

condemned to the classroom and laboratory for most of the summer. Labor for trail work is very hard to find, expects exorbitant (compared to pre-war years) wages, and, without an experienced leader, is mostly very inefficient. In order to do satisfactory trail work a man must have the hiker's outlook, or point of view, and very few hired workers do.

At the same time interest in hiking and in the Long Trail is reawakening, as is evidenced by the large number of advance orders Miss Tye has received for the new edition of the Guide Book, now in the hands of the printer. If hikers come from without the state and find the Trail half blocked, ill-blazed and hard to follow and the camps in run-down, or even ruinous, condition, not only will the hitherto high reputation of the Green Mountain Club suffer, but, what is more important, the State of Vermont itself, to which the club, through the Long Trail, has contributed so much in favorable publicity in the past, will get a black eye as well. This, above all things, we wish to avoid.

What is the answer? The only one we see is more energetic, effective, loyal volunteer work by the members of the club, and any friends they can enlist to aid them. Roy will do what he can himself and will be glad to advise any who care to inquire as to time-tested ways and means of doing what must be done. The National Forest Service can always be depended on to put its part of the trail in good condition, and we know that the Bennington, Worcester, Manchester, Killington, New York and Burlington Sections have plans well under way for early season trail and shelter work. The new Windham County Section is spoiling for a job to do, and the Sterling Section can be depended on to have things in order from Smuggler's Notch to the Lamoille River or beyond. That leaves quite a stretch of trail unaccounted for at this writing, but we have confidence the club will not let the hikers, and the State, down. But it will take a good many "sweaty week-ends," and even then those camps may not get built. It is a very real challenge to the club, and we must not fail to meet it.

ARBUTUS

We had wondered for a long time what had become of our one-time colleague on the board of Trustees, Herb Congdon, but the receipt of a postcard from him, dated 5 March 1947 and postmarked at Arlington settled the question. He is still in circulation, and at the old address. And the best thing about the card was that it was a fragrant bouquet for the editor and the News. When editors make mistakes people are seldom lacking to throw bricks, but, as he puts it, "when most folks like a man's work they keep quiet." That makes it all the more pleasant to hear from one like him, who doesn't. Thanks, Herbert, and may you live long and prosper!

KILLINGTON SECTION HIKES

Here is the Killington Section's outing schedule for Feb.-Aug. 1947. They would be glad to have any of you join them on any, or all, of these hikes. Incidentally, a letter dated Mar. 8, 1947 from the secretary of the section, contains this entertaining paragraph, "Perhaps an item of interest would be the age of our youngest member Anne Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Mould Baker of Brandon, ten days old. Mrs. Baker's other daughter, Susan Ellen, two and a half years old is also a member and has been since she was seven months old." These children are also distinguished by being grand-daughters of Fred Mould, whom some of you know and the rest ought to.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB KILLINGTON SECTION

FEB.-AUG. 1947

Feb. 22 & 23, Sat. & Sun.—Week-end party at Perkin's Camp, Mendon.

Mar. 8, Sat.—Clarendon Shelter

Mar. 22 Sat.—Maple Sugar Party

Apr. 13, Sun.—Work Party - Buffum Shelter

Apr. 27, Sun.—Work Party - Clement Shelter

May 10, Sat.—Bradder's Camp at Tinmouth Channel

May 16-17-18, Fri., Sat. & Sun.—Work Party to Killington from the north

May 31, Sat.—Annual Meeting

June 1, Sun.—Killington from the south

June 14, Sat.—Spruce Knob

June 22, Sun.—Swim and work party, Spring Lake

July 4-5-6, Fri., Sat. & Sun.—Stratton Pond

July 19, Sat.—Hapgood Pond

Detailed announcements will be given in the Herald before each outing.

NEW SECTION!

You will note in the minutes of the spring trustee's meeting that they authorized the establishment of a new section with headquarters in Brattleboro, which is to be called, not the Brattleboro, but the *Windham County Section*. The officers are: Pres., David E. Dunklee, Vice Pres., Ray I. Pestle, Secy., Mrs. Rob't. E. Dunklee, Jr. and Treas., Gilbert Dunnell.

The establishment of this section is an event that deserves more than ordinary attention, for it is our first, though we hope not our last, section on the east side of the state,—the only section, so to speak, that drains into the Connecticut River. They have already published a schedule of outings for the spring and summer, including "trail building bees" and a "Bird Walk with breakfast" (for the birds?), and expect to have a delegation at the annual meeting. We suspect, though of course we wouldn't admit it publicly, the Bruce Buchanan, Roy's kid brother, had a good deal to do with getting the Windham County Section under way. The other Sections and members at large extend to it and its members their heartiest felicitations—in other words *more power to 'em!*

WORCESTER OUTINGS

The Worcester Section continues to send me its monthly bulletins, so that I can wish I could share their outings. On March 15th they had a Sugar Party at the Shrewsbury Grange Hall, the next week-end an unofficial spring (?) trip to Stratton, work and trail clearing parties on April 12 and 20, and they plan to send a delegation to the Annual Meeting at Long Trail Lodge on May 31.

John Vondell took a prominent part in the Amherst Recreation Conference on Mar. 29, in which several other club members had a part as well.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Along in the winter we received a letter from R. Gale Spaulding, of the Killington Section, about a suggestion for trail and shelter maintenance that had been made at their annual meeting, and which they, and we, regard as well worth passing on to the other sections. It was as follows:

"That the Trails and Shelters Committee assign parts of the trail to members to patrol, and report on conditions. The reporter need not, and usually should not, go on the trail alone, but may make his own arrangements. We suggest

