

THE RESUSCITATOR

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June 3 - 5 Huts to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

The weekend of June 4-5 has to be noted in every OH's calendar as The Birthday Party of the century. invitations have been sent out to all OH on the mail list as well as old trail crew and many other friends who have contributed to the hut system over the years. It will be great opportunity for all us old timers to get together and share stories, good food and spirits.

Ann Middleton and her committee have been working with Mike Torrey to finalize the weekend plans. Here's what's in store for the weekend that kicks off Friday:

Friday, June 3

For those of you able to beat the Saturday rush to the North Country and able to arrive early on Friday, there will be a reception Friday evening at Pinkham. Check in at the Centennial Reception Desk in the Trading Post. There will be a bar with mixers, beer, wine and snacks set up at the Joe Dodge Center. It's BYOB so wander on over and crank out your reminiscences early.

Saturday, June 4

There is no formal program for Saturday morning or early afternoon, but for those of you arriving during the day, please check in at the Centennial Reception Desk. Dawson Winch and Peter Crane have assembled an interesting collection of old hut photographs and memorabilia including Red Mac's diary and the original score for the Hutman (F) song. An exhibition of Margery Hamilton's oil paintings will be displayed in the dining room that were painted between the 1930's and 1970's featuring mountain scapes and scenes that will tug at any red-blooded OH's heart.

Any of you who have not sent in your memorabilia may bring photographs, slides or any other cherished objects related to your days in the huts. There will be a slide projector and screen available.

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CALENDAR

Spring Work Weekend

Saturday, May 7
Sunday, May 8
12:00 noon at OH Cabin
Free beer & victuals
Bring stout back
(Use order form in back)

Spring Bash

Saturday, May 14
\$15 with reservations
\$10 for '88 croo & kids
14 and under
(use order form in back)
\$16.50 walk-in
Clams, lobsters, beer &
refreshments
12:00 noon—sandwiches
2:00-3:00—brawl game
5:00—lobster bake
at the OH Cabin

Gala Centennial

June 3-5
(see first page details)

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 8
12:00 noon at OH Cabin
\$9 with reservations
\$7 for '88 croo & kids
14 and under
\$11 walk-in
Wurst, kraut, strudel
& bier

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The real festivities kick off at 5:00 p.m. with a reception and cash bar under the tent at the Glen House field at the base of the Mt. Washington Auto Road. Tents will be set up with seating for 500 people and the affair will be catered by the Gourmet Gallery, promising a meal fit for the gourmet pallet of all OH members. George Hamilton will MC the program. Mac Stott and Barbara Wagner are editing thousands of slides to be presented in an hour-long show titled "100 Years in the Huts-Hospitality High & Low".

After the show, the OH Association plans to sponsor a real foot-stompin' dance back at the Trading Post with music supplied by a Blue Grass band from Connecticut.

Sunday, June 5

Madison Hut will feature a luncheon buffet starting at noon. Joel Mumford will MC a program featuring the following Madison OH who will be reminiscing on "Madison Through the Years": Arther L. Coburn, Madison in the '20's; Bob Ohler, Madison in the '30's; Brooks Dodge, Madison in the '40's; Bob Cary, Madison in the '50's; Dal Broadhead, Madison in the '60's; Dave Cleveland, Madison in the '70's and Carol Scanlin, Madison in the '80's followed by Mike Torrey giving a brief glimpse of the "Next 100 Years in the Hut System".

The OH Association and the AMC are planning to dedicate a bronze plaque commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the building of the first AMC hut.

Souvenir Program

Chris Stewart and Mike Torrey are also preparing a 24 page book of pictures and historical perspectives covering the various eras in the development of the Hut System. This program will be given to everyone attending the celebration. Later it will be available for purchase in the huts or at Pinkham during the summer.

Souvenir T-shirts, Pins and Patches

A complete line of souvenir items will be available for purchase at any of the Gala Centennial events. In addition, they will be available throughout the huts and Pinkham.

Reservations Required

All Gala events are by reservation only on a first come, first served basis. Please make reservations by May 13 by using the order form on the last page.

Issues in Northeastern

Mountain Stewardship Conference May 18-21

The AMC Research Department has planned a 3-day conference at the Eagle Mountain House in Jackson and at Mizpah Hut. It will bring together governmental and private land stewards to discuss the challenge of protecting our mountains. Panel discussions will cover issues of air pollution, endangered species and rare habitats, peripheral development and local recreation impacts.

Registration for the conference can still be made by contacting the AMC Research Department at P.O. Box 298, Gorham, N. H. 03581.

100 YEARS

CALENDAR

Steering Committee Meetings

Every first Monday
of the month
at Brandy Pete's on
Franklin Street
Little business discussed
mostly good cheer &
companionship
No reservations required
Walk-ins encouraged
Dinners priced 2 'fer 1
which averages \$11 each
including tip and beer
Dates are May 2, June 13,
July 11, August 1, Sept. 12
Oct. 3, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5

Winter Reunion

Always the Saturday before
Christmas at 3 Joy Street
Saturday, December 17
Details to be announced in
Winter Resuscitator

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Progress continues towards OH Hut Improvement Campaign Goal

Up to this date, 78 OH have either reached into their pockets (or have pledged to reach into their pockets over a period of 3-5 years) to give \$48,045 to support the OH Hut Improvement Campaign. The progress we have made to date toward achieving our stated goal to raise \$200,000 for crew room and kitchen improvements for the huts is a credit to our Association. Our results so far are also especially gratifying since our portion of the Campaign got off to a late start.

Although the AMC Capital Campaign recently came to a most successful close raising over \$9.5 million, we remain committed to the idea that the OH Association should continue to play a significant role in supporting AMC activities, specifically as they relate to the huts. Since we only really got started making calls for gifts this winter only several months before the official close of the Campaign, we have decided to continue the OH Hut Improvement Campaign to be completed on the weekend of the Huts Gala Centennial Celebration June 3-5, 1988.

We will be making additional calls from Joy Street to as many of you as we can to provide further details on our Campaign and answer any questions you may have. Special thanks are in order to Al Folger (100% attendance), Josh Alper, Dawson Winch, Harry Pearse, Doug Hotchkiss, Bill Cox, Jim Hamilton and Bill Barrett who collectively have given their evenings to staff the phones and dial for dollars. We won't be able to reach all of you, so those of you who have yet to give should turn to the last page of the Resuscitator and use the pledge form that can be mailed back to the Post Office Box or sent directly to the AMC. Your checks should be made out to the AMC in order for you to receive a tax deduction.

All gifts are welcome. We would encourage you to consider a pledge over a 3 to 5 year period in order that we can receive gifts of the magnitude that will enable us to reach our goal. See the table of gifts in Jim Hamilton's article on page 4. Please note that your gift will be used only for crew room and kitchens unless you prefer to direct your gift to another need. By joining those who have already contributed, you will help insure that the OH Association will be able to play a significant part in improving the quality of life in the huts.

You can read about a final accounting of our results in the Winter Resuscitator. In the meantime, many thanks to those of you who have already contributed to our Campaign.

DICK LOW
OH HUT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

OH Davis,
Zeiss, Story,
Whiting and
Hamilton
staff Greenleaf
during Augustfest



OH crew poses with Greenleaf crew

When you think of how the huts have changed since we worked there twenty or thirty or more years ago, you think of the obvious changes such as radio communications, lighter and more sophisticated food products, helicopter assistance and an awareness of the delicate ecology that we just took for granted for so many years. But you know what else has changed? The goofers. If the thirty-six of them that were at Greenleaf August 14th were any indication of the people who use our huts, there has been a remarkable change for the better. The only dumb questions they asked were planted as the regular crew on their way to Augustfest at Madison met them coming up the Bridle Path. "Ask that green crew at the hut where the ladders are to get to the summit. And where do you get the instant water?" Questions like this were timidly asked as the goofers checked in, followed by a wink and an apology that the crew had put them up to it.

Jed Davis, Dick Zeiss, Gary Whiting, Linus Story and da editor

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ran Greenleaf that Friday night in August and, thanks to the cooperation and support of those goofers, managed to put on a timely, tasty dinner that had been started by the Augustfest-bound regular crew. The place looked great inside and out to this old crew who had spent a collective ten years at Greenleaf and twenty years working for the huts. Old dishwashing skills came back as if washing up after thirty-six meals was a common occurrence. Pots and pans hang from the ceiling instead of the dozens of old dish towels now retired in favor of air drying dishes. The dingy particle board we called Solitex perforated by mouse holes has been replaced by clean pine boards in the kitchen and goofer room. The lawn at the back of the hut looks like it's fertilized and clipped, thanks to the manicuring of an increased population of snowshoe hares.

One of the really unique characteristics about Greenleaf is the fact that the hut's shape hasn't changed since it was built in 1930. It's a compact above-tree-line hut with the same basic layout as Galehead and Zealand. The real difference between our years and today is the constant user nights that tend to wear down the hut and the crew. We used to sleep in a crew room that adjoined the kitchen which has now been replaced by a pantry and storage area. The crew has gone up into the poop deck and sleep side-by-side on mattresses under the eaves. The rest of the poop deck is given over to storage of food and dry goods. Dick Zeiss took one look at the crew area and elected to sleep on a goofer room table. Jed Davis found a spare mattress on the Lafayette side of the poop deck and would have spent a solitary night had not da editor found a mattress next to him.

Hut improvements have been ongoing annually, usually as necessitated by demand as equipment and facilities have worn out. It's estimated that the North Country facilities will require over \$2 million of capital investment

over the next ten years to maintain current standards of service. Kitchen renovations started at Carter and have served as a model for the renovations scheduled for the other huts. \$800,000 has been earmarked for the Hut Improvement goal that will continue the kitchen and crew room renovations throughout the system. Carter, Greenleaf, Galehead and Zealand Falls are scheduled for complete overhauls that will entail moving walls and new construction. All huts will receive new countertops, shelving, appliances, kitchen equipment and winterization improvements.

You read in the Spring Resuscitator that the Steering Committee is committed to helping raise this \$800,000 by establishing an OH goal of \$200,000 which is approximately 25% of the needed total. Already over \$48,000 has been given or pledged by OH towards our portion of the goal. Since May, when the OH announced their support of the Club's capital drive, many of you have been contacted personally for your support. Though the AMC Capital Campaign officially ended in January, your pledges and gifts will be counted toward our goal as we enter our Gala Centennial Celebration in June.

Your gift will be only used toward kitchen and crew room renovations unless you have already given to the Club or would prefer to direct your gift to another Club need. In order that we reach our \$200,000, we must receive gifts and pledges according to the following table:

2 gifts	\$25,000
5 gifts	10,000
10 gifts	5,000
20 gifts	1,000
30 gifts	500
50 gifts	250
100 gifts	100

These are not impossible totals if you prefer to pledge over a three to five year period. See the printed pledge form on the last page which may be filled out and mailed to the post office box. The AMC will keep track of all pledges, designated gifts and acknowledgements.

JIM HAMILTON

Al Folger's Financial Report as of March 27, 1988

Cash on hand as of 3/27/88:

Mailing lists sales	\$ 228.04
Joe Dodge books sales	400.08

(above sales are reserved for future Cabin capital expenses)

T-shirt net sales	1226.90
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(above sales reserved for 1988 Centennial Celebration)

Dues Account for 1987
(using period 11/5/86-11/5/87)

Collected total	3982.26
Miscel. expenses	3668.26

Net 314.00

Give back for special Summer
'87 Resuscitator 513.90

Adjusted Net 827.90

Madison benches and tables have been awarded to the following major donors to the Hut Improvement Campaign: Joel and Marjorie Mumford, Chris and Nancy Nesbitt, Andy McLane and Bill Barrett. Currently, 7 benches and 5 tables are still available to be awarded. Only Bench J has been specifically requested. Donors at the \$2,500 level are eligible for a table; at the \$1,500 level for a bench and at the \$5,000 level for a table and bench. Some generous donations have been received with no requests for tables or benches. See the order form for information about making your donation. See the Winter '87 Resuscitator for a more detailed description of the benches.

Among the Crowds

Mike Torrey's North Country Report for Centennial Summer 1988

The following excerpts are from Mike's North Country Board memorandum this spring that should give many of us OH who have been away for many years a good, upbeat sense about the general state of our Hut System and, particularly, a positive feeling going onto a remarkably busy Centennial summer.

Thankfully, planning for the Centennial is well in hand. The two parties are set with some details remaining to be nailed down, but the bulk of the decisions are made. Invitations have been mailed, interest has been good, and we anticipate few problems filling the spaces.

A quiet winter so far. Only a couple of minor incidents have occurred. The news is primarily as follows:

1) We have placed an order with Fish and Game to purchase a link-up system that will allow us to communicate with everyone involved in Search and Rescue (SAR) in our area.

2) Frank Hubley is making good progress toward hardening the wiring systems in our grey boxes, and we hope to have these improvements ready for openings.

3) We will purchase additional radios this spring.

4) The SAR Working

Group continues to meet and will have its equipment card available by summer. Good progress was made at the last meeting toward identifying a source of funding for projects and initiatives generated by the Group.

5) The Cog railway's appeal to the Chief of the Forest Service was denied. The Cog continued to claim that it would proceed regardless of the consequences of their actions. They are publicly stating they will allow anyone to ride the train during spring skiing season and will just dump them off on the top and be done with them. Good news reported in the March 31 Boston Globe was the shelving of this preposterous year-old plan which will insure that foot power will remain the chief

means of locomotion sanctioned by the US Forest Service. While a helicopter company flies about 150 people to a point near the top of the Ravine each season, the majority of skiers hike the 3 miles into the Ravine, an "experience" Forest Service administrators said would be destroyed if the Cog was given approval to shuttle skiers. Sounds like the Cog people will attempt to revive their ski train idea again. They have also announced long-range plans to build a hotel on land near the base station.

The new rate structure has generated little negative discussion except among crew people who don't like the accounting. The computerization of the reservations

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Questions and Answers about Special OH Rates

As announced in the Winter Resuscitator, the North country board has reinstated the special rate for all ex-employees of the AMC. Questions have arisen after the announcement. Following are answers to the most asked questions.

Who is available for the special rate? Anyone who has worked at least one continuous season for the Hut system and is a dues paying member of the OH Association and the AMC.

How do I join? Membership information for the AMC is available through Club headquarters at 5 Joy Street, Boston, MA 02108 (617) 523 0636. To join the OH Association, send \$10 annual dues to the P.O. Box 2185, Quincy, MA 02269.

How do I get the special rate? You should make advance reservations for all the huts through AMC Reservations, P.O. Box 298, Gorham, NH 03581 or call (603) 466 2727. Identify yourself as an OH and AMC member. The reservation desk has a roster of both members, but also be prepared to show your OH and AMC membership cards when you arrive at the hut and make final payment.

What's so special about the rate? How's a 50% discount off the applicable adult rate sound? The huts are operating on a three-tiered rate system this summer so it is difficult to give all the rates here. For example, if you wanted to stay at Madison for a Saturday night in July, you would save \$19.75 off the regular rate of \$39.50 which includes breakfast and dinner.

These rates are a special thank you extended to us by the Hut System for all the hard work we all put in over the years. Make this the year you return to the huts for the Centennial Anniversary to experience some of the mountain hospitality. Make your reservations now, since there will be more interest in the huts this summer.

DOUG HOTCHKISS

system is underway. A decision has been made that the North Country will need its own mini computer and specialized software to have the system on line by January 1, 1989, and we now feel that we have a 60% chance of reaching the goal.

We rented a TV for the Winter Olympics and asked people to write down their impressions. Almost without exception, respondents indicated they would like to see a TV "once every four years". Many people were adamantly opposed, particularly those responses directly following the one person who felt that "people watch soap operas and cartoons at home, why not at Pinkham?" I feel that I have enough information to decide that I don't want to be the Ted Turner of PNC. Nix the TV, OK?

Peter Benson will return as one of possibly two Centennial Hutmasters. The second offer has been made, and we are waiting for a response. These people will focus on training, evening programs, membership and will assist with the Centennial events.

Peter brings a respected hut career to his new leadership position.

The Hutmasters and Assistants (see full crew list in box) have their spring meeting on April 16-17 at Pinkham, then their pre-Gala meeting begins on Wednesday, May 25. On Thursday, it's school time again for these sixteen talented folks. We cram them full of details, schedules, accounting, etc., before sending them up to open Madison on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. At 3:00 P.M. Friday, the rest of the hut crews depart PNC for Lakes to get the hut open and ready for the rendezvous with the HM's and AHM's at Lakes on Sunday. These people meet and train all day Sunday, and after breakfast Monday morning, hike together back to Pinkham. Gala

Gathering officially begins at 1:00 P.M. Monday, May 30 and concludes Wednesday evening June 1 with a cookout.

Planning for Zealand's renovation is complete. Plans for the new kitchen have been submitted to the Forest Service's engineering people for review and approval after Ed Bergeron's office made some plan changes in structural timbers to guarantee stability.

A grant proposal for \$25,000 has been submitted to the state for the installation of a photovoltaics-powered refrigeration and lighting system at Mizpah and Madison. The Mizpah system will include a pedal generator for hut users and caretakers upon which to limber up while recharging batteries on no-sun days. Both systems will also power smoke detectors, ventilation fans, bathroom lights and radios. Other projects like two incinerators at Lonesome and Lakes and a grease trap at Greenleaf are proceeding well.

Take the shutters off and let's get on with the 100th operating season.

Summing up, we've made good progress toward some solid improvements in every area of facility operations. As the operating season winds up (you can feel the pulse quicken in the office already), we are shifting our focus to preparing for the arrival of the summer crews, changing our direction from paperwork to people work. Because of the struggle to rebuild after the personnel cuts last summer, too much management energy went into turning the battleship around. My Limmers are greased, basketball has kept the legs strong, and we are planning to hit the spring hiking and getting to know our employees. I can hear those helicopter blades hovering over the Notch. Take the shutters off and let's get on with the 100th operating season.

MIKE TORREY

SUMMER 1988 HUT CREWS

CARTER

Andi Rankin HM
Bob Kirchner AHM
Gary Clarke
Chris Page

MADISON

Joan Doyle HM
Ann Pollender AHM
Haviland Staggers
Laura Capelle
Deanne Cramer

LAKES

Peter Church HM
Lee Bluemel AHM
Laura Heijn
John Forsyth
Althea Danielski
Lynelle Preston
Steve Kelly
To be announced

MIZPAH

Dave Posada HM
Graham Trelstad AHM
Katie Gleason
Luke Elwood
Robin Holbrook

ZEALAND

Mark Huntley HM
Zoe Parker AHM
Marc Jorrens
Emily Beusser

GALEHEAD

Andy Blaiklock HM
Eliza Maltzberger AHM
Amy Sheldon
Dan Monahan

GREENLEAF

Lars Jorrens HM
Chuck Wooster AHM
Margaret Dumdey
Martha Breuning
Jennie Newkirk

LONESOME

Annie Hanaway HM
Sue Doyle AHM
Dave Ward
Ben Saunders

(Crew lists as of March)

Santa Claus Lewis: A Remembrance

At the Winter Reunion, John Adams asked for a few minutes to tell us about Dave Lewis calling from California about his father's death last June, just three days after his 86th birthday. Santa's last months were spent with Dave on a 755 acre ranch north of San Francisco. Dave mentioned some of his most memorable moments with his father which included the time at age 10 that Dave learned his father's real name—he had always thought it was Santa. Later in a telephone call to David, he told of Santa's discovering the mountains in the late '20's and working with Joe and was instrumental in forming the Porky Gulch Trading Co. so that they could buy wholesale items from a mail order catalog out of the Southwest. Santa's hand-tooled Mexican belt which he has always worn was purchased from the catalog. He met his wife Margaret on a snow train from Boston when trucks met the skiers in North Conway. Those of us who were a part of Greenleaf's 50th in 1980 will never forget the arrival of Santa in a helicopter that Dave had chartered to deliver his father to the hut at which he had the honor to be the first hutmaster.

Chris Stewart met Santa at his home in Quincy thirteen years ago and recorded the following narrative that captures some of the flavor of the early days in the huts as told by one of our most beloved OH.

In 1929 I made a mistake. I didn't know the market was going to crash, so I resigned my job as a teacher, thinking I'd spend my summer in the White Mountains and then come back to work somewhere. But I couldn't have gone back to work in Boston because there were no jobs. When I went to the mountains in June, I asked Joe Dodge if there was any work, and he said, "We're building a hut on Mount Lafayette. If you want to be on the construction crew, you can go over there and work." So I was on the construction crew for Greenleaf Hut in 1929.

On construction a fellow named Eddie Magee from Wakefield was the boss carpenter. He framed the whole building down near the highway in Franconia Notch. He cut out all the rafters and all the studs for the complete hut. The construction crew went up to the hut site to get ready for building early in the season. We built a tarpaper shack for our living quarters just about where the rivulet from Eagle Lake crosses the trail now. Ten of us lived in that

shack, and we cooked there too. Harry Tripp chewed tobacco, and he'd lie on his bunk after supper and chaw. He didn't want to get out of his bunk to spit, so he cut a hole in the tarpaper beside his bunk and made a little tarpaper trough. The juices trickled outside.

Harry Tripp and George Eastman were the stone masons. They brought up a little forge to the hut site. We sharpened our plug drills and tempered them with the forge. We drilled holes in the rock ledges and put in wedges to split the rock. The front side of Greenleaf Hut is stone facing the summit. That was all laid up by the stone masons from rocks they selected. They told one of the crew men to get a rock "so big". He'd take a packboard, go up the hill and bring back the rock, and they would set it in place. The rest of the hut was built around that stone front.

I was the only one on the crew who could read blueprints. So I became second man for the boss carpenter. He told me what to do, and I'd take two or three men and

tell them what to do. I think that probably one half the nails that are in the hut now were driven by me.

Itchy Mills was one of the crew. Itchy for Richard. He was a big brute. We had an argument one night, after we had all gone to bed, about who could carry the most weight. Itchy got us out of bed, and we hung one hundred pound bags of cement all over him—one under each arm, one across his back, and one on each shoulder. Altogether he had five hundred pounds of cement on his body, and he walked off with them. He won the contest.

We also played blackjack every night and had arguments about who ate the most ketchup. We started off that summer with a big case of ketchup, and it was gone in about a month. They put it on bread, and they put it on eggs for breakfast. Couldn't get enough ketchup. So after that I decided something had to be done. I gave each man a bottle of ketchup and wrote his name on it, and said, "That's all you're going to get!" Then they were pretty careful with it.

Ralph Batchelder and his cousin from Reading went to New Mexico and brought back around thirty burros. That was the beginning of the White Mountain Jackass Company. They put the burrows in a corral at the foot of the Greenleaf Trail and began using them to pack construction supplies in 1929. The materials weren't moving up the hill very fast though. There was a man in Maine who had been a muleskinner in World War One. Joe found out where this man was and shanghaied him off the truck where he worked and made him boss muleskinner. This man showed everyone how to pack the saddle bags and get the supplies moving up the trail. His name was Eleo Smith, and I think they got him off a truck in Island Pond, Maine.

I worked in Greenleaf the next summer as hutmaster. We always had willing guests who would come in and ask what they could do to help. We'd say, "Set the table for so

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many people," and show them where the plates and cups were. Then they'd do the rest. They'd do anything we wanted. They washed the dishes afterwards and so on. It was more like a home than the huts are now. We ate at the table with the guests every meal.

One morning I sent my assistant, Wendell Lees, up to see how much water we had in our tanks, and he came back with a dead mouse. The mouse was floating at the top of one of the tanks. We disposed of him, but Wendell and I didn't drink any water from the tank for a while. And we didn't tell any of the guests.

Our hot water came from the stove. We had a wood burning stove—a range that I cooked on quite a bit. It had an oven door on both sides and a copper lined waterback. With a fire going in the stove, you could dip out hot water from the reservoir in the back. Flu gasses circulated around in the back of the stove heating the water tank. It was a type of stove commonly used in lumber camps.

The stove came from a foundry in Portland, Maine. It was delivered to the jackass company in burlap bags. Parts of that stove kept coming up every day, and I finally decided to put it together. I didn't know what it looked like, and there were a lot of pieces. It was a puzzle finding out how to put it together. When I finally assembled it, it was held together by two stove bolts and that was all. And when I first built a fire in it, it smoked. I was sure I had put one of the pieces in the wrong place. I hadn't discovered a can

of cement that they sent along to fill the joints that made it smoke-tight. Then it worked very well.

Before I was working in the huts, Joe Dodge asked me to help him place a memorial plaque in Edmonds Col. Itchy Mills, Joe and I put the tablet up in the col. We had just two cold chisels and two rock hammers, so the three of us took turns chopping the rock. When it was my turn to rest, I went over behind a couple of boulders and stuck my head up just in time for Joe to turn around and say to Itchy, "By the great American Blue Baldheaded Jesus H. Keeristopher Kee-rist! There comes Santa Claus out of his chimney!" That's when I got my name, and I've been known as Santa ever since. People who don't know my real name call me Santa Lewis.

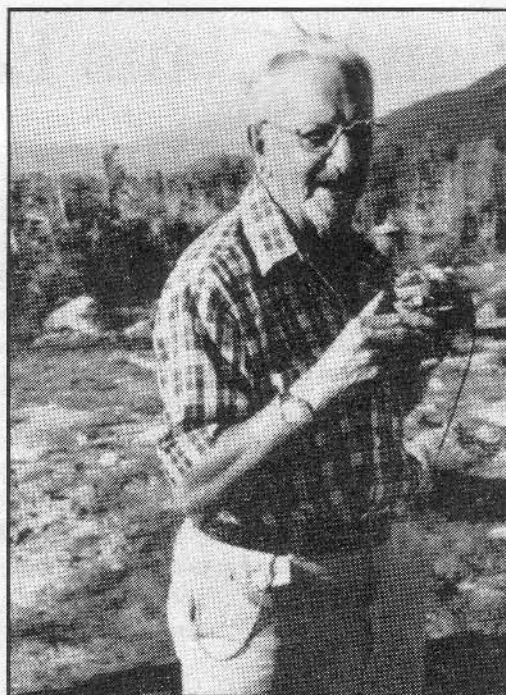
It was while I was there with Joe and Itchy in Edmonds Col that I first met Emily Klug. She came hiking through and spoke to Joe. "Joe, I'm on my way to Madison. When I get to Madison it will be Saturday night, and I can't eat baked beans. What am I going to do?" Joe said, "I'll tell Roddy to get you something different from baked beans. Don't worry Emily, when you get there Roddy will see that you get fed alright." She later sat with the rocking chair brigade at the Glen House and told the old ladies about her trip in the mountains, and how in Edmonds Col she met Joe Dodge, a mister "Itchy", and an old, old

man named Santa Claus. She was probably about sixty-five at the time, and I was less than thirty. But I had a full beard and Emily was quite nearsighted.

Later on when I was working at Greenleaf Hut, she apologized for having called me an old man. I met her on the trail one morning as I was going down to meet Wendell Lees.

Wen was working at Lonesome then, and he and I would go into town together for supplies. On the way down, I saw what I first thought was a bear in the bushes. As I got closer I saw it was Emily in her half sleeping bag eating her breakfast beside the trail. So I stopped and she said, "I'm going to visit your hut." I told her, "Walk right in, the place is open. Make yourself at home Emily, and I'll be back for suppertime." She was my only guest that night, and we spent a fine evening talking.

Emily was so nearsighted that she couldn't see the views she had read about in the guidebook. She carried a little German camera with her and knew from reading the guidebook and the maps that from a certain point in a certain direction there ought to be a good view. So she'd stop and snap pictures at that point. Later in the winter with the printed pictures, she enjoyed the views she couldn't see when she was there.



Santa Claus Lewis at Greenleaf 50th in 1980.

She was very conventional when she stayed down at the Glen House. There she wore a divided riding skirt. But when she got ready to go up the hill, she'd roll the skirt up like a spare tire around her middle. She put salami and bread and other provisions in this rolled up skirt. She also had a little rucksack where she carried the rest of her food. She slept at night in a half-sleeping bag with a zipper on it that she had specially made for her. That came up to her waist. The cape of her riding habit came down over that. She would camp wherever night overtook her.

She was watched over by the hutmen. They knew when she started hiking and just about the speed she traveled at. They would get news from people on the trail who had seen her, so they kept track of her very well. She was very fond of the hutmen, and they looked after her.

IRVING SANTA CLAUS LEWIS
AS TOLD TO CHRIS STEWART

News from the Crews

Tom Deans will be leaving the Club after 13 years as Executive Director. He will serve as vice president of the New Hampshire Charitable Fund and president of its Northern New Hampshire Foundation. Sounds like a two-hat kind of job, figuring out who to give money to, then who to ask for it. The NHCF funds research in growth management, affordable housing, small business incubation and other related issues. Tommy's career started with the AMC in '56 working at Pinkham, matured at Greenleaf in the early '60's where he ran a mighty fine hut (though his brownies were as hard as Mt. Lafayette granite) and finally led to taking over the directorship of the Club. During his years with the Club, the AMC has earned a national reputation for its National Volunteer Program, the Youth Opportunities Program and the \$9.2 million dollar capital campaign. He's been closely involved over the past decade in most of the issues that have affected the North Country's development. He will continue to live in Intervale with Penny and his two children.

Paul Buffum worked at Lakes in the early '60's in Nashua, NH with wife Bevin and daughters Tina 16 and Lori 10. Paul has just been made secretary of Nashua Corporation, a fair-sized outfit of \$800 million which makes a whole range of things you probably would never notice were Nashua products such as labels on bottles; cheap, but "excellent" film processing and office copiers which have a fair share of the European market and are touted by tennis star Ivan Lendl. Paul has recently picked up an old house/cabin in Jefferson, NH. Weekends have been spent recalling his old Lakes skills fixing it up while using it as base ops for

climbing and hiking. Daughter Tina is in to team sports while Lori rides horses. Bevin substitute teaches, keeps Paul and the kids in line and plays team tennis around the state.

Just ran into another OH from the early '60's—Jon Hubbard who worked at Pinkham and Lonesome and now lives in Lincoln, MA. Jon heads up corporate communications for Dennison Manufacturing, another moose-sized company that makes all kinds of labels and stationery products and was printing its annual report at Nimrod Press. Had a nice talk with Jon about our own experiences with our Macintosh PC's.

Still another '60's OH, Andy McLane, is a general partner at T A Associates, a venture capital firm located in Boston specializing in financing start-up corporations.

Ethan DuBois worked at Zealand in '71 and Madison in '72 and has rejoined the OH after his Navy stint. He's living in Bristol, RI.

Chuck Rowan, Madison '46 and Lakes '50-'51, retired in June of '86. He and his wife spent the following year tramping about 800 miles in New Zealand and climbed Mt. Aspiring on Smith island.

Bill Barrett has to receive cudos for the many phone calls he made from Joy Street (his home away from home) on behalf of the Hut Improvement Fund portion of the Capital Campaign. Besides spreading the word about our hut needs, he also was able to send along news of the following OH: Donna Dobbs, Greenleaf '80, is now a lawyer in Hartford and lives in Southport, CT. Daughter Caroline was born November '87. Paul Delva, Lakes '83, Zealand '84 is now editor of the Purdue Alumni Magazine and sent a generous gift. Mark Dobbs, Galehead '79, is now living in Columbia, SC and working for the North Carolina Nat'l Bank. Doug Kirkwood, Madison '57-'61, is living in Amherst, NH and working at Digital in Marlborough, MA.

Another night of phone calls from Joy Street produced an update from Kirk Sibson who works for Eastern Airlines out of FL. Kirk was at Madison along with Doug

Kirkwood and both OH have been forever memorialized by serving as the packing figures on our Centennial T-shirt which many of you have been ordering, the proceeds which have been applied towards our Gala Centennial Celebration June 4-5. We hope both Kirk and Doug can join the OH at the Madison Centennial Buffet on Sunday, June 5. Bring along your laundry marking pen for an autograph on your Centennial T-shirt.

Jenny Beatty writes that for the first time in years she did not make her annual summer pilgrimage to the Obs to freeloader for a few nights due to the birth of Nathaniel "Nate" born April, 13 '87.

Roger Smith joined the 36th Reunion of the '51 Greenleaf Crew at Sequoia Park. The Smiths, Porters and Maxwells packed into a high lake from Mineral King and reveled in the glorious surroundings.

Talking to Dave Lewis about his dad Santa Claus, we learned that Dave is designing and constructing kitchens and bathrooms for the rich and famous in San Francisco. Dave lives on a 755 acre ranch next to the ocean north of San Francisco.

Bruce Shields, Lonesome '58-'59, Pinkham '60, is still operating the Morrisville, VT Agway Store and would like to have more time for hiking.

Steve Liebskind, CC part-timer '63-'70, reports on new baby daughter Sarah Lin born November 6, '87.

John White, Lakes '21, Madison '22, '24, Carter '23, responded to the request to send archival memorabilia with a picture of Tom Corcoran cutting Mitt MacGregor's hair with two bloomer-attired ladies looking on. Great photos like this one are being sent to Dawson Winch for the Centennial exhibition at Pinkham this summer.

Dick Maxwell reports that a peak in Franklin Pass has been named Mt. Greenleaf. Dick also reports that Roger Smith will be flying the old Greenleaf gang east for the June Gala.

Pete Walker, Western Division Floater '46, Greenleaf '47-'49, settled his account with the OH by making up a year's dues and pledging to the

Capital Campaign. Incidentally, any OH who responded to the Club's earlier telephone appeals and who did not restrict the gift or designate it specifically to another fund, such as the Fran Belcher Fund or Madison 100th, can have the gift credited toward the Hut Improvement Fund. Please write us so that your gift can count towards our goal just in case the AMC doesn't know you are an OH. Otherwise, it does not get counted as an OH gift.

Jack Orrok has his home in Eastman, NH on the market, but as of December had no takers. Jack has some film memorabilia for our archives—a Super 8 film of crossing the Ellis River on Bill Putnam's first Alpine Traverse which premiered at the old Red Coach Grill on Stanhope Street where we used to have our Winter Reunion. He also has albums and slides that we hope we can pick up from his daughter's place in Concord, MA where the Orroks plan to move after they've sold their place in Eastman.

Ted Rooslund, Pinkham '59, still lives at Greystone Manor in Portland, CT where he is a small boat and airplane model builder and collector.

Hank Parker, Galehead, '42, Winter '45-'46, Pinkham '46 and CC, is spending half time in NH and keeps in contact with the huts by membership in the facilities committee. Sorry, Hank to be late with your Resuscitator after the reunion rather than before it. So reserve Saturday, December 17—the Saturday before Christmas—for the next Winter Reunion. We're old critters of habit which means we can't guarantee a timely Resuscitator or the US Postal Service at Christmas, but you can always count on our reunion the Saturday before Christmas.

Thanks to Ben Sears for a pledge to the Hut Improvement Fund.

Saundy Cohen is living in Andover, ME and teaching kindergarten in Bethel, ME (hope she's not caught in those traffic jams going to Sunday River). Mike Gordon got in touch with her, and she saw John Nutter and family last summer.

Bob Arundale, Tuck '57-'58, Galehead '59, is looking forward to a sabbatical at Cambridge University this summer

through summer of '89 and would like suggestions from any OH knowing of climbs in English Lakes region or on the Continent. His address is 1629 Heather Dr., Fairbanks, AK 99709.

Lawrie Brown had only one complaint about the Winter Reunion—"It was too damn cold in Zie Room!" He hopes to make the Spring Bash, but will just be coming back from a natural fibers buying trip followed by a trip to Northern Wales for narrow gauge rail-roading and climbing in Snowdina Nat'l Park. Thanks for reminding us of the the addresses of several lost OH Bud Heftli, a donk skinner in the late '30's and early '40's followed by service in the 10th Mountain Division and Shorty Lang who left Anchorage a couple of years ago to spend only one winter in FLA (where it seems Zie Room was too damn warm, because he moved back to Waterbury, VT last summer!). Hope you all can come to the Spring Bash and Centennial.

Chris and Nancy Nesbitt twice blessed the Association this Christmas with a very generous pledge to the Hut Improvement Fund and a check from a business associate who makes gifts to worthy causes in lieu of Christmas presents. And they've got movies for Dave Huntley of Nancy's time at Pinkham in '70 and Chris' at Pinkham '67, Lakes '68 and CC '69. They have two children who are avid skiers and hikers. Nancy and Chris joined Syd Havelly at Lakes this past summer to help out the crew. Chris runs a newspaper company in Worcester which owns 17 newspapers, a printing plant and a radio station. Move over Rupert Murdoch!

Andy Cook, Pinkham '69, Lakes '70, Lonesome '71, climbed Mt. Whitney's East Face via the Fresh Air Travers this past August. Of course, you can run into just anybody no matter where you are, like a member from the '73 trail crew who was going down while Andy was going up and both recognized a kindred heritage because of their Limmer boots. With wife Chris, Andy climbed Scotland's Ben Nevis in October and recommend a super bed 'n breakfast at the

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Use the entire page, tear off and mail your check(s) to the Post Office Box 2185 Quincy, MA 02269. Make your check out to the OH Association for OH related orders. Make your check out to AMC Gala Centennial for reserving space for Gala events. Make Hut Improvement Fund check out to AMC and either mail with the Pledge Form to us or directly to 5 Joy Street Boston, MA 02108.

Here are my \$10 dues for 1988— And here are my \$10 dues for 1987, just in case I forgot—

Here are my Spring Bash reservations— at \$15 for me and \$10 for '88 croo or kids—

Sign me up for Spring Work Weekend May 7— Here's \$16— for my personalized edition of

Joe Dodge's book written by Bill Putnam, 176 pages of must reading for every OH interested in

hut history and mountain personalities from the good old days. And here's \$12.50— for

T-shirt with back packer design 100 Years in the Huts— Or with boots design Solvitur

Crampus— Please order Medium— Large— Or Extra Large—

Sign me up for the Gala Celebration June 4 at \$25 — and the Madison Buffet June 5 at \$15—

Here's my donation or pledge for the Hut Improvement portion of the AMC Campaign—

My news includes the years I worked and where. Also I've found a missing OH's name and

address _____

To assist The Appalachian Mountain Club in reaching its \$11.2 Million Capital Campaign goal, I/we pledge the sum of \$ _____ or give The Appalachian Mountain Club the following securities: _____

(Any pledge may be made over a period of three to five years.)

Enclosed herewith is my (full/first) payment of \$ _____

(Checks should be made payable to The Appalachian Mountain Club.)

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base Achsotee (sp) Farm House. Both hope for a trip to New Zealand in '88.

Chuck Rowan, Madison '46, Lakes '50-'51, has retired with wife Suzanne in June '86 and spent his first retirement year in New Zealand tramping and climbing 800 miles. They are now settled (but hardly sitting) in Salt Lake City just 20 minutes from Alta/Snowbird Ski Resorts.

Cary Hills, Madison '83-'84, heard through the grapevine that his hut will be celebrating a 100th birthday this June 5th and wrote for more information. Hope you got all the info through the past two Resuscitators, Cary, and that you'll join the OH Association. And while you've got the check book out, how about writing a check either to the Madison 100th or the Hut Improvement Fund?

A great Christmas newsletter in from **Stephanie Arenales**, **Peter Benson**, **Andrew Blacklock** and **Tanya Rubenstein** which, roughly translated, brings tidings that they are well and living in the Crawford Notch Hostel as the '87-'88 Crawford's Winter Croo and winter hut checkers.

Always nice to get a compliment, especially from someone who makes books for a living—**Tom Johnson** who lives in Norwich, VT and works for University Press of New England, which is a consortium of college publishers headquartered at Dartmouth.

Swoop Goodwin reminisced about his days in the huts starting the day after the '38 hurricane around September 4th when he joined **Bob Ohler** at Madison right after regular crew **Mac Stott** and **Sumner Hambro** had left for the season. Swoop cleared blowdowns in the Valleyway, stayed through closing and worked in various capacities at Pinkham until '41.

Chris Stewart, our new editor of Appalachia, worked briefly for the Gary Hart Campaign and provided the copy about **Santa Claus** from his research taping reminiscences of OH in the early '70's.

Walt Everett writes us from the great flat state of FLA about working at Pinkham in '30 and meeting **Brad Washburn** in September, later

spending the summer of '31 in Chamonix helping **Brad** make the first moving picture of an ascent of Mount Blanc. The next two summers, he and **Brad** attempted to scale Mt. Crillon in AK. Walt's last trip to the hills was a drive up Mt. Washington with his wife and daughter on a perfect cloudless day in '60.

Don Allen, Lakes '35-'36, enjoys the format of the Resuscitator and still visits the hills on foot and x-c skis and wonders if he could keep up with **Al Folger**.

Got a new year's resolution from **Art Whitehead** that he is getting his pictures together for displaying at the Centennial and data on hutmasters during his hut years.

Mack Beal, Pinkham & Donks '40-'42, has sent a restricted gift to be used only for cabin repairs. Send those donk pictures, Mack, so Dawson can include them in the Gala Exhibition at Pinkham.

Stroker Rogovin's press agent sent us news that the Stroker is taking a break this winter from his duties as President and Chief Carpenter of Strokington & Co. headquartered, we think, in North Conway, though the Stroker's mail goes to Dorchester, MA. He headed for the Jura Mountains in France to join his sister who lives there, then further travels afield.

Henry Rogerson was cutting grass in Hampton Roads, VA the week before Christmas. He's looking forward to being in New England this year.

John Ellery and wife Jan are wintering over in Vero Beach, FL.

Larry Goss, CC '63, Carter '64, is working for an engineering firm with offices in Contoocook and Littleton which has much work in the White Mountain area.

Joe Harrington, Greenleaf '56-'58, pledged to the Hut Improvement Fund.

Tom Davis, Zealand '68, has relocated closer to Boston teaching geology at Bentley College in Waltham.

Doug Hotchkiss, CC '64, Lakes '65, a frequent contributing correspondent to this rag and chair of the North Country Board which has been involved in planning Centennial activities this June, has filed a

special report that the two-holer at the cabin has received a special Centennial cleaning and is now ready for deposits from any OH member in good standing (or sitting as the case may be). Doug has worked hard with the Centennial Planning Committee to put on a really memorable show for us.

Louise and Forrest House updated **Bill Barrett's** crew records with the info that Louise was Jo's secretary in '47-'48 and Forrest was crew and CC at Pinkham '47-'48.

Ted Brinton also reminded Bill that he joined the Madison contingent of '42—**Moose Damp**, **Alan Clark** and **Stan Caulkins**. Thanks for the check for the Hut Improvement Fund.

Buz Hull worked at Zeal and '41 and Greenleaf '42 and wrote that the crew had to carry

Teen Dodge down the Greeleaf Trail because of a sudden illness. Said the trip down was probable worse on Teen than her affliction, but she survived both. Send us more details, Buz, for our archives.

Meanwhile, **Ann Dodge Middleton**, Pinkham '42-'53, and husband **Jack Middleton**, Tuck '47-'49, sent their '87 news that youngest son

Peter married **Meg Franklin** June 6th and oldest son **Jack Jr.** married **Tracy Jaquith** September 19. Ann and Jack joined **Bill Putnam** for a trip in the Canadian Rockies.

Second generation OH **Tad White**, Madison '51, visited his father **John White**, Carter, Lakes, Madison early '20's, and discovered a copy of the Resuscitator which reminded him he had lost contact with the OH Association. Tad has stocked up on T-shirts and a Joe Dodge book. Welcome back, Tad, and hope you can make the Centennial events.

Pam Scharf has been living on Boulder, CO nearly five years and welcomes OH looking for a place to stay and coming out her way to ski to call her at 303

444 9669.

Rick Boyce is spending time trying to finish grad school in New Haven.

Bob and Elizabeth Elsner report in from Ester, AK that they keep in shape x-c skiing and hope to scale some Whites this summer. They sent a check for Madison improvements in memory of **Elizabeth's** older brother **Bill Fuller** who worked at Madison with **Moose Damp** and **Bill Appel**. Bill moved to California where he spent his free time leading Wilderness Threshold tours with his family for the Sierra Club. He died May '86 in Alaska having moved there in '85.

Thanks to **Tom Caulkins**, Pinkham '43, Madison '44-'45, Galehead '46, Madison '47-'48 for the Hut Improvement pledge.



Santa leaves Greenleaf 50th in helicopter

Bob Ohler, Madison '34, '36-'38, Galehead '35. Ass't. Mgr. '39, retired from private practice of medicine in August and is presently working as a consultant at the VA Hospital, Topus, ME. Also a member of **Baxter Park Advisory Committee** and has made many winter climbs on Katahdin. Bob will be one of the speakers at the Madison Centennial lunch Sunday, June, 5.

George Hamilton, Madison '46, '48, Lakes '49, Greenleaf '47, Ass't. Mgr. '55-'58, huts Mgr. '59-'66 is completing ten years with Bank East as Regional Presi-

dent and been recently appointed by Gov. Sununu to the Board of Directors of the Land Conservation Investment Program as chairman of NH. George is also chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, White Mountain Nat'l Forest and will be emceeding our Centennial June 4.

Cal Lovering is assigned to Panama and enjoying scuba diving and jungle exploring.

Paul and Ruth Prescott ran Lonesome in '41 and '42. They met **Chris Stewart** in '74 who interviewed them about their experiences at Lonesome. Hope we can publish some of these priceless gems, either in these pages, in Appalachia or all together in a book.

Bill Meduski, Pinkham '82, floater '82, trail crew caretaker '80-'82 is starting his second year working for the City of Worcester Water Dept. as a surveyor/engineer, enjoys skiing and hiking and had a great vacation in Colorado this past summer.

Thanks to **Ann Cole Morgan** who sent us **Astrid Sis Froelich Hancock's** address in OR who was Pinkham hutmaster in '57 and the two have kept in touch ever since. Ann worked at Pinkham summers and winters from '57 through '60, finishing as hutmaster and practically owning the place. She was glad to see so much news from old friends in the spring Resuscitator and wanted to attend the Winter Reunion, but missed it because of a late-arriving winter Resuscitator. Mark Saturday, December 17 on your calendar right now, Ann. We can't guarantee delivery of a timely Resuscitator, but can promise a good time at the reunion which is always the Saturday before Christmas. Ann writes that she's looking forward to taking her Solvitor Crumpus T-shirt to her favorite vacation spa—Hedonism II in Jamaica in February. She remembers the frantic calls from the Ravine House that the donks had gotten out of donk camp and were eating the flower gardens. Hope you can locate those donk movies and send them into Dave Huntley for copying onto VCR.

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Polly Smith McLane, Pinkham '42-'43, was Joe's secretary and had a bunk in the old Trading Post right over the old barrel stove. Mother of **Andy McLane**, Zool circa '65, she has 8 grandchildren and is looking forward to seeing more future legacies in the huts.

Harry Wescott, Pinkham & Floater '43, lost his wife in April of '87. He is since remarried.

Adam Finkel, Lakes & Research '84-'87, now has a Ph.D. in public health and is currently a researcher at the Center for Risk management—a think tank located in D.C. specializing in resources for the future. The hiking in West Virginia is far inferior to the Whites.

Bill Appel got in a great weekend of skiing with his two sons in early

March while making base ops at the Cabin. He reminds us that there are some great pictures at the Cabin which should be displayed at Pinkham along with the other memorabilia that Dawson Winch is collecting for the Gala Hut display. He's made his reservations for the Gala along with his wife and plans the hike to Madison on Sunday. He appreciates the love and devotion that has gone into the Cabin and our Association from Al Folger.

Al Oxtan worked at the Obs from '69-'87 and pays OH dues because he feels a kinship to our Association since he packed to Lakes and washed many a dish. Because there is no Old Observers Association, Al definitely qualifies for Special Membership in the OH Association, and we hope

to confer that distinction on him at the Winter Reunion. Meanwhile, Al spent the winter on Ross Island and makes his home in Center Conway.

Mike Bridgewater and wife Helen welcomed a new baby this winter.

Sheldon Perry and wife Nina are expecting a Spring Reunion baby and have moved from their Jackson home to Tamworth. Brother Steve now lives in Jackson.

Has anybody seen **Phil King**, **Robert MacKoy** or **Arthur McGregor**? Their Resuscitators were returned undeliverable.

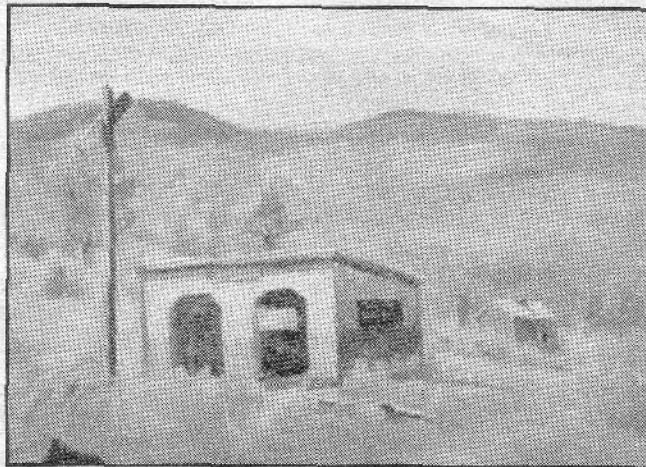
Our sympathies to **Pete** and **Steve Woodcock** who reported that their dad **Ralph Woodcock** died of a heart attack at home on March 15. All the Woodcocks have been generous with their time in helping keep

the Cabin spruced up on work weekends and on the many occasions they've used the Cabin. **Ralph** was a Special Member, and we'll all miss him.

Margery Hamilton, Hut Mom #2, didn't actually work in the huts, but has many miles

under her boots from running up to Madison while working at the old Ravine House and later visiting Greenleaf and Zealand in the '60's. A collection of her oil paintings will be on display in the dining room at the Trading Post during the Gala and into this summer for those OH who will miss

the Gala weekend. Margery painted a portrait of Joe Dodge which was published in the winter '74 Resuscitator and is now owned by the family. Her oils are of familiar mountain scenery including special OH favorites like Woods Barn in Randolph and Emerald Pool.



"Appalachia Station"—One of Margery Hamilton's paintings to be displayed at Pinkham