

Between 1926 and 1936 the so-called Annual Reports contained a short description of what was done and/or a financial report of the various AMC camps, e.g. Cold River, Three Mile Island, Echo Lake and Ponkapoag. The following written by Becky Fullerton is a short history of the full name of these Annual Reports. Becky is the AMC librarian who has been a big help in finding info about CRC as well as scanning the first CRC Registers 1919-1926.

Becky's synopsis:

Looking into the title on the "Supplement" further, it seems that it was called "Supplement to Bulletin, Appalachian Mountain Club: Annual Reports," between 1924 and 1928. The title then changed to simply "Bulletin, Appalachian Mountain Club: Annual Reports" through 1933. In 1934 it was again changed to "Appalachia, Appalachian Mountain Club: Annual Reports." I'm not sure when that title was last used, but today we simply publish it as the Annual Report in a loose brochure, and on the AMC website. So a report of this type exists for every year since the founding, just with differing titles.

The reports run from 1926 thru 1956 and were written by various people associated with each camp. Here I have just transcribed the reports by Cold River Camp using OCR.

1926

COLD RIVER CAMP

The season of 1926 showed an increase in walks and camping parties. Climbing and hiking are the leading "sports" at Cold River, and as such appear to be attracting those who really want to do these things. With the building of the shelter at Blue Brook over-night camping has been made possible, and there were parties of from 3 to 8 people, and by making this a base camp exploring can be done over a larger area. For the less strenuous Horseshoe Pond, with the attractive features offered by the water and boat, makes a popular trip; also spare time can be devoted to tennis, and this fall the court has been greatly improved.

With twenty-five to thirty mountains (and hills) 'within a day's trip of camp, there is always plenty to do, and, with the help of the auto, trips were made from Pinkham Notch up Mt, Hight, Carter Dome, Carter Notch and Mt. Chocorua.

The records show that there were 1040 who took part in the walks, and for several consecutive days there were 25 to 40 on each trip. The mileage covered by the various outings amounted to 874 miles, which is the distance covered on foot, and does not include use of auto from place to place.

Improvements about camp have included the building of a new ice house which includes a refrigerator room for storage; also an addition to the kitchen for keeping of supplies. All the cabins have been painted and the floors and the posts supporting the cabins have been oiled; a thicker partition has been put into the Cox Cottage; the tennis court has been resurfaced and widened, and various other repairs made; also an addition, with fire-place, has been built on the Chalet.

The books show a balance on hand of \$128.90 at the close of the year, the receipts amounting to \$11,189.62 and the expenditures \$11,060.72.

Adelaide Merserve, Secretary.

1927

COLD RIVER -The Camp was open from June 25 to October 2, and the Field Meeting, conducted by the Natural History Department, was held in early July. In spite of the prolonged rainy spell the early part of the season, which somewhat reduced the number of walks, the average attendance was high, which shows the Camp is attracting a greater number of trampers.

There was a total of 1173 on the scheduled walks with a total mileage of 798 miles, not including trips to more distant mountains, including Chocorua, Kearsarge, Carter Dome and the Presidential Range. Blue Brook Shelter continued popular and many of the members had their first experience in camping out over night and cooking their own meals.

The Recreation Hall is the indoor playground, and was made good use of in stormy weather and evenings by a variety of entertainments. The greatest asset of the Camp is its advertising done by the campers who have been there and taken part in the activities and enjoyed the camp spirit.

The receipts amounted to \$12,298.70 and the expenditures \$11,943.79, showing a cash balance of \$354.41, and a temporary investment of \$602.25.

1928

COLD RIVER-- The season was from June 30 to September 29 with a fairly even registration during the whole time. There were not as many over-night trips as in previous years, but a larger number participated in all the walks, practically all in Camp going on some of the all-day outings.

The new construction consisted of a fireplace and additional windows in the Barracks, making it much more attractive and comfortable.

There are still ravines to explore, rocky cliffs to scale and water-falls to find, as well as tennis and other activities at Camp. There were 547 people registered this season.

The receipts amounted to \$11,232.63, and the expenditures \$10,610.18, leaving a balance of \$622.45.

ADELAIDE MESERVE, Secretary

1929

COLD RIVER--The season this year was from June 29 to September 28 and the pleasant weather in September was responsible for a larger group than ever before all through the month.

The special work done was the building of a new service road, running back of Conant Lodge, landscaping on the campus and the cleaning out of the swimming pool. The work on the pool will doubtless be necessary about every three years as the spring freshets bring down much sand and debris which gradually fills in against the dam.

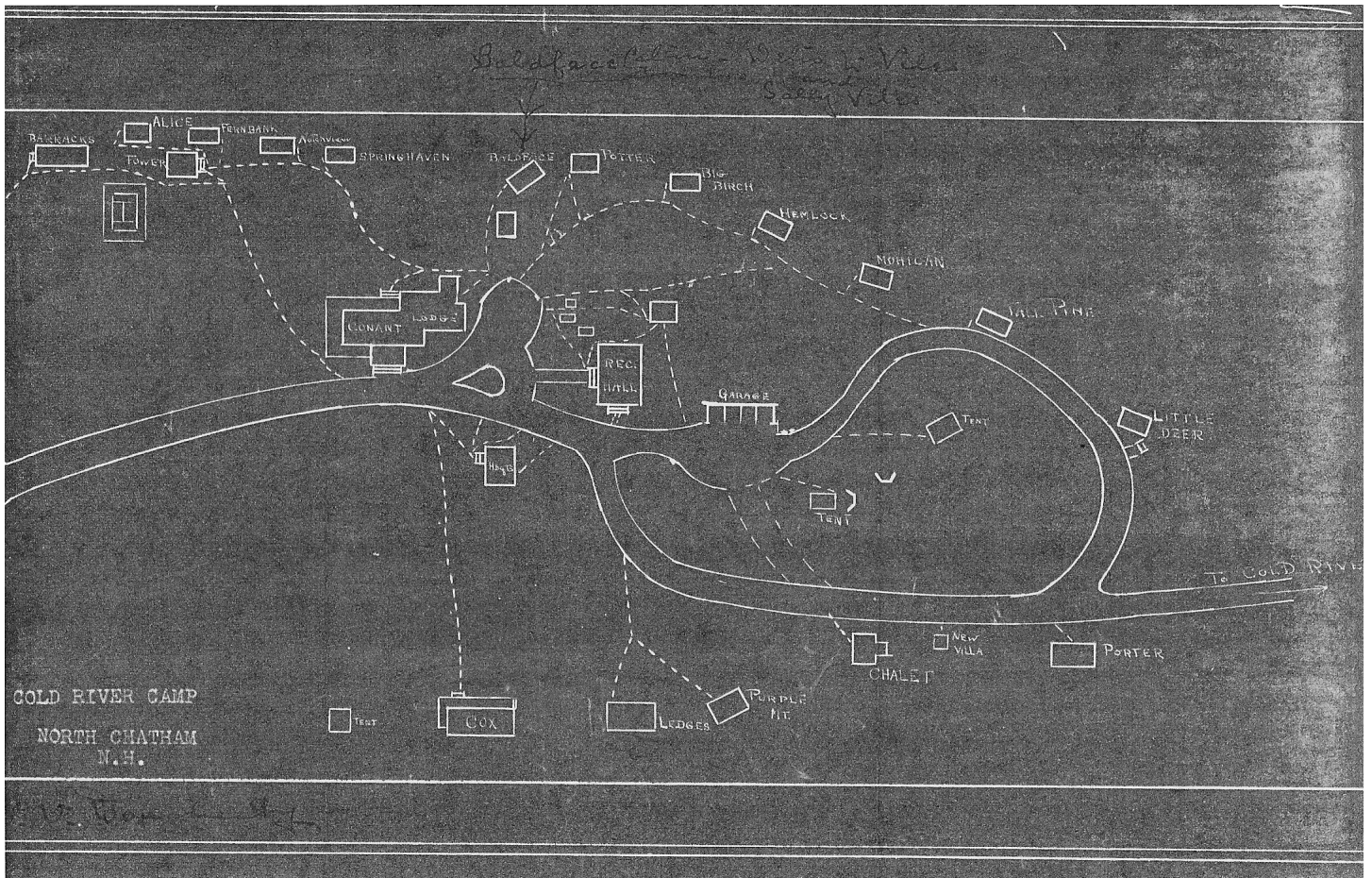
See next page for what CRC looked like in 1929 before the "new service road was built.

A better system of cooperation between the kitchen department and the hostess was established and this assistance and advice of Mrs. Leonard proved satisfactory to all the guests.

Cold River Camp continues to be the best climbing center of the summer camps and attracts the active members of the Club.

The receipts amounted to \$12,233.35 and expenses, \$11,323.54, leaving a cash balance of \$899.81.

ADELAIDE MESERVE Secretary



1930

COLD RIVER--Camp was open from June 28 to September 27 and started in with a good-sized registration for July, but owing to sickness a number of reservations were cancelled, so the total number was quite a little smaller than in past seasons. Many of the cabins were re-shingled and a new garage was built, one new tent pitched and additional cabins were screened.

In spite of much rainy weather in July there was a good average of mileage for the summer-852 miles of walks led by Mr. Duffill, 856 lunches put up and 917 campers getting out on the trail. There were twelve overnight trips to the Presidential and Franconia Ranges.

The receipts were \$11,437.19 and the expenditures \$10,775.24, leaving a balance of \$661.95. In addition to this the Camp treasury holds three Matured Share Certificates on the West Roxbury Cooperative Bank, amounting to \$600.

ADELAIDE MESERVE, Secretary.

1931

COLD RIVER-- The Camp is in better physical condition than ever before. The Recreation Building and all the Cabins have been painted and the other buildings will be done before we open Camp in June. The driveways have been regravelled and graded and quite a bit of forestry work has been done in the pine grove on the plateau, and many clumps of birches removed.

A shelter has been constructed at the fireplace on the beach just below the bridge. The tennis court was much improved by the surfacing treatment given it last spring. Patronage, considering the business conditions, was satisfactory.

The receipts were \$10,551.95 and the expenditures \$9,839.61, leaving a balance of \$712.34. In addition to this the Camp holds matured shares on West Roxbury Cooperative Bank, amounting to \$600.

ADELAIDE MESERVE, Secretary- Treasurer.

1932

COLD RIVER--More money than usual was spent on repairs and upkeep but no unnecessary expenditures were made, and we have the satisfaction of knowing the buildings and grounds were never in better condition and the Camp so well equipped.

The work of our Volunteer Trail Leaders gave great satisfaction to the members who make tramping and mountain climbing so much a part of camp life, and the Committee has voted to continue this plan.

July and September attendance was the best we have ever had in those months and we hope this will continue now that so many have learned how delightful camp life is the beginning and end of the "season." August is always a capacity business.

The receipts were \$11,865.05 and the expenditures \$11,200.91, leaving a balance of \$664.14. In addition to this, Camp holds \$600 in matured shares on West Roxbury Cooperative Bank.

ADELAIDE MESERVE, Secretary- Treasurer

1933

COLD RIVER.- The second year of Volunteer Trail Leadership was successful and the Committee owes much to these leaders for the spirit, devotion and skill with which they did their part.

Meadowview Cabin given by Mortimer Bishop was ready for occupancy at the opening of camp. A gift of great moment at the end of the season was that of \$600 by Charles M. Cox for a building 16' x 16', containing two rooms, with shower and bathtub in each room. A gift of \$50 by Fred H. Tucker, for a special purpose, is highly appreciated.

There was cordial cooperation between the C.C.C. in Evans Notch and our Camp and we feel there will be many advantages accruing to us from the new road through the Notch, and from the trails contemplated by the Forest Service. Camp has proven itself a worthy center for rock climbing and we expect that continued exploration will discover other first quality climbs.

The receipts were \$10,459.86 and the expenditures \$9,542.03, leaving a balance of \$917.83. In addition to this, Camp holds \$600 in Matured Shares on the West Roxbury Cooperative Bank.

ADELAIDE MESERVE, Secretary- Treasurer.

1934

COLD RIVER--The season as a whole showed an improvement over 1933, this being especially noticeable in September. Our patronage increased over 5.5 %.

The new bathhouse added greatly to the comfort of the campers, and in addition about \$430 was spent on other new construction, repairs, and equipment.

The total receipts for the current season were \$8,942.37 and the expenses \$8,842.39, leaving a net operating balance of \$99.98. This together with all other available funds in the hands of the Committee was paid over to the Club Treasurer. There is still a balance of \$416.57 in the closed Fidelity Trust Co. of Portland.

EARL W. TAYLOR, Secretary-Treasurer.

1935

COLD RIVER -- The attendance this past season fell somewhat behind that of a year ago, but we have still been able to operate without a deficit. The receipts were \$7,765.53 and the expenses \$7,628.66, leaving a balance of \$136.87. The comfort of the members has been greatly increased by the screening of the Lodge and many of the cabins. Since the close of camp, the Lodge porch has been rebuilt, and through the generous gift of Mr. Mortimer Bishop the porch roof has been extended. More improvements are planned before the beginning of next season.

EARL W. TAYLOR, Secretary- Treasurer.

1936

COLD RIVER--Increased patronage made the past season the best in the last four years. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes of Franklin, N.H., a fine new cabin was added to our equipment; and

everyone found increased comfort on the enlarged covered porch of the Lodge. The construction and equipment of a new firehouse with auxiliary implements at strategic points has given a much greater sense of security from the danger of fire.

The operating income for the season was \$9,198.26, the expenses \$8,359.70, leaving an operating profit of \$838.56. Capital expenditures, however, over and above gifts, left a net profit for the year of \$245.10.

EARL W. TAYLOR, Secretary-Treasurer.

1937

COLD RIVER -- There was a slight improvement in the patronage this past season over that of a year ago, with a marked increase in September. The gross receipts amounted to \$9,386.88 over against expenses of \$9,128.50, leaving a net balance for the season of \$258.38. By authority of the Council, an appropriation from the Helen F. Kimball Fund was used to purchase a small lot of land adjoining our property on the north. All the buildings have been repainted, and alterations have been made in the Tower to provide additional sleeping accommodations.

EARL W. TAYLOR, Secretary-Treasurer.

1938

COLD RIVER--A material improvement has been made in the comfort of the campers by the installation of standard electric service. This provides more satisfactory lighting, makes possible the use of better electric equipment, and relieves us of the noisy generator.

The gross receipts were \$9099 (about \$300 less than a year ago), and the gross expenses \$9863.76, making a net loss for the season of \$764.76, caused by the added outlay on capital equipment. The regular operations showed a balance of \$549.97.

EARL W. TAYLOR, Secretary-Treasurer.

1939

COLD RIVER--A change in the policy of management was made during the past summer. Complete control of the kitchen and staff was taken over by the committee. M. P. Bridgess was appointed manager and with able assistance maintained effective operations and a high standard of meals during the season.

A series of guest leaders cooperated in carrying through a program of interesting and varied activities. The committee thanks them for their aid.

The gross receipts were \$6,993.28 and gross expenditures \$5,960.15, making a net profit from regular operations of \$1,033.13. Capital expenditures which amounted to \$999.99 included a car and a refrigerator. This was covered by the income noted above and the net profit for the season was \$33.14.

E. WILLARD GARDINER, Chairman

1940

COLD RIVER CAMP.--The second season under the new method of operation proved as successful as the first and the same high standards of management were maintained. M. P. Bridgess again acted as manager while

Harriet Beattie served as hostess.

During the season a men's bath house was constructed in the bottom of the water tower. With its own heating plant this greatly increased the facilities at camp. An electric mixer was purchased for the kitchen.

The camp showed a net profit from regular operations of \$706.30, other miscellaneous receipts increased this to \$866.63. Capital expenditures for construction and equipment of \$609.80 left a net income for the season of \$256.83.

E. WILLARD GARDINER, Chairman.

1941

COLD RIVER CAMP.-The Camp again enjoyed a very successful season! Thanks are due chiefly to M. P. Bridgess, the manager, and Harriet Beattie, the hostess. During the season time was spent in effecting a general clearing of the wooded portion of the grounds between the bank cabins and the river. By the end of the season this showed a much improved condition. The main lodge received a needed coat of stain. No capital expenditures were made during the season. The net operating income from regular operations was \$386.95.

E. WILLARD GARDINER, Chairman.

1942

COLD RIVER CAMP.--There was a marked increase in attendance at camp this season, an average of four per day throughout the entire season of eleven weeks. The restrictions of transportation proved a blessing in disguise, for the trampers became more thoroughly acquainted with the local valley trails and enjoyed them to the full. Leaders were available at all times and deserve much credit for developing interest in outdoor activities.

Thanks to the ever watchful care of Mr. and Mrs. Bridgess every detail in the management of the camp was attended to with complete satisfaction. The high standard of the table was maintained in spite of increased food costs, and a net operating balance of \$1,030.58 has been paid to the Club Treasurer.

EARL W. TAYLOR, Chairman.

1943

COLD RIVER CAMP.-- Earl W. Taylor, Chairman.

The season was necessarily shortened to nine and a half weeks, from July 1st to Labor Day, but a daily average of over 31 paying guests throughout the season found the camp's attractions a welcome respite. Thanks to the efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. MacGregor and the ever-considerate care of our experienced Hostess, Mrs. Jane Edmands, all the unusual problems incident to war-time restrictions were met to everyone's complete satisfaction.

Regular operations netted a balance of \$643.25, and through generous gifts for that purpose we have accumulated a fund of \$65.00 toward the purchase of a projector and screen.

1944

COLD RIVER CAMP,-- Earl W. Taylor, Chairman.

Thanks to the efficient and economic care of the Manager and his staff and to the able help of the several leaders, Cold River has enjoyed another successful season, even surpassing that of a year ago. An average increase of six guests per day throughout the whole season speaks well for what the camp has to offer for summer recreation in congenial company. A new projector added greatly to the evening entertainments.

A net surplus of \$1,040.16 has been paid to the Club Treasurer, which, it is anticipated, will help make possible some necessary capital improvements.

1945

COLD RIVER CAMP.--Earl W. Taylor, Chairman

The difficulties of operation were greatly aggravated this last season by continued war-time restrictions, but with the return of more normal conditions the Committee have good reason to hope that much needed repairs and improvements can be affected to insure the comfort of all in every particular. There was a marked increase in patronage, but high costs made possible a net balance of only \$508.31, which has been paid to the Club Treasurer.

1946

COLD RIVER CAMP.--Nelson Gay, Chairman

The season of 1946 was very successful so far as attendance, and the satisfaction of having served our members well, is concerned, but on account of rapidly rising costs, starting about the time the season opened, we did well to finish the year without a loss.

Your Committee would have liked to have made many improvements at Camp this year, but shortages of numerous items prevented many of the betterments for which we had hoped. We did put in a new gas range and made several minor changes. Mr. Bridgess did an enormous amount of work, repairing and replacing the equipment, which we were unable to keep in repair during the war years. It is hoped that many of the needed improvements may be done before another season opens.

1947

COLD RIVER CAMP.-M. Philbrick Bridgess, Chairman.

The season of 1947, extending from June 28 to September 5, was marked by the highest average attendance since the new type of management was introduced in 1939, namely 48. This placed considerable strain on the cramped kitchen quarters.

The roofs on the Recreation Hall and two cabins were resingled. New dishwashing facilities were installed, to replace an antiquated arrangement. Each year it is necessary to make considerable repairs to cabins owing to severe weather conditions. These items totaled over \$1200.

During the coming year it will be necessary to install artificial refrigeration, as ice is no longer being cut in the region. An alteration of the kitchen will be necessary to accommodate this change. In line with Club policy, insurance on the property is being doubled.

Hiking conditions were far from ideal during most of the summer, nevertheless a full schedule of hikes was carried out. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the sincere and earnest cooperation of the hike leaders. They all contributed greatly to the success of the season.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee for their splendid cooperation and untiring efforts to make the season successful.

1948

COLD RIVER CAMP--Amy S. Damon, Chairman

This season, many long-needed improvements have been made in the kitchen area. The major items were an addition to the kitchen itself, the installation of both a Deep-Freeze and an electrically-refrigerated walk-in unit, the laying of a cement floor and relocation of the sink in the covered porch, used by campers for laundry purposes, and the reshingling of the entire kitchen section.

The Deep-Freeze has been especially valuable, both for the freezing of ice for table use and for the storage of frozen vegetables and ice cream.

Moreover, both units have aided in keeping down the per capita cost of meals, since with the previous inadequate facilities there had been some spoilage of food.

The old icehouse was converted into a much-needed bunkhouse for part of the crew. To date a wooden floor has been laid, a window cut into the south side, and a double bunk built in.

Three cabin porches were completely rebuilt; and the Lodge was given a new coat of green paint, and most of the trim (including the diamond-paned windows, which were re-puttied) was repainted.

There was an approximate 10% drop in attendance this summer, due to light registration for July and an unusually large number of cancellations.

However, in spite of this, the Camp was able to turn in an operating surplus of \$722.55 plus \$138 for sale of timber.

As a result of extensive and selective cutting of trees (some sold profitably as lumber) views have been opened up for several cabins. In addition, much time was spent in removing underbrush from several sections of the campus.

The Camp is very grateful to Mrs. Thomas E. Morse for a gift of \$200 from the estate of her husband, a former camper who greatly enjoyed the beauties of the river and its valley. Some of this money is to be used next year for maintenance of the dam.

A splendid succession of hike leaders provided varied trips both in and outside the Valley. The Committee sincerely appreciates the time and energy these men put into planning and conducting the hikes and other enjoyable activities for campers.

Camp was particularly fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs., Bridgess with us again as Manager and Hostess. To their efficient management, long hours of work, and gracious consideration of guests; and to the loyal co-operation of all members of the Committee goes the credit for a most happy and successful season.

1949

COLD RIVER CAMP--Amy S. Damon, Chairman With an average attendance of 48.5 paying guests per day, an increase of about 10% over the 1948 season) Cold River Camp had its heaviest registration under the present type of management. In fact when there were more than 60-the normal capacity of our dining room.

Although no major changes were made this year, much repairing and improving was done, and many necessary replacements were made. In addition to routine minor items, several are outstanding;

The garage was re-roofed, one end was strengthened, and a new sill was placed under one half of the building. Two cabins also had new roofs; eleven cabins were completely repainted (for the first time in fifteen years); and the women's shower building, the paint house, the tool shed, and the two crew buildings, as well as the trim on the Recreation Hall, were also painted. The mixing machine, the power ice-cream freezer, and the water pump were overhauled and put into first-class running condition.

To replace equipment which was beyond repair or use, we purchased new awnings for the Lodge, the Den, and Headquarters; a glider for the Lodge porch; and three mattresses for the cabins. Also the thirteen-year-old station wagon (which was very costly in repair money, time, and worry) was replaced with a more recent model.

The removal of underbrush, started last year, was continued extensively this year, with the result that no special amount of time or money should be necessary on that next year.

Thanks to Mr. Bridgess' excellent management (plus his own services as first-class repair man) Camp enjoyed these needed improvements and, in addition, was able to turn over to the Club Treasury an operating profit of \$954.64.

The campers and the Committee appreciate the work of the hikeleaders who generously spend their "vacation" in planning and leading the hikes over so many miles of trails in our valley and in more distant sections of the mountains. It was due to the leaders' own enthusiasm and varied plans that the trips were well attended in spite of the exceptionally hot weather this season.

To the Camp Committee, who assume the many details of planning; to Mr. and Mrs. Bridgess, who do so much to make Camp a comfortable and friendly place; and to their co-operative staff of chef and "crew"-my appreciation to all for making 1949 a successful season.

1950

COLD RIVER CAMP--Amy S. Damon, Chairman. The season at Camp started off well with a Fourth of July excursion which brought to 73 the total number of guests on the morning of the Fourth. During July Camp ran approximately at capacity; but the first two weeks of August were poor, with many cabins empty. About this time we began to receive many cancellations, which finally totaled nearly one thousand dollars. At this in the season it is generally impossible to fill an appreciable amount of space.

The painting program was continued, and seven cabins and two other buildings were painted. This program is being carried on without outside labor, and it will take at least two more years to finish. Five hundred feet of new pipe was laid (also without outside labor) from the kitchen to Lawrence Tower, to replace some which had been in use for 40 years. New roofs were put on the Lodge and Jewett Villa, and several cabins had roof repairs. The roofs at Camp receive particularly hard treatment as many of them have to be shoveled off several times a winter, and this is injurious to the surface. Extensive repairs were to have been made on Chester Dam, but the cement shortage made this impossible.

Costs of all kinds remained essentially the same, but our total operating receipts showed a considerable drop as the number of paying guests dropped to 47.8 from last year's high of 48.5. Insurance and town tax take about \$1100, each year, which is about 10% of our total costs. It is only by keeping expenses to a bare minimum (through Mr. Bridgess' careful planning and purchasing) and by our delaying certain inevitable replacements and repairs that we are able to have a surplus of \$1209.50 to return to the Club Treasurer.

As for the past several seasons, the weather has not been ideal for hiking, but we have had a fine group of hike leaders, whose contribution to Camp we all appreciate. I wish to thank the members of the Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgess, the chef and the "Crew", and the many campers who lend helping hands in so many ways. It is the splendid cooperation of these loyal workers that has made the season a successful one.

1951

Cold River Camp --Amy S. Damon, Chairman. This year, the 33rd of Cold River Camp, we had an average attendance of 48.3 persons per day to help make and enjoy our unusually successful season.

Because of the major repairs and painting of the past two years, we did but little such work this year--a new porch for Tall Pine Cabin, and new roofs for Mohican and Potter cabins; and we were able to concentrate on a number of replacements. Of these, the most important was the complete attractive and substantial set of dishes, which for several years we had postponed buying. Other purchases were 20 stainless steel pitchers for the dining room, 24 wool blankets, 40 woven rugs for the cabins, and 3 mattresses.

For the past few years we have been keeping careful check on the condition of the posts supporting our water tank, and near the end of the season we realized that the state of decay made imperative a replacement before next season. Hence, after a careful study of the situation, we have decided on a new pressure system. The pipe for the installation has already been delivered, and the tank is to be delivered in the near future.

Next year, too, we must make the repairs on the dam which were impossible in 1950 because of the cement shortage, and in 1951 because of the unusually high water.

By increasing the insurance protection of the Lodge, Recreation Hall, and personal property, we now have approximately the coverage which the Council feels each Camp should carry.

Our food costs were up 10% over those of 1950; yet Cold River has been able to turn in an operating balance of \$1,827.30. Of this, \$637.35 has been turned over to the Club Treasurer, in accordance with the policy instituted this year of having each camp contribute a set percentage of receipts toward the Club's general operating costs. This leaves a balance of \$1,189.95 designated for future Camp use.

Also available for future improvements at Cold River will be the sum of \$2,500 bequeathed by the late Mrs. Lizzie E. Carpenter, of Salem, a former interested camper.

The success of this season is the result of the fine spirit developed through the years by previous campers and committees; the thought and help of this year's committee; the cooperation of those who so ably arranged and led the hikes; and the loyal stewardship of Mr. and Mrs. Bridgess, who each year put so much thought into making Cold River Camp enjoyable, comfortable, and profitable.

1952

Cold River Camp--Amy S. Damon, Chairman This season, the thirty-fifth of Cold River Camp, opened on July 2 and ran until Wednesday, September 9, 1953.

The daily average of 47.9 guests was very close to that of the past few years. The only way that average can be appreciably increased is to have more members take advantage of the wider choice of cabin space in July. August runs just about to capacity throughout the month--in fact, over some week ends we cannot stretch cooking and dining facilities to accommodate many who would like to come.

Although we went through the season with a minimum of maintenance expenditure, we started the season with

a new roof on Cox Cabin; and after the season closed, Porter Cabin was reshingled and the flashing on Recreation Hall was replaced. The other improvements were the regular type necessary each season, such as the trim on Barracks repainted, Headquarters re-stained, rails replaced on several cabin porches. During the season an overhaul job was necessary to put the electric motor into good condition. New equipment included two new coffeemakers, three mattresses, and a few kitchen utensils. We are turning over to the club treasury \$2964.74, to be held for the credit of Cold River Camp.

A committee is currently studying a long-range plan for capital improvements that will make available (1) better dormitory space and cabin space for families, (2) a quiet place for reading and writing, and (3) better swimming space. These three projects are, we feel, those most needed to make Camp more attractive for many of the campers.

Paul and Alice Pearson are to be congratulated for their efficient managership of Camp this past season. We are indeed sorry that Paul's school program so overlaps that of Camp that they feel they cannot serve another year.

The Campers enjoyed the cooking of Mrs. Gladys Brown from 'Wellesley', the assistant-hostessing of Edith Cotton, the services of the fine crew of young men, who gave of their own time so that others' might be more enjoyable and the trips planned by the leaders

To Jack Bonney, John Fullerton, Everett Goss, Evelyn Jenkins, and Carleton Morse (who joined the Committee during the year) goes the appreciation of the chairman as well as the campers for the hours of planning they put in to make Cold River a pleasurable vacation spot.

1953

Cold River Camp-Amy S. Damon, Chairman, In spite of the new rates (increased in cooperation with the Council and other camps), the daily average of guests for the summer was 49.2, exceeding our previous record of 48.5 in 1949. This daily average is of great importance in a camp our size because of overhead involved whether there are thirty in attendance or sixty.

The new pressure water system planned for last fall and installed before camp opened, is very satisfactory. The removal of the old tank above the men's shower building and the construction of a new roof there was our most costly repair item of the season. Other repairs were the usual minor ones necessary to forestall excessive replacements.

The dozen new stainless steel pitchers for the dining tables and the twenty-four cheery red or green wool blankets caused many appreciative comments. We also purchased three more new mattresses for the cabins. Not evident to the campers was the new baking oven, an additional piece of equipment, much needed and appreciated in the kitchen.

Our station wagon, purchased second hand in 1919, caused the guests some waits and the management much repair time and worry. Hence, at the close of the season, we purchased a new Chevrolet Suburban Carryall.

After paying for this car and making our contribution of \$726.63 (5% of last year's gross) to the Club treasury for general Club operating costs, we have a balance of \$422.22 for this year. This will be held by the Club for reinvestment in Cold River Camp.

This year we added the position of Assistant Hostess, and we were fortunate in having a staunch Cold Riverite, Edith Cotton, in that capacity.

Again we appreciate the part played by our walk-leaders, who spend their vacation time planning for and leading the daily trips.

With our satisfaction about the financial success of the 1952 season goes the appreciation that the true reason for that success lay in the constant efforts and efficiency of Phil and Evelyn Bridgess-we cannot think of one without the other in their management of Cold River Camp. In fact, through the years they have contributed so much to the material well-being and the spirit there that we have thought of them as an integral part of Cold River. Hence, it was with tile deepest regret that we learned they felt it necessary to give up their responsibilities at, but not their interest in, Cold River.

The Club as well as the Camp owes them a debt of gratitude for their devoted work.

Fortunate, indeed, is Cold River to have such a couple as Paul and Alice Pearson take over as Manager and Hostess for this coming season. We have enjoyed them as campers at Cold River after the close of August Camps, which they managed for several years. We shall welcome them in their new roles and assist them in every way as they carryon the management and the spirit of Cold River Camp.

To my committee-Thanks for your cooperative spirit and for the hours of work you spent on details so necessary both before and after a season itself.

1954

Cold River Camp---Amy S. Damon, Chairman, There have seldom been dull moments for any staff at Cold River. but this season was an especially busy one for all, because of the three building projects and the largest daily attendance camp has ever had, an average of 51.2 guests per day, an increase of two per day over the previous high in 1952.

This increase in attendance, plus his judicious planning, helped our new manager, Walter Sharp, make this season our best financially, too. After paying \$769 to the Club for general expenses (the required 5% of last year's gross), the Camp treasurer turned over an operating surplus of \$3.666.78.

There was the usual repair work on cabin porches, painting of trim and other such work to keep the buildings in good condition. The pump was overhauled, and a new gasoline motor purchased for emergency pumping in case of electric power failure. (In spite of such failure after the hurricane there was no food loss, because of quick thinking and extra work on the part of the cook and management.) The purchase of twelve new mattresses, some new beds, sheets, and bath towels, authorized by the Committee, was not consummated in time to be deducted from this year's operating expenses, but they will be ready for use when Camp opens. The only other large item of purchase this season was additional china to match that purchased several years ago. After Camp closed, Zach Chandler was to replace the floor of the kitchen, but the bill for that, about \$300, had not been received at the time of the closing of our books.

The new cook's Cabin and the additional room on the Manager's quarters were completed the week before Camp opened. During July the new double family cabin (or women's dormitory space) accommodating six to eight persons was built. Because Walter helped in such ways as laying the floor, that space was available for occupancy a week earlier than 'we thought possible. During the season the library was partially evolved from the former chef's cabin, and this will be further improved next season. To date only \$90 has been received for that purpose, far less than the actual cost of installing the chimney and parlor stove, of purchasing the comfortable chairs and lamps and having the large library table constructed. But we hope the balance will be contributed another year, when more people have an opportunity to enjoy the comfort of this quiet place to read or write.

The Committee is working on plans for a new shower building on the south side of the campus. For the equipment of this, Camp is to receive a substantial memorial gift. Another generous gift has been made by a camper for the improvement of the hot water system of the present men's and women's shower buildings. In addition to these improvements for next year, the Committee is studying the best means of incinerating garbage

and trash. for that is the number one problem to be solved. We are glad that Walter and Barbara Sharp like our valley and will be at Camp next season in their same capacities. The children too, were host and hostess to the younger guests and added to the friendly atmosphere. Edith Cotton, as Assistant Hostess, and Gladys Brown, as Cook were constantly working for the well-being of the campers. The usual fine type of crew waited on table and helped keep things in running order.

The Committee has worked constantly and enthusiastically, individually and collectively, on the many projects under consideration this season. Jack Bonney, John Fullerton, David Hummel, Everett Goss, Evelyn Jenkins. Carleton Morse, and Libby Woodley have been most co-operative and have accepted much responsibility. Without such a Committee I never could have served "Lo, these many years"-and especially this last one.

1955

Cold River Camp, John H. Fullerton, Chairman. The improvements in the facilities at Cold River Camp during the last few years made it possible to accommodate a record number of campers during the 1955 season. However, the gross income for the season was slightly less than for the previous season due to an increase in the number of children who attend at reduced rates. Nevertheless, after paying \$788 as the Camp's share of Club overhead and after paying \$400 into an accumulating fund towards Club self-insurance, there was a net operating surplus of \$1035.33. This surplus will be held by the Club in reserve for future expenses or improvements at Camp.

The Camp's reserve fund was all but depleted at the start of the 1955 season to pay for a number of major improvements. Two dozen new mattresses were purchased and 60 sheets and a gross of towels were bought. New flooring was laid in the kitchen and a new automatic gas water heater installed. Most expensive of all was the construction of a new bath house, between Cox and Ledgeview Cabins, with accommodations for both men and women. This construction was initiated as a result of a substantial gift from Mrs. Nelson Sprague Greely in memory of her husband. A bronze memorial plaque has been made and will be mounted on the building before the start of next season.

In the past, campers did not always have a choice between hot and cold water when showering, due to limited quantities of available hot water. Now this is possible, thanks to the generous gift of Ted Stevenson, who bought three new Ruud automatic gas water heaters.

During the fall of 1955 Millard Chandler spent many hours rebuilding and grading the Camp roads and cutting fresh vistas where trees had grown tall and blocked the view.

In addition to what has already been accomplished, the Camp Committee has authorized the purchase of a swing set for the children, the construction of a flush toilet at the men's Barracks, the building of screens for some of the windows in the Barracks and on the second floor of the Tower, the repair of certain roofs, and the purchase of a new phonograph.

The success of a season depends somewhat on the weather, which was good last year, but more importantly it depends on the management and staff, which were excellent. Cold River is fortunate to have Walter and Barbara Sharp as manager and hostess. Edith Cotton, the assistant hostess, Gladys Brown, the cook, and all the crew are appreciated by all who attend Camp.

Much work goes on behind the scenes by members of the Camp Committee, who give generously of their time and abilities. I wish to thank them all, Jack, Bonney, Amy Damon, Paul Goodrich, Everett Goss, Dave Hummel and Libby Woodley.

The Committee regrets the passing of one of its members before the start of the season, Carleton Morse, who was thoughtful but enthusiastic and who was and will continue to be an inspiration to each of us.

1956

Cold River Camp, JOHN H. FULLERTON, Chairman. Attendance at Cold River Camp during the 1956 season was lower than usual. The average attendance was only 43 persons, which was about 13% less than for the previous season. Cooler than usual weather in July was the probable cause of the lower figure.

However, due to the efficient management of Walter Sharp assisted by Barbara Sharp as Hostess, Edith Cotton, Assistant Hostess, and Mrs. Brown, the Cook and due partly to a 6% increase in rates it was possible to operate "in the black" The net operating surplus of about \$300 has been placed in the reserve fund held for future improvements at Cold River Camp. In addition to this, \$1100 was expended out of operating revenue for major improvements. A new phonograph was obtained, screens were added on the Barracks and Tower, new curtains were provided in cabins, and a toilet was built in the Barracks.

A group of Club members is sparking a drive for a memorial at Cold River Camp for Frank Mason. Funds are being raised and plans formulated.

Numerous Camp customs have proved to be popular with members who came to the Camp for the first time as well as with those who have been at Camp before. Especially popular have been the square dances and the Saturday nite suppers "on the lawn".

Two new gliders will be found on the porch next season, the gift of Fernald Hutchins.

Rates will be the same in 1957 as they were in 1956.