

W H I T E N E W S



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I. PROGRAM FOR RPIOC RALLY, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 7TH:

Movies - "Hiking in Alaska and the Rockies" - picturesque scenery and grandeur of some of North America's most famous peaks taken by Prof. Clark of the Mechanics Department on some of his trips to the great northwest.

Announcements - tentative spring program
- review of ski trips
- membership applications for those eligible to join Outing Club

II. THOSE WE WELCOME:

It has been reported to us that a cult of lunatics is currently residing in the United States. Many live in the country but many more are city residents. Quite normal in spring and summer, comes fall and the first flurries of snow, comes also the first flurries of their hibernal light-headedness. Each farmer's prediction of a hard winter they greet with a cry of joy. Whenever protracted warm spells set in after Thanksgiving, a deep hyrochondria is apt to be manifest, whereupon they will kick little dogs and make noises at small children. As a class they will openly insult greenhorn sporting goods clerks. They will meet anywhere and jabber about wax, of all things, and when the uninitiated approach will immediately lap into German -- just a word or two but enough to make the outsider feel extremely uncomfortable. When winter does finally set in, they get into weird costumes, take out diabolical looking paraphernalia, make up parties, and by car or train start off on long journeys

in the morning bent on self-mutilation with the joy and ecstasy of early Christian martyrs.

In short, they are the skiers and the Rensselaer Outing Club salutes them. Crazy as they may be, skiers are good fellows. While extreme zeal is ever the object of gentle raillery, it is as good for the spirit as outdoor exercise in the crisp winter air is for the body. To these zealots we dedicate this issue of the RPIOC News.

III. HELPFUL HINTS:

In performing the common or garden variety of the Rensselaer-sputin Fall, the members of the Fannydunkon's League are allowing themselves to become extremely lax in the matter of form. It is therefore suggested that the following simple rules be followed in the future:

1. Assume position A, in which the body is held rigid and tilted slightly to the rear. The eyes should take on a glassy stare and then be tightly shut before embarking on step

2. Which consists of relaxing all body muscles simultaneously and forcefully bringing the tail of the skis in contact with --- you know what. The very expert dunker will carry through with step

3. In which all skis, poles, arms, legs, packs, and other appendages are gracefully wrapped around the nearest tree in such a manner as to require the assistance of all Ski Patrol men on the slope to untie the knots.

IV. AFTER THE SNOW -- THE 46'ERS:

Within the bounds known as the Adirondacks there are forty-six peaks over 4000 feet in elevation. These mountains have been the objectives of mountaineers for over a century. Mount Marcy, the highest point in New York State, was first ascended in 1837 by a Professor Ebenezer Emmons. (though undoubtedly many Indians had seen the sun rise and set from its summit during the previous centuries) Many guides and woodsmen tracked through the "Black Mountains" but it was not until 1924 that the Marshall brothers, George and Robert, together with a guide named Bert Clark, climbed all forty-six major peaks.

Since that introduction to the Adirondacks' 4000-footers, an increasing number of mountain enthusiasts have become familiar with and fond of such intriguingly-named peaks as Couchsachraga, Algonquin, Wallace, Gothics, Nippletop, Wolf Jaws, and Giant -- to name but a few. Up to and through the war years a total of 31 had gone on record as becoming full-fledged 46'ers. 1946, however, was to shine as the "climbingest" year in the Adirondacks to date. No less than 15 completed the 46-mountain mark -- bringing the total to 46 curiously enough. (The 46th was a boy of ten who shared honors with his brother of eleven) Only when one has climbed his first can he begin to understand something of the call and pull of these friendly and intimate mountains of northern New York State.

Well? How about you -- you've only got 46 more to go!

V. LOOKING FOR OUTING EQUIPMENT?

- Sleeping Bags** (1) An extra-cold weather bag, Army Surplus, consisting of two bags - one inside the other - is sold prepaid for \$29.95 new and \$19.95 used by Warshall's Sporting Goods Co., First and Madison, Seattle 4, Wash. Bags are quilted, stuffed with 40% down, 60% feather. Waterproof cover bag is \$3.25 extra. Zippers are on both bags.
(2) Single bag of above type with water-repellent cover sold for \$13.95 new by Crawford-Ogden Co. Inc., 143 Federal St., Boston 10, Mass. Wt. 6¹/₂ lbs.
(3) Mummy type surplus bag offered at \$5.95 by Oshman's, 601 Fannin, Houston 2, Texas. Bag is of wool, however, and not too good for low temperatures. Weights only 4 lbs - excellent for summer use.
(4) Alaska Sleeping Bag Co., 309 S.W. Third Ave., Portland 4, Oregon, has complete line of "commercial" bags from down filled to wool.
- Packs** (1) David T. Abercrombie Co., 311 Broadway, New York N.Y. has well-wearing materials worth somewhat higher prices. Complete selection and sizes.
(2) Goldstock's, Broadway and Franklin, Schenectady occasionally has new and used Army Surplus frame packs at very reasonable rates.
- Rod and Reel** (1) For bait-casting brethren, Fred Arbogast & Co., 622 North St., Akron 3, Ohio, has just published his catalog on "jitterbugs" and "hawaiian wrigglers". Baits are fairly popular and plenty effective. Be sure you're equipped before the season starts.
(2) If you tie your own flies, Herter's, Waseca, Minn. has new catalog of fly-tying supplies. Prices are low and quality excellent.
(3) Write for Paul H. Young's "The Story of Your Rod" Address - 8065 Grand River Ave., Detroit 4, Mich. The author describes processes of making fine rods, from splitting the bamboo sections to the last coat of varnish.
(4) For last couple of years the Gateway Sporting Goods Co., 1321 Main St., Kansas City 6, Mo. has been selling set of 10 casting baits for \$1.00. Reason is that they are slightly defective by lacking such hardware as hooks and spinners. Baits normally retail for \$1.00 apiece so saving is quite a bit. They are all painted.
- Ski Booklet** The Northland Ski Mfg. Co., 19 Merriam Park, St. Paul 4, Minn. has put out a ski manual, edited by Hannes Schneider, which covers skiing pretty well. They are helpful for novice and expert alike and it's all yours for the trifling sum of 15¢.
- Miscellaneous** Mickey Finn, Portland Street, Boston, Mass. carries large stock of all kinds of Army Surplus materials. Prices are for the asking.

VI. TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF SPRING EVENTS:

March 9	Sunday	Last OC Ski Trip of season -- we're headin' for North Creek again. Sorry -- all seats taken. Leader: Dick Bailey
Mar 14-16	Fri-Sun	Junior Prom Weekend -- see you at the punch bowl Saturday night. Lots of tickets left.
March 22	Saturday	"Splash Party" in '87 Pool (really tentative) Fun and frolic for forty - perhaps with Sage
March 29	Saturday	Square Dance in Albany - probably with State Teachers College. Chartered bus to provide transportation. Leader: Harry Van Dyke
March 30	Sunday	Taconic Hike - get out those walking shoes and knapsack for a very pleasant jaunt. Leader: Lars Erickson
April 3-6	Thur-Sun	Easter Vacation - if you have a car, would be glad to escort you to the Adirondacks
April 12	Saturday	Gala campus Square Dance in Clubhouse Ballroom. Bring old clothes and your own gal. The Hayseeds are to furnish music with Jed Prou calling. Leader: Cliff Ostergaard
April 13	Sunday	Work Party to Crow Lodge. Tar bucket will be removed from its winter perch and necessary cleaning up done. Leader: George Segre

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Skidmore Bike Trip
Adirondack Weekends - really rugged
Skidmore Cance Weekend on Lake George
Possible affairs with Holyoke, Vassar, and Swarthmore
Cave Exploring at Thatcher Park