

THE RESUSCITATOR

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Saturday, December 16, 1989 Reunion to feature Trekking in New Zealand

This year the doors at 3 Joy Street's Cabot Auditorium open at 3:00 p. m., several hours earlier than usual so you can get into Boston earlier and leave at a reasonable hour. We've got a great meeting planned for you that should be over around 7:00 which includes the same great companionship, social hour, great munchies and business meeting followed by a spectacular slide presentation by Bob Story, Ted Kehn and Jim Hamilton of last year's trek in New Zealand.

The following slate of officers will be elected:

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Al Folger

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Resuscitator Editors
Jim Hamilton and Mike Torrey

Members at Large
Dawson Winch, Dave Huntley, Mac Stott, Peter Church

Election of Special Members
Frank Kelliher

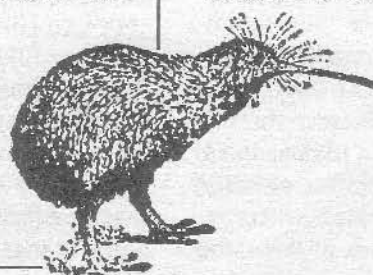
Dues are still a reasonable \$10.00 and this year's reunion fare will be hors d'oeuvres sufficient enough for the heartiest appetite and attractively priced at \$8.00. Present 1989 crew and youngsters can deduct \$2.00 and pay \$6.00. Please use the order form to prepay and make your reservations.

This edition was brought to you thanks to Tom Kelliher, Jack Orrak, Bill Barrett, Josh Alper, Doug Hotchkiss and Al Folger.

Some things never change, like the date of our Christmas reunion and the palatial meeting digs at 3 Joy Street, but take special note of the reunion hour this year which has been moved up to 3:00 p.m. rather than the usual 5:30. We made this time change so that OH can get in and out of Boston at a reasonable time and even continue the Christmas revelries at a restaurant or return home for other commitments. We also took a horrible financial beating at last year's Christmas reunion because of the snow storm that caused cancellations that left us holding the bag for meals we'd paid for both for OH who had made reservations and the inevitable extra dinners we ordered so we can feed old friends who show up without reservations. We listened to suggestions that Boston is a difficult spot to visit on a winter's eve and that maybe some of our older members stay away because of the late hour and night driving. We're always interested in attracting our newer members and present crews and so with all these conditions in mind, we've scheduled this year's

meeting to afternoon through early evening and lightened up on the repast which will please every Scotsman. Not

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Kiwi (*Apteryx australis*).

that we're skimping on the program—we'll have the same social hour, business meeting and plenty of hors d'oeuvres and finger food prepared for us by Chez Alper for the heartiest appetites. And get this program—a slide presentation on New Zealand's Milford and Routeburn Tracks, two spectacular tramps with the reputation of being the finest walks in the world. The Milford Track is a five day trek following an overland route in the South Island's spectacular Milford Sound in the heart of a mountain-seascape complex called Fiordland. The track passes by waterfalls, snowfields, canyons and drops into lush rain forest valleys. Each night is spent in a hut system that features home cooked meals, made up bunks and drying rooms for the guided trips. Another series of huts cater to the independent trekkers who provide their own sleeping bags and food. The Routeburn Track is a four day trek offering equally spectacular scenery and international companionship.

Join Linus Story and Ted Kehn who have pooled their slides and will give you an arm chair adventure of their 100-mile trek which included a flight over the Cook Glacier, jet boating in the Shotover Gorge and power schmoozing in downtown Queenstown. Meanwhile, da Editor will present a few selected short subjects of his own journey around the North Island featuring the natural volcanic and thermal attractions titled "Gimping New Zealand". Altogether, these New Zealand trekkers spent a total of almost 70 hours roundtrip air from Portland, ME to NY to LA to Tahiti to NZ, then back to Portland via Hawaii.

Talk about suggestions, we're always happy to hear from regular contributors to News from the Croos. We'd also like to hear from you who seldom respond, either in the news portion of the winter order form in the back of this issue

or by letter. If you have an idea or an issue you need to get off your chest, we'll try to get you in print, space allowing. Your comments are always welcome at a Steering Committee meeting as well as your presence. Though we call ourselves OH, we are continually seeking to activate our newest members and present crew, and only wish we could hear more from them and involve them in reunion activities. Your present Steering Committee is happy to serve the Association, but do not consider their positions a job for life. Much of the reunion activity is managed from Boston for no other reason than it's the only regular meeting place where plans can be made and many of your Steering Committee feel an obligation to attempt to maintain the traditional gatherings in the winter and spring.

Josh Alper cooked up a lovely Oktoberfest at the cabin, but only a few OH showed up to enjoy the fixings, though some of the low turnout can be blamed on the BYO advertised in the spring Resuscitator. Our most attended reunion—winter reunion the Saturday before Christmas—has a new time frame and lower meal price in the attempt to attract more OH as well save the efforts of the few who work with the caterer, serve the meal and clean up afterwards. We'd like to hear from our younger members if there is a better time to meet, such as later in the winter in January or February perhaps when there is less going on than in the holiday weekend before Christmas. The Boston location is also up for review, though we get a really good deal at Cabot Auditorium, hard to match anyplace else without downgrading to an Elk's hall in the suburbs. A look through some past Resuscitators reminds us that we've been meeting at Joy Street for the past 13 years. Anyway, those of you who know of an attractive and economical meeting place that we can

check out as an option, send your ideas using the order form.

Here's a good idea for a Christmas gift for your own stocking—Al Koop's book *Stark Decency* about German prisoners of war in a New England village in northern New Hampshire. We described Al's book last Christmas and suggested you write and order directly from OH Tom Johnson at University Press of New England. This year, we are offering the book, which is in its second printing, in our order form for \$11.00 paperback which includes mailing. It's a 136 page book complete with illustrations and was inspired when OH Casey Hodgson and Special Member Guy Gosselin, both of the Obs, mentioned the POW camp to college student Al Koop in 1961. Twenty-five years later, Al pieced together all his own research using spotty wartime records and oral histories to publish the book, then was instrumental in organizing a reunion in 1986 of former guards and prisoners. Not a bad consortium of OH—OH sowed the seeds for the book, an OH wrote it, an OH published it and now your Association is selling it.

Next summer, the AMC and Hut Association will celebrate two gala anniversaries—Lakes will become 75 years old and Mizpah will reach the age of 25. Lakes was opened in 1914, replacing the existing Crawford Path Refuge and forming (with Madison and Carter) the third member of a then nascent "System". Except for the establishment of Pinkham Notch Camp as a base for the System in 1922, the number of huts was to remain unchanged between 1914 and 1930 when Greenleaf was built, and the System was not to resemble its present structure until 1931 when Galehead and Zealand were added. Thus the Lakes 75th is an important anniversary, not only because it's the largest of the eight

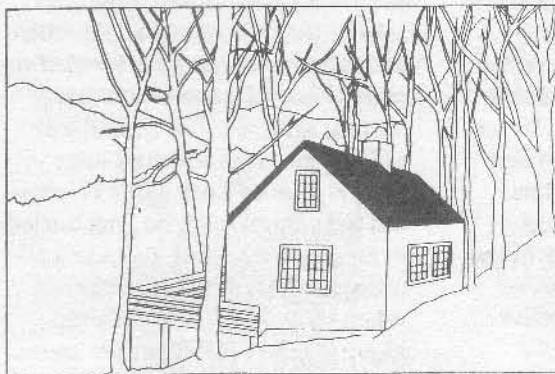
high huts, but also because its construction marked the true establishment of a Hut System which permitted overnight hiking trips above treeline on the Presidential range without the need to carry full food and sleeping gear.

Mizpah's anniversary is significant because it is the youngest hut, the most striking in design, and the one that completed the System by permitting an end-to-end journey without an overly long hike between Zealand and Lakes. Mizpah was built in 1964 on the site of the old Mizpah Spring Shelter and opened for business in 1965.

The two anniversaries respective successes will be due to how much effort old crews can put toward organizing their parties. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, parties don't happen without a core of individuals seizing the initiative and doing the scut work, which includes telephone calls, letterwriting and planning all the organizational activity that will make these anniversaries memorable. The Madison extravaganza was the result of hundred's of planning hours—a once in a lifetime event. Greenleaf's 50th in 1980 was another successful reunion on a smaller scale where a handful of OH from across the country gathered pictures and memorabilia for a well-attended party. Same went for Zealand's 50th. So Lakers and Mizpahers, step forward for what should be a great set of anniversaries.

The good news is that Dave Huntley and Willie El Wacko Asbrook, Jr. have agreed to chair Lakes' and Mizpah's reunion committees and can be reached by responding in the order form. They are looking for old photos, memorabilia, and other recollections concerning Lakes and Mizpah. Final plans and other information about these two celebrations will be announced in the spring Resuscitator. Tentative dates, yet to be cleared with the

AMC, are two separate weekends in August when the weather cooperates with OH traveling from afar. Meanwhile, please respond by February 1 so that your participation can be noted in time for the press deadline.



Cabin News

Sometimes it pays to take an aggressive stand, particularly when it comes to property rights. That's what is happening with our position relative to the Hutmen's Trail and property owners over whose property the trail passes. Our concern during the past several years about construction and proposed development along Route 16 is the impact on our trail and cabin. Just witness the scores of new homes and condominiums that have sprung up in Jackson in the '80s. Even though the Town of Jackson has a conscientious planning board, they can't deny a developer's request for site approvals if the developer conforms to zoning codes and state septic conditions.

The Steering Committee formed a committee headed by Josh Alper including Jack Middleton, Dave Pratt, Ned Therriau—both of the Forest Service—Doris Meyer and Lew Bissell of Jackson. The purpose of the committee was the planning of legal steps necessary to insure the Hutmen's Trail right of way through the privately owned land at both ends of the trail. Josh Alper, with the coopera-

tion of a NH trial lawyer, has researched property rights and sent certified letters to our abutters advising them of our trail and describing its path by means of enclosed maps of the area. He makes it clear that the trail "consists of a

public way over private lands, established by prescriptive easement, having been used by the OH Association, as well as the general public continuously and without interruption in its present location for a period greatly in excess of twenty years." Each abutter is advised specifically of the trails existence by reference to

the Town of Jackson's Tax Assessor's Map. "The purpose of this letter is to notify you, as the owner of the Parcel traversed by the Hutmen's Trail, of the the existence of the trail as a prescriptive way. In order to permit you to avoid costly errors, this will advise you that in making plans for the development of the parcel any contemplated use must be consistent with the continuance of the trail easement."

It is hoped that our action will serve as a model for the AMC to protect public trail rights. It is imperative that we monitor properties traversed by hiking trails and promptly report any activity which impedes access to any portion of the trails. The trail committee is also working on clearing the trail and determining if we must relocate any part of the trail if we run into legal obstacles in response to Josh's letters. Don't be shy about signing on as a trail clearer.

Other cabin news is our effort to encourage present crew to use our cabin facility. This summer, John Meserve sent a letter to present crews urging them to join the OH Association. We attempt to put all new crew on our mailing list so they will receive meeting

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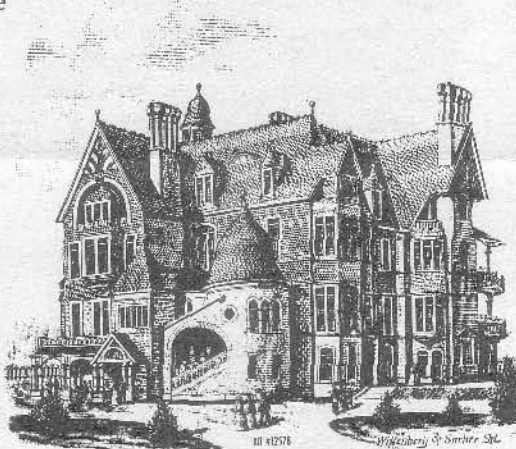
dates published in the Resuscitator and be reminded of all the rights and privileges extended to dues paying members. Al Folger sends them a membership card, if dues are paid in 1989, which is also good for all of 1990. Current crews using the cabin on days off are not asked to pay the \$3 per night charge since most of them use the sleeping facilities only and don't use the gas or wood stoves. So far this summer, the cabin was used by 18 present crew, and Al has pursued his tireless recruiting efforts both at the cabin and in the huts.

Among the Crowds

July was the month that featured the huts in the news. The Boston Sunday Globe July 16 ran an article in the travel section describing the results of a survey about favorite New England attractions. Readers had favorites of one sort or another all around New England, but the White Mountain region seemed to have the broadest and strongest following. An obvious attraction like the Old Man was a unanimous favorite in the Most Unusual Rock Formation category and the summit of Mt. Washington won the Best View category. A number of readers also thought views of Mt. Washington were their favorites, such as from Intervale and Easton, NH. The Kancamagus Highway was the clear winner for the Best Inland Scenic Drive. Arctura and Glen Ellis Falls made it as runners-up in the Prettiest Waterfall category. Echo Lake in Franconia made one of the Best Family Picnic Spots. But would you believe what scored in the Most Unusual Man-Made Attractions? Our very own hut system, right up there with the Callahan Tunnel, the giant milk bottle on Museum Wharf— even the entire City of Boston— as well as the Cog Railway, Sturbridge

Village, Quabbin Reservoir, Fancuil Hall marketplace, the Gingerbread house in Tyringham, MA and the Mount Washington Hotel.

The July 10 issue of Newsweek devoted its entire issue to "The New Volunteers— America's Unsung Heroes" and selected vignettes of people from each state who have performed remarkable and generally unsung human services. The rescue team at Pinkham was featured after their rescue of Tuck skier 17-year-old Ken Hawkins who was buried in an avalanche and, despite a 60-mile per hour storm, was found when the team spotted his red glove sticking out from the snow. Newsweek ran a picture of the AMC Rescue team, honoring the group rather than an individual.



Just one of many Galehead design suggestions

Mike Torrey, promoted to AMC Facilities Director, and Huts Manager Mike Waddell announced that plans for renovating Galehead Hut have been delayed while they decide just how to proceed with improvements. Now is the time for any OH with architectural and building skills to come forth with suggestions.

One option is to rebuild Galehead in the "campus style" as several buildings, instead as all facilities self contained. Carter and

Lonesome use several buildings— a small central unit for the kitchen, dining, crew room and goofer room plus separate men's and women's bunkhouses and bathrooms. Objections to the campus style are the inconvenience of walking between buildings in bad weather and the sacrifice of cozyness found in a centralized hut.

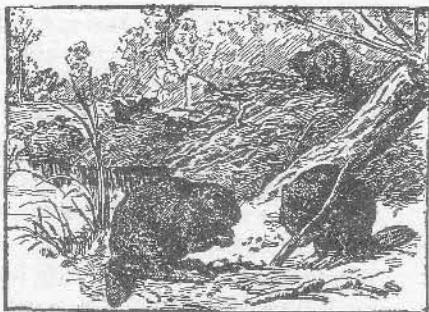
The AMC has three options: renovate the hut as is which would require the construction crew to jack up the hut and install a new foundation and then start complete interior and exterior renovations and remodeling. The hut would have to be closed for the season. The second option is to build a completely new centralized hut in a new location with a better view which would allow the hut to remain open during construction. The third option is the campus style plan.

So speak your piece, and contact Mike Waddell at PNC, Box 298, Gorham, NH 03581. He's interested in any suggestions from AMC members, and, particularly, hearing from OH who worked at Galehead through the ages and know the hut intimately.

The original Lonesome Lake holding dam was replaced by the NH Dept. of Environmental Services

Water Resource Division at a cost of over \$35,000. The original dam had been in total disrepair for the past 15 years, but thanks to the efforts of industrious beavers, the aging structure had been supported which prevented the water level from dropping. However, the beavers abandoned the site, probably due to a wage dispute with NHDES WRS, and the water level dropped more than a foot-and-a-half.

The new dam was constructed by drawing the water down two feet to lake level and then tearing out the old dam. All



Beavers organize for work stoppage

work was performed by hand, due to the limited site access. Joe Brigham supplied aerial lifts for personnel, materials and equipment. Lonesome Lake was full again one after the three week construction project.

OH donors who gave to the AMC Capital Campaign designated kitchen and crewroom renovations should be pleased by the progress at the following huts: Lonesome has enlarged their kitchen and doubled the size of their crew room without making any changes to the building's exterior, Zealand has been completely rebuilt featuring a larger kitchen, a second-floor crew room complete with skylight, private back door and office equipment such as a table and desk, Greenleaf has undergone a spring and fall rebuilding project that has included the addition of a new kitchen facing west, an expanded crew room occupying the original kitchen and a larger goofer room.

Carter's 75th

Thanks to Carter's 75th Anniversary prompting many of us to pause and remember our times in the huts. Such memories caused Jack Orrak to come forth with the offer of his Carter photo album which we casually reported several Resuscitators ago. Only problem was Jack was unable to bring us the album because of a mild stroke and his writing was impaired, making it difficult for him to write about the pictures.

Ever resourceful (after all, Jack learned problem solving under Joe Dodge in the '20s), Jack recorded on tape cassette the highlights of his album, not only giving us a clearer account of the great pictures in the album, but also providing us an oral history that we can keep in our OH archives. Tom Kelliher picked up the album, and we've selected several pictures for publication in "Tator Peelings on page 8.

Another treasure for the archives is his copy of the Wood-Cookers Guide, a collection of favorite Joe Dodge recipes brought up to Carter in 1924 by Red Mac MacGregor.

Damp and raw weather didn't deter the OH who slogged up the Nineteen Mile Brook Trail to celebrate the System's oldest extant building very little changed from its original 1914 design. Although the gathering was not a large one—in keeping with Carter's cozy, quiet, low-key nature—those in attendance were nevertheless eminent, including the descendent's of Milton E. Red Mac MacGregor, Carter's first Hutmaster and the AMC's first Huts Manager. Memorabilia from Red Mac's collection was displayed along with Jack Orrak's album.

Here's who was at Carter August 13th

Al Folger
Bill Barrett
Fred Coburn and wife
Skiwax MacGregor
Charles Crooker and mother
Frank Kelliher
Doris Meyer
John & Annette Schultz
Bob Daniels
Mike Waddell
Dulcie Heiman
Alan Berlin
Peter Church
Jennifer Blalock
Kevin Kerin
Jeff Burk
Miles Orth
Mark & Dindorf
Eric Abramson
George Holt & fiancée Debbie
Joseph Doucette
Joe Trainer
Lee Bluemel (HM)
Haviland Staggers (AHM)
Paul Festino (Crew)
Tom Randall (Crew)

News from the Croos

Chuck Kellogg, Lakes '55-'61, has moved to Mendon, NY from Shelburne, VT after spending five years in Southeast Asia where he climbed Fugi San in Japan and Mt. Kinabalu (sic) in Borneo- Malaysia as well as the Anapurna base camp in Nepal.

Talking about conquering lofty peaks, Linus Story, Greenleaf circa '60s, notched another international peak to add to his Whites, Greens, Blues (Milton, MA) and assorted New Zealand pinnacles which will be showcased at the winter reunion. His new conquest is Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain which attracts pilgrims from around the world. Seems that the only way to really attack the scree slopes of ol' Croagh is to scramble up barefoot, sort of like drinking your Irish whiskey neat, and say alot of prayers along the way. Linus wore sneakers—he'd left his Limmers at home—and managed to tramp up in the dark and slide down in time for breakfast before any God-fearing pilgrims had arisen. Said he prayed up in the fog that he could get down the mountain in a standing position.

Nancy Bazilchuk, Pinkham '80-'84, is executive assistant to the secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and is married to G. Richard Strimbeck. They just got back from two months in a sea kayak in New Zealand which must have prepared them for the cramped flight back to the states.

News from another Vermont couple also named Nancy and Rich—Nancy Thomas and Rich Atkinson—a hut romance circa '72-'74 at Pinkham, Zealand and Greenleaf. The couple are now



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living in East Montpelier and have just bought a farm replete with cows and farm stuff which keeps Nancy busy while also working part time for the VT Dept of Education in the Educational Surrogate Parent Program. Last fall, they closed Lakes with their kids, **Chris Hawkins** '69-'74, his wife Susan and their kids.

Here's a guy we'd like to get to know—**Ludwig Schiessl**, CC '62-'63, living in NY and working at Anheuser Busch.

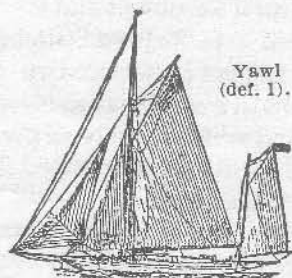
Mac Stott, Pinkham, Madison '36-'39, is still busy with the AMC at Joy Street even though his curriculum vita states the guy is supposed to be retired. He planned a return to Madison this summer and has seen the **Dave Huntley** video tape of his and **Barbara Wagner's** 100th celebration slide show.

Bob Daniels, Special OH, signed up as Hut Naturalist at Carter's 75th and admits that Carter is his most special hut.

Arthur Whitcher, Pinkham, Greenleaf, Madison '39-'41 missed his high school and college 50th reunions, but not an OH 50th at the Cabin.

Dick Hale, CC, Truck, Tuck circa '57-'64, discovered **Stan Bourne** of Castine, ME is an OH and planned to attend the spring reunion together.

Evart Loomis, Pinkham, Lakes, Carter, Zealand '29-'34, has canoed two-hundred miles on the Yukon River and the Coppermine River, south of the Artic Ocean.



John Howe, Carter, Madison, Pinkham, CC, Packer & Muleskiner '43-'46, retired October '88

from the Obs and has bought a 35 foot wooden sailboat and, after repairs, plans some long-range cruises with his wife.

Another sailor, **Jon Glase**, Lakes '65-'67, has been on the faculty at Cornell since '74 and is senior lecturer of Biology. He keeps a boat on Lake Ontario and hopes to encourage his kids to think about crewing in the huts.



Herb Sise, Lakes, Zealand, Madison, Greenleaf '31-'35, is retired but still active as a master's skier on Milton's Blue Hill.

Meanwhile, brother **Al Sise** is still Alpine racing at the national and international level at age 82, serves on five ski committees and chairs two of them and manages to hike and run like a wounded elephant, "but still gets there, eventually".

Berg Heil from **Lawrie By Golly Brown**, Pinkham, Zealand '38-'42, back after two weeks in Colorado powder skiing in and around Keystone-Breckenridge ski areas in March-April.

Another skier, **Alan Clark**, Madison '42, reported seeing **Brooks Dodge** in Calgary. Alan planned to look at the new Zealand renovation this summer.

Still more news from another master skier, **Cal Conniff**, Pinkham cook '48-'50, who will soon retire as president of the National Ski Areas Association after 37 years in the ski business.

Dave Moskowitz wrote in for a complete Resuscitator since his issue came through the mail bent and mutilated, so he sent us some long past dues and we sent him a

crisp one-piece issue and got the news that Dave's finishing his second year of law school in Portland, OR working on the National Wildlife Federation dealing with public lands and energy issues. He worked on the Attorney General's office in Olympia, Washington before returning for his last year of school. Dave ran into **George Holt** who moved from CT with his fiancée **Debbie Sellars**. George and Dave had some adventures in the Cascade before George and Debbie were married in August in Mansfield Center, CT with Dave as best man.

Another repentent dues payer, **Bill Blaiklock** is well and happily living with wife Ann and dog Delilah in Newington, CT.

Richard Hayes, Lonesome, Greenleaf '46-'47 is active doing the old soft shoe at the Norwich Leather Co., Brockton.

Bob Harris, Lakes, Lonesome '42,'46, retired this summer after 39 years in the banking business.

Much news from **Jenny Beatty**, Pinkham '74, '75, who stays close to her hut pals, though they are spread out between Antarctica and NH. She feels strong ties to the OH because of her past involvement with the Obs, Forest Service and state parks. She might be able to write some prose for this old rag in the future since we just installed her on our prestigious editorial board. She is living in Monkton, MD in the country with husband **Jonathan Weiner**, son Nate and expecting baby #2 in November and working on a research project for Johns Hopkins where she visits Amish families. She's also helping out at a local nature center. Send us pictures of your hut days, Jenny, and rally some of your old friends.

Rockey Rice, Floater, Mules '52, owns Shepherd's Escort Service which escorts large loads coast to coast. See what packing and mule skinning leads to?

Rockey's note reminds us of brother **Brookie** who was HM at

Zealand circa '59 who had several crew members who come to mind, **Larry Kilham** who sends us reports from time to time and **Hank Zoob** who we haven't heard from until the local news did a piece about Temple Beth David in Westwood, MA being destroyed by an arsonist. Hank has been rabbi there, and for the past two years has conducted services in the local junior high auditorium. Meanwhile, the temple was rebuilt just in time for the congregation to celebrate their first High Holy Days.

Bill Patterson, Lonesome '67, remembered picking fresh cranberries for making sauces and pies when working closing at Lakes.

Gardner Kellogg, Pinkham, Mizpah '64, '66, is a land surveyor and just finished surveying Galehead with **Bruce Sloat**.

Will Small, Pinkham, Zealand, Mizpah, Pinkham, Zealand '74-'78, is living in the Philadelphia area and is the assistant headmaster of the Delaware Valley Friends School. On a warm, sunny saturday, Philly's South Street reminds him of the Tucks Trail during a busy spring day. Any OH in the area can call him at 215 526 9595 (w) or 215 687 3150 (h). He reports that **Tim Traver** lives in Wilder, VT and directs the Upper Valley Land Trust.

Russ Hobby, Pinkham, Greenleaf, Tuck '58-'61, is a serviceman for Head's Electric in Lakeport, NH.

Bob Prescott, Pinkham, Carter, Floater '59-'62, is looking for OH in the western NY area and can be reached at 716 381 2085.

Cindy Makin Brown, Pinkham, Galehead, Madison, Carter, Greenleaf '80-'83, worked this summer in the Pemi and is writing a master's thesis on the effectiveness of information to change wilderness user's behavior patterns.

Stan Hart, Madison '52-'53, is a professor of geology and geochemistry at MIT and comes from

a family of OH, **Norma Hart Anderson**, Pinkham circa '50 and **Roger**, Greenleaf circa '57.



American Speckled Trout. 1/20

Andy McLane took his two sons to a dude fly fishing ranch in Colorado and had a grand old time catching low branches and filling his boots with ice water. Back in Boston, Andy's a senior partner of TA Associates, a venture capital firm.

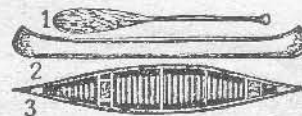
Got a note from **Tom Johnson** about the *Stark Decency* book and he commented on the OH colony in Hanover, NH's Upper Valley. "A week doesn't go by when I don't talk or bump into someone from the Association...sounds like a euphemism for the Mafia doesn't it?"

One of his Upper Valley cronies, **Dick Clapp**, dropped a note to **Al Folger** about seeing the program on TV celebrating the AMC 100th centered at Greenleaf last spring. Dick stays in touch with **Tom Johnson** and has done Country Revels performances with **Steve Mattox**. He also sees **Steve Moskowitz** who is working in the outdoor skills department at the Dartmouth Coop.

Chris Van Curan, Dolly Copp '51-'57, spent the summer in Norway, ME at his summer camp to which he just added "mega" space. Chris is looking for a job in northern New England after spending 1 1/2 years with a Boston insurance broker. Prior to that he was with the Bank of Boston for 28 years. Word's out that Chris owns a Macintosh.

Casey Hodgson, Dolly Copp, Pinkham, Truck Driver, Opener, Closer, Floater '53-'68, worked with Brad and Barbara Washburn on the map of the Presidential Range.

Another opening and closing veteran of the '50s and '60s, **Dave Langlois** was lost from our mail list until **Doug Hotchkiss** met him in August while Doug was putting his canoe in at Meredith for a trip to Three Mile Island. Dave is manager of Sunday River and lives in Bethel, ME.



Canoe.

Doug also sent along news of **Joan and Dick Low**, our OH ambassadors in Hong Kong where Dick also toils at being the Bank of Boston's Man in Hong Kong. They got back east last July and just missed seeing Doug and Joanie. Joan doesn't mind Hong Kong's heat as much as the humidity which Dick runs into in Manila, Bangkok, Singapore and Taipei where he travels to branch banks. They got down to Sydney and Melbourne to cool off at the end of August. Next year, they look forward to slowing down the pace and enjoying Asia.

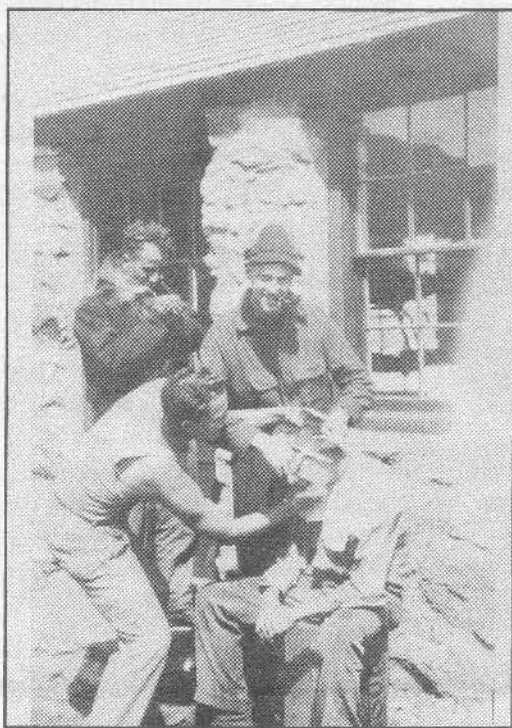
When we last reported on the life and love of **Steve The Coach Paxson**, he'd just married **Suzanne Leigh Powelstock** in October '88 and settled down in Martisburg, PA. Just received a fresh-off-the-press edition of the Paxson Update which informs us that the couple has moved into their new home, a 100-year old home on a 55-acre farm in Jamestown, PA. Needs a little work, like heating and plumbing sytems, but they are looking forward to it along with moving in assorted canines, a miniature donk and 4 horses. Steve is formulating a chronic pain program (he must be practicing on himself) and is working on a hardening program as well. He directs an outpatient facility and is building his practice.

The veteran OH who hut-sit during Madison's Augustfest were in for a surprise this summer.

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'Tator Peelings—Pictures from Jack Orrak's Album

Jack graduated from Dorchester High and attended Northeastern for a year with Forbes MacGregor. He started working in the huts in 1922, taking a year off to travel across the country (once being picked up by a car driven by bootleggers). After the huts, Jack went to work for Debevoise-Anderson selling metalurgical raw materials such as pig iron and coke. He retired as New England manager, having spent his career with a company that was in the forefront of raw materials.



Lakes barber shop—1923

During the summer of 1923, Forbes "Black Mac" MacGregor and I spent thirteen weeks at Bick's cabin which was just in from the junction of the West branch and Peabody rivers two miles north of the Glen House.

We became official guides for the Glen House under Elliot Libby and worked as packers for room and board at the Lakes. Some of the loads I remember are beds for the new addition, eighty gallons of Klim (sans water) and the blankets. We also worked for Smith of Smith-Patterson at Crag Camp on King's Ravine.

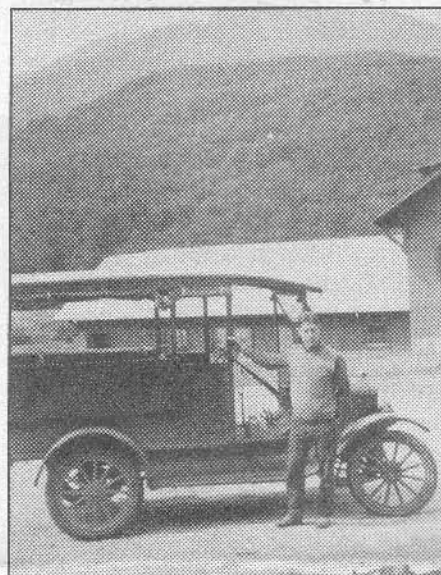
Our loads were assembled at either Appalachia station or the Barn—can't remember which—but consisted of ten ten-foot lengths of cast iron one-inch pipe to a bundle which was one-hundred pounds. Started out with two bundles, but had to shift to a bundle a piece as



Jack Orrak packing blankets

the Crag trail started to shift and steepen. Towards the end, we were heaving the bundle as far as we could throw it up the trail. After the pipe was all up, we shifted to lumber which fortunately was cut in one-inch by two-foot by four-foot lengths, and for all this, we were paid thirteen cents per pound.

Abe Parker was our truck driver who used to transport food and blankets to Berlin. The seats ran parallel in the back and Joe would also drive the trip to Berlin. We had fun without anything extra to exhilarate us. Because of the truck's long elliptical springs, too much weight on the rear would raise the front wheels which was our favorite pastime coming up the Pinkham road, particularly while Joe was turning the air blue.



Abe Parker and Pinkham truck

Regarding the first OH reunion, I very distinctly remember a group of us getting together at 5 Joy Street and, after the meeting, running through the Common to Jake Wirth's where we had one of his typical German meals and the idea of the Resuscitator and the OH Association was conceived.

Chris Morse and Howie Goff were surely there—as they became editors of the Resuscitator—and quite likely Stewart Macmillan, as he was a lawyer and also our moderator for many years.

I have never seen it mentioned, but it was Howie Goff who always supplied the evening's guest speaker with the schedule for the business part of the meeting.



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Here are my dues for 1990 at \$10 () and here are my back 1989 dues in case I forgot at \$10 ().

Here are my reunion reservations at \$8 () and \$6 () for present 1989 crew and youngsters.

I want to order an 50th Anniversary OH Cabin shirt at \$14 (). My size is M (), L (), XL ().

I want to order an OH Mail List at \$8 ().

Send me Al Koop's book *Stark Decency* at \$11 () which includes postage.

I'd like to help out on converting the mail list. Here's my phone number so we can talk about the details ().

I want to work on the summer reunions at Lakes () and Mizpah (). Dave Huntley can be reached at (617) 489-3130 11 Warwick Rd. Belmont, MA 02178 and Willie Ashbrook (612) 484-0204 5909 Churchill St. Shoreview, MN 55126.

I'd like to send pictures and/or story about my experience in the huts for printing in "Tator Peelings" ().

Here are some ideas about reunion activities and possible alternative meeting sites.....

Here's my name, where I worked and years.....

I've been able to find a missing OH whose name and address is.....

Here's news about me or another OH.....

News from the Croos (continued)

Turns out they assembled at the OH cabin and learned that, due to an overbooking error, Lakes was top heavy with fill-in crew and there just wasn't room for them there or at any other hut. The Maine contingent of **Linus Story, Jed Davis, John Gross and Gary Whiting** with daughter **Kenny** were joined by **Mike Stronger** **Than Dirt Dudley** who'd flown all

the way from FLA to be with his buddies and learn first-hand what it's like to run a hut with fellow living legendary OHers of the '60s. The weekend wasn't a bust after a quick strategic replanning session produced a game plan that commenced with a steak dinner at the OH cabin, replete with a sneak preview of da Editor's "Gimp around New Zealand" slide show,

followed by a day hike to Lakes and dinner with **Marge Hamilton** at her cabin on the Ellis. The Dud brought his video camera and recorded highlights of the weekend which he plans to send to the OH archives for showing at the Hut's 200th. Thanks for splitting and stacking the firewood in the woodshed, boys. See you next summer.

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Bill Appel, Madison, Lakes '39-'41, biked the Plume-Echo Lake bike path and much appreciates the work of those, including the Belchers and Beans, who fought the Battle of Franconia Notch. Says the trail ranks with the best.

Bill enclosed a letter from fellow Madhouser **Ben Cole** who wrote after Hurricane Hugo tore through the V.I.'s that his lovely home overlooking St. Thomas harbor reminded him of Madison in the '40s—no electricity after being off a month. Ben also lost 3/4 of his roof, not a good situation for a guy who has to wear a hat to keep from frying his scalp. Also lots of glass, sliding doors and even his pool deck headed for the harbor. But Ben and Jennifer sat out the storm playing acey-deucey in their bathroom, and now, thanks to their neighbor's generator, can heat enough hot water to take showers and run their refrigerator several hours a day. Coleman lanterns provide light and propane gas fires their stove. Hats off to you both for

taking this horrible storm and its destruction in stride and staying cheerful, in spite of this interruption to your retirement years in Shangrila.

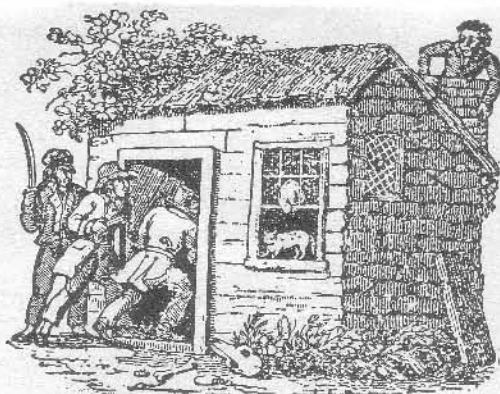
Miles Orth, Pinkham '89, is pleased to be a member of the OH and is looking forward to another summer in the huts.

Betsy Dew and **Alan Beraducci** were married in October and spent several days of their honeymoon at the OH cabin. They're on their way to New Zealand in February by way of Evergreen, CO.

Joe Hoag is a software engineer at Sanders Assoc. in Nashua, NH.

With regret, we've learned of the death of Alice Monahan, wife of **Bob Gramps Monahan**, who died September 21.

Got a nice bread and butter note from the White House conveying the President's best wishes and thanking the OH for their thoughtfulness remembering to invite him to the Carter 75th.



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