

REPORT FROM THE BRATTLEBORO SECTION

On Thursday evening, January 3, 1952, thirteen members of the Brattleboro Section of the Green Mountain Club met at Dave Dunklee's home to discuss the president's (Bruce Buchanan) motion to disband. John Mushovic, our new member from Greenfield, arrived wearing a bright red necktie which he said "was not suitable for a funeral." His remark caused laughter and a defeat of the disbanding motion. The members then discussed the recent new by-law requiring at least 10 adult members in a section. The group decided to trust those who had not yet paid their 1951 dues so that the section would have more than enough members to be a section. About this time someone began discussing the recipe for baked crow (as given over the radio that morning).

Jerry Stone and Ernest Barre reported that they had climbed Mt. Washington in October and wanted recognition for their effort. But, on further inquiry the truth was that they drove up in an automobile and got stuck at the frost line where the car wheels spun around backwards and clothes meant for a Forestry convention were not adequate for winter hiking.

The treasurer reported \$57.80 on hand. Discussion favored its use for rebuilding Sweezy Camp.

The present officers were re-elected for another year. President, Bruce Buchanan; Vice President, Blanche Carpenter; Secretary-Treasurer, Louise Dunklee.

Committees were named as follows: Trails Committee, Ray Pestle, chairman with John Mushovic, Oscar Stone, and Dave Dunklee working with him. Program Committee, Blanche Carpenter, chairman, with Whitney Hartshorne, Mrs. Charles Bonner and Eleanor Stone assisting her. Publicity, Louise Mullen and Mary Stone. Membership, John Mushovic, Bruce Buchanan and Ernest Barre.

Bruce Buchanan showed some of his brother's pictures. Roy had some very good pictures of the north end of The Long Trail as well as a few of the south end. We all enjoyed them.

During the evening, Bruce reported that Roy wanted to know what panthers did with the clothes. Dave Dunklee's answer was, "Why worry about the clothes. Panthers eat a deer-hide, hair and all. They also bury their food and haul their food into their dens." (This refers to the Panther story that appeared in the "News" some time ago.)

We know we will all miss the wit of Lou Puffer in THE LONG TRAIL NEWS. Let's report all wit of our meetings in his memory and we suggest that it be a Puffer Column.

LOUISE DUNKLEE

In reporting activities of the Brattleboro Section for 1951, Mrs. Dunklee said that participation in the April, May, and June part of their program was encouraging but "the rest of a good program met with one misfortune after another. The weather man poured water on most of it. Individual problems added up so that the rest of the program was forgotten. Bruce Buchanan, our president, was so discouraged that he proposed a motion that we meet and disband our section."

We are certainly glad that the motion "to disband" was defeated. Congratulations to the Brattleboro Section for showing determination and stick-to-itiveness. Best wishes go to them. Their January 1952 meeting report sounds like one from a good healthy section.

REPORT FROM THE WORCESTER SECTION

One of the few pleasures left to us in this battered old world is the chance to bring happiness into the lives of our friends. The Worcester Section had that chance on November 25, 1951.

We had the pleasure then of paying our respects to Al and Phyllis Williams on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Al is the chairman of the Trustees and has supervised the building of our camp.

It was necessary to resort to a bit of subterfuge in order to keep the affair as quiet as possible, so we called on our newly-weds, Arthur and Virginia Olson to take the spotlight and they responded nobly.

Sixty-five members and friends gave Al and Phyllis a sum of money and a deep feeling of their appreciation for what they have done for the club.

Joe and Laura Frappier, Dr., Bob and Rose Steele, Rhea Mosher and Jessie Phillimore were the committee in charge.

On December 1st, we held our annual dinner-meeting and election of officers at the Franklin Manor, West Boylston, Massachusetts.

A reception was held from 6:30 until 7:00. Dinner was then served, and it was excellent as the sixty members and guests agreed.

President John B. Knowlton presided at the business meeting which followed. As we heard the reports read by the officers and committee chairmen we began to realize the amount of teamwork it takes to keep an organization like G. M. C. going.

Our membership is 149.

The Nominating Committee headed by Dr. Robert A. Steele, James L. Marston and Victor R. Yallo, Jr., nominated the following for office for 1952:

- President H. Alfred Williams
- 1st. Vice President Ralph D. Johnson
- 2nd. Vice President Phyllis P. Ojerholm
- Sec. Treasurer Pearle E. Clarke
- Trustee for 3 years Arthur V. Olson
- Exec. Committee at large . . . Frances Green and William N. Mitchell

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- Hospitality Phyllis P. Ojerholm
- Entertainment Ruth Cox
- Membership Jessie Phillimore
- Publicity Herbert Palmer

During the past year a great deal has been done on our camp through work parties and individual efforts. It is a far cry from the one room house we bought—where we had to eat in relays if more than fifteen came to camp.

Under the capable leadership of Al Williams an 18' x 30' addition was built with a floor strong enough to stand Square Dancing—we proved it. May I take this opportunity through the LONG TRAIL NEWS to

