

SKI NEWS



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I. PROGRAM FOR RFIOC RALLY, FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15TH:

Announcements - Program of future activities, Ski Team, etc.

Movie - "Hannes Schneider Skiing Technique" - skiing instruction in slow and normal motion demonstrated by Benno Rybizka, one of the world's finest skiers in the matter of good form and technique.

Movie - "Snow Time" - the light touch for any ski program.

II. SHORT REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

An applicant for initial membership shall attend three official trips before presenting a written application, (form provided) bearing the recommendation of an Executive Council member, to the Secretary. Members are entitled to all privileges and benefits of the Club and must agree to abide by all its rules and regulations, most important of which is that "No intoxicating beverages will be allowed on any Outing Club trip." Dues are \$1.00 per term in addition to an initiation fee of \$1.00 plus cost of Club emblem. Wives, dates, and guests of members are invited to participate in all Club activities except where number is necessarily limited, in which case members shall have preference over non-members. After Dec 1st reduced rates on trips will become effective for all Club members.

III. CROW LODGE:

Crow Lodge, the RFIOC cabin in Center Berlin, was subjected to its most thorough cleaning in three years on October 27th by the combined efforts of 12 men of Rensselaer and 5 gals from Sage. Clean dishes, glistening silverware, and shining windows were

ample evidence that Sage femininity is exceedingly talented along these particular domestic lines. Those of the masculine sex who were not aiding the gals succeeded in partially tarring leaks in the roof, collecting and piling wood, and performing various other tasks of a household nature. A small skirmish party infiltrated through the adjacent wooded areas in search of any possible slopes that could be utilized for skiing purposes. The net result was that one of approximately 2000 feet in length was found in back of the Lodge which could furnish the lesser experienced with sufficient room on which to practice. (providing we get some snow) The general opinion, however, was that the better artists would be going north or over into Mass. or Vermont. Next spring the Club plans on installing a huge stone fireplace without which no lodge is complete. A preliminary survey by a member of the Architecture Department will be made this fall so that actual construction work may be begun as soon as spring weather conditions permit.

Special Notice: After Nov 24th Crow Lodge will be available to Club members for weekend parties. There are 16 bunks with mattresses and down the road a few miles at Cherry Plains is one of the best square dance halls in this section of the country. (Dancing every Saturday night from nine til midnight) For signing-up and further particulars, see Lars Erickson, 109 9th Street.

IV. THE SKI SCHOOL:

The Ski School Committee is still foraging about in the nearby countryside for possible short slopes on which to demonstrate skiing technique. In the meantime the Club will continue to show the best in instructional and scenic ski movies. It is hoped that the first hour on Sunday ski trips can be devoted to an informal instruction class for those who desire to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of our more advanced skiers.

V. PACKS AND WHAT TO CARRY IN THEM:

No hiker is complete without his pack. Even for a single day's excursion a small, light, canvas pack is a necessary part of his equipment. Types and variations are numerous but the essential part is adjustable straps to fit one's back. The original Army musette bag is not good in this respect, but it may be made semi-adjustable with a pair of strong laces or short piece of rope. For longer trips either a frame pack or a pack basket is to be desired. The former is now being sold as Army surplus in many parts of the country and is relatively inexpensive. It's canvas bag has a varying number of small pockets on the outside where small articles may be conveniently stored and normally has a place to which the standard Army canteen cover may be attached. The pack basket is preferred by many because of its rigid construction giving safety in transporting fragile items. Both packs are light, adjustable, and carry well.

On any trip it is recommended that the pack contain the following articles: flashlight, extra batteries and bulb, knife, drinking cup, pair of extra wool socks, small first-aid kit, waterproof matches, and odd bits of rope or string. Experience

has revealed that these few items will prove of invaluable aid in the emergency that is bound to occur sometime. Be prepared!

VI. CLUB OUTING EQUIPMENT:

The Outing Club is constantly on the lookout for special sales of outing equipment. The policy has been to purchase sleeping bags, tents, packs, etc. and rent them out to Club members on trips. In this manner the cost of the equipment becomes self-liquidating and the eventual profits from numerous rentals go toward the purchase of new equipment. Rates are as follows:

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>FOR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FOR NON-MEMBERS</u>
Arctic Sleeping bag	\$.50 per night	\$.75 per night
Frame Pack	.25 per day	.50 per day
Tent (sleeps two)	.50 per night per person	.75 per night per person

VII. EMBLEM CONTEST:

Where are all those architecture students, amateur sign and poster painters, and everyone else handy with a pen or pencil? There's a job waiting for them - that of designing a new Outing Club emblem - with a few choice items for the winner to pick from. How 'bout taking a peek on the main bulletin board to see how you can win an Arctic Sleeping Bag, a pair of flat-top skis, \$5.00 in cash, or some other equally valuable prize. The contest doesn't close until early December so there is still plenty of time.

VIII. INTRODUCING THE HAYSEEDERS:

Folk-songs, folk-dances, and the popular American square dances are the Toppies of the literary and musical world. They have no father and mother, but like Topsy "jes growed." Helping them to grow on and off campus is a newly organized but highly talented little band called "The Hayseoders." Led by Jed Prouty and ably assisted on the calls by Bill Hazelton, the Hayseoders may soon be heard at Outing Club square dances at Skidmore, Albany State Teachers, Sage, and elsewhere. Watch for them.

IX. CLUB OFFICES:

See Lars Erickson or Dick Bailey after the rally Nov 15th if you have the time and desire for a Club office. (Posters, social, publicity, program, membership, meetings, outdoor activities, transportation, food, or equipment)

X. NEWS TID-BITS:

Was Carol or Lou responsible for the log rolling contest on a canoe in the middle of Lake George?

Do some Sage gals always snooze on Sunday bus trips?

Who went astray on Tongue Mountain and missed the boat?

Where did Gretchen Pumpnickle get that 2-ton bicycle?

XI. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

November 17	Sunday	Excursion to Greylock Mountain with Mt. Holyoke, Albany State Teachers, and Russell Sage Colleges. <u>Leader:</u> Jed Prouty
Nov 23-24	Sat-Sun	Crow Lodge reserved for RPI-Albany State Teachers weekend - last work party preceding general opening. <u>Reserved by:</u> Dick Bailey
Nov 28-Dec 1	Thur-Sun	Thanksgiving Holiday (skiing at Stowe)
December 2	Monday	Johnny Jay's latest technicolor movie, "Skis in the Sky" sponsored by the Troy Ski Club. Tickets are \$.85 (plus tax) in Frank McNeil's office.
December 3	Tuesday	Same movie at Albany High School (8:15 PM) presented by the Adirondack Mountain Club. Tickets are \$.85 (incl tax) at door or from Charlie Hine, ME Dept.
December 6	Friday	RPI-Sage "Splash Party" in '87 pool from 7:30 til 9:00 PM. Sign up in Frank McNeil's office.
December 7-8	Sat-Sun	Crow Lodge reserved for RPI-Skidmore Square dance weekend. <u>Reserved by:</u> Louis Hill