldn't you really rather lie in a hammock drinking beer?

Adirondack Club Loses Tax Exemption Battle

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The Adirondack Mountain Club, which has spent 60 years teaching thousands about the wilderness, has lost a two-year battle to get a property tax exemption as an educational organization.

A state appeals court ruled last week that the club should not be exempt from paying property taxes on its headquarters in Glens Falls. Club officials estimated that the taxes came to

about \$2,800 a year.

The club, which has state and federal tax exemptions, has been helping teach people about the Adirondacks since 1922 when it was founded by a group of conservationists including Franklin D. Roosevelt. The club publishes pamphlets and guide books, holds workshops, maintains trails and operates two lodges in the Adirondack Park, the largest state park in the contiguous United States.



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camera ready, typed in a full 4½ inch
column. Artwork is welcomed.



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