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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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To the Trustees and Section Presidents:

It's been a hot summer but those of us who have been out either to clear trail or just to enjoy a hike haven't complained too much. We are however looking forward to those brilliant Vermont Fall days for more trips. It's the best time of the year to be out on the Trail. The sno-birds will take exception but their time comes later.

The reports on Trails and Cabins are not good. In fact some areas are very sadly neglected. Some sections just haven't the membership to do the job even in a cursory manner. But the job of clearing trails and fixing over shelters must be done and done soon or the Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada will be a wilderness and not a footpath.

Signs need replacing, trails need clearing of both heavy and light stuff and need painting, shelters need all manner of repair. Much of this work can be done this Fall. There is six weeks of good weather left to do it in. Why not plan a couple of week-ends or even a week in Vermont before snow sets in to do this work and get a head start on next year. Individuals can do a lot, groups can do more. If the work in your section is up to date don't hesitate to do a job on the next section. St. Albans, Middlebury and Manchester sections need help and I'm sure they will bless you if you lend a hand.

The Mount Mansfield intersectional trip was a huge success, thanks to Larry Dean, and I'm sure the New York intersection at Thendara will be even better if such is possible. Keep it up.

Skiing and snowshoeing will be in order before many months have passed. What do you think of the special ski emblem? Help Waldo Holden out if you can so that we can get orders enough together to warrant making the emblem. It's for all sections, not just one.

Something to think about for next year: An intersectional work trip where the trail needs it the most! And don't forget John Vondell's Appalachian Trail.

We are responsible for a section of it. Have you an axe to grind? Sharpen it up good because there is a lot of work for it.

T. N. GODDARD, *President*
Green Mountain Club, Inc.

WINTER GET-TOGETHER

About a month ago we received a post-card from Miss Tye reading as follows:

"Just had a note from Waldo Holden stating that the Winter Intersectional Meeting of the Green Mt. Club, Inc. would be at Long Trail Lodge weekend of Feb. 28th, 1948. If he hasn't sent this to you for the News, well here it is.

"I had to get after him to get the dates settled as New York said it was out too late last year for a notice in their bulletin—result—dates settled.

Lu Tye."

WINDHAM COUNTY SECTION

Here's the fall and winter program of outings for the Windham County Section, of Brattleboro. The first ones are gone by, but if you can join any of the later ones they'd like to have you. We're glad to see that our newest section is so active, and wish all the older ones were equally so.

GREEN MT. CLUB PROGRAM

Fall and Winter—1947-48

Sept. 20—Corn Roast, Dutton Pines—Dave Dunklee

Oct. 19—Mt. Monadnock—Bruce Buchanan

Nov. 7—Square Dance—To be arranged.

Ralph Chapman and entertainment committee.

Dec. 13—Outdoor Winter Picnic at Ernest Barre's Camp.

Jan. 11 (or 18 depending on weather) Annual Meeting. Skating or skiing—Smith Cottage at Spofford Lake.

Gilbert Dunnell and Prentiss Smith

Feb. 15—Snowshoe or ski hike up Wantastiquet
Bob Dunklee

March—Sugar Party.—To be announced.

