



Imaginative members announced a 1922 "water approach to Camp": Steamboat from Boston to Portland, train to Sebago Lake, boat through the Sebago, up the Songo River, the length of Long Lake to North Bridgton where J. L. Chandler's stage would fetch you to Cold River.

1922 was the year Mr. Conant had the Recreation Hall built at his expense. Mortimer Bishop provided for some added refinements therein.

Walter O'Kane still liking land approaches, in 1922 organized a Wonalancet to Cold River walk-in, reported in the January 1923 Bulletin. Another season he hopped off from the Adirondacks for a ten-day jaunt to Cold River.

W. R. Chester provided the Chester Pool and Dam in 1923, commemorating Mabel Chester's and his deep interest in the Cold River Camp. She was an original camp committee member. The dam, costing over \$1600., was dedicated by Frank Mason and built by Richard F. Chandler - a very popular addition to Camp. At this time rates were \$23.00 single, \$18.00 double cabin per week. Miss Helen Lincoln became the first Cold River hostess, then Mrs. Harold Dougherty, followed by Miss Mary Bryant.

In 1924, a "Chief Guide and Sports Leader" was added to the staff, E. Stanley Duffill filling this large bill very ably, the Dominie, Reverend Wolcott Cutler, observed on his first visit to Camp. The next year "Guide" Duffill reported 855 people on 625 miles of trails. The Camp reported noted any "modest profits" for the season were needed for repairs, and set up a "depreciation fund" to meet emergencies.

Professor Walter O'Kane in 1925 published "Trails and Summits of the White Mountains" with a chapter on the Baldface Circle.

In 1926, Jane Leonard from Newton Highlands became hostess, after filling in the late week of 1925 which extended to September 27th.

Walter O'Kane assisted for a special Natural History week in 1927. In 1930, August Camp had again set up at Hastings and there was visiting back and forth between camps. Prices remained modest. 1931 campers could still buy A.M.C. tin cups for 20 cents (3 for 50 cents). They had been introduced at the Club House in Boston in 1923. Cold River costs were still \$3.00 per day and at A.M.C. Huts they charged \$2.85 daily during the 1932 season.

In 1931 the Chatham Trails Association published a Map of Cold River Valley drawn by George Hill Evans with concentric circle distances from Cold River Camp. In 1932 C.T.A. (George Hill Evans, Secretary-Treasurer) published a 16 page "Handbook of Cold River Valley".

A group of trip leaders was enlisted for 1933 season, including Arthur Colby, W. H. Burling, Leland Pollock, Theodore Stevenson, Lawrence Quick, Laurence Campbell, (Larry's Lair). That season the C.C.C. helped build a new auto road through Evans Notch. Another change came when Joseph Soliday became Camp Committee Chairman upon the death of Mr. Conant, the first change since Camp started officially. In 1934 the new chairman was supported by veterans like Frank Mason and Adelaide Meserve with Lewis Brigham and Earl Taylor joining in. Hike leaders from '34 were announced as Frank Mason, Larry Campbell, Ted Stevenson, William Burling. Jane Leonard was Hostess from 1926 to 1934, and Mrs. R. E. Underhill took over as Hostess in 1935. An effective Permanent Picture Committee began work, Larry

Campbell and E. Willard Gardiner collecting, preserving and taking pictures, to our everlasting gratitude.

At the Cold River Reunion on March 3, 1936, the season was set for July 1st - September 28th. The Camp committee recommended purchase of a seven-acre triangle at the northeast corner of Camp. Kimball funds and other donations made the purchase possible. In 1938, the Cold River Committee was Joseph Soliday, Lewis Brigham, Jane Leonard, Frank Mason, Earl Taylor, Frank Mason, in this twentieth season, (1938), prepared a well-illustrated invitation announcement and short history of the establishment of Camp. He noted the "good surfaced roads reducing travel time from Boston to 5 hours" and a "hold the line" price of \$18.00 per week despite fluctuation of food prices. "Nineteen years of experience in departments of cuisine and cabin service has tended to increased efficiency and greater comfort". The season extended to October 2nd. Larry Campbell's leadership was appreciated. It was his final season as leader.

In July, 1938, the Camp register records Grand Celebration of Introduction of Electric Power by N. H. Public Service Company - Mrs. Chandler's for dinner party. The Delco had done its duty!

E. Willard Gardiner assumed Cold River Committee chairmanship in 1939 and Mrs. Herbert Saul joined the Committee. A new policy on management was started with Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick Bridgess of Westwood, Massachusetts hired as resident Manager and Hostess - they to select and manage all personnel. The season was shortened to end September 16th. Miss Harriett S. Beattie served as registrar. The Council approved \$1200. for a new camp car and refrigerator.

In 1939 C.T.A. turned Meader Ridge, Basin Rim and Mount Meader trails over to A.M.C. maintenance,

In 1941 , campers responded to the death of "Pa" Bicknell at Camp by cutting a Bicknell Ridge Trail in his honor and memory. The route had been a dream of his. What better way to pay your respects and show your love for a fine man!

Loss of Phil Bridgess to the Navy for three years during the War was at least a gain in having Milton MacGregor and his wife as "reserves". Mr. MacGregor wrestled with meat substitutes and shortages, with lack of sugar and gasoline. By his ingenuity and the hearty cooperation of campers, he not only kept up high standards of enjoyment but reopened the Mahoosucs on the Cold River Camp exploration calendar and cut a new direct path from Camp to Stone House, Rattlesnake Gorge and Blueberry Mountain. Mac recollects the uncertainties of relatively young untrained kitchen and crew personnel and the cooperation of Joe Dodge at Pinkham in securing sugar and other supplies. Thus the 1943-45 period passed successfully. The Bridgess returned to serve again through 1952, when Paul and Alice Pearson took over and Edith Cotton began her decade and more of service as Assistant Hostess. The Pearsons were able to care for and enjoy a new pressure water system and dismantle the wooden tank and gravity system centered over the men's lavatory.

The faithfulness of certain equipment parallels that of our personnel. The Fairbanks-Morse pump, recently struck by lightning, dated back to 1920, Roger Damon discovered when he rounded up the last available maintenance parts from Kansas City headquarters in 1967. It still pumps! And the melodious horn that calls campers to meals dates from very early camp, also.

In 1947, Phil Bridgess was not only Camp Manager but also took on Camp Committee chairmanship - a load similar to that assumed by Frank Mason in early camp years when he served as sort of combined manager-treasurer and committeeman. He, Phil, had Mr. and Mrs. Stillman helping him.

Miss Amy Damon became Committee Chairman in 1948 to rescue Phil from this overload. This year the A.M.C. took a lease on the Brickett place as a hut. This was owned by the National Forest Service.

Cold River Camp would not have developed to its present comfortable state without the blessing of generous donors through the years. Among those who have permitted sources to be known are to 1969:

Theodore S. Conant ... The original Camp and the Recreation Hall
R. B. Lawrence of Three Mile Island ... \$500. toward the original Camp Fund
Dean W. L. Robbins ... Furniture at Camp worth \$1740. (his personal property)
Mortimer Bishop ... Meaderview Cabin ... added Recreation Hall facilities and
the trail to the "Federal Building"
Charles M. Cox ... Two Sisters Cottage named "Cox" in appreciation of dona-
tion used to improve tennis court and grounds
Nelson Sprague Greeley ... Shower building (south) in 1956, with some Camp
funds added
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bicknell ... The Ledges Cabin (now labelled Ledgeview)
Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Sinclair ... Purple Mountain Cabin
Harry E. Grigor ... Remodelled Chalet Cabin
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Porter ... Porter Cabin
Miss Alice E. Buff ... Alice Cabin
Mrs. Mable Webber Huff ... Fernbank Cabin
Miss Lily W. Jewett ... Villa Cabin
Miss Helen B. Choate ... Notchview Cabin
Miss Mary E. Whipple ... Springhaven Cabin
Mrs. Delia L. Viles ... Baldface Cabin and a bequest used in library
Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Dougherty
Dr. Mary G. Potter ... Potter Cabin
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carpenter ... Big Birch Cabin (initial ravine cabin de-
signed by Frank Mason)
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Barnes ... Owls Nest Cabin
Miss Ella M. Freeman ... Hemlock Cabin
Miss Frances Moulton)
and ... Mohican Cabin
Miss Clara K. Hicks)
W. R. Chester ... The Mabel C. Chester Memorial Dam and Pool
Kimball Funds ... Used in part to buy northwest triangle addition
Theodore E. Stevenson ... All gas water heaters and the dryer
Fernald Hutchins ... Four porch gliders and material for lawn benches
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brask ... Library Lights
Glover A. Snow ... Substantial gift for recent repairs
Edith F. Cotton ... Piano for the Recreation Hall
Henry E. Tracy ... Individual tea pots for the dining room
Frank S. Mason and his friends
(including the Charlestown Boys Club) ... The Children's Library
Rev. Wolcott Cutler ... "75 Mountain Stories", pictures, his walking stick
Arnold W. Lahee ... Painting of "Laughing Lion" - Royces

Countless other campers have given time and talent in improving cabins, meadows, cutting wood, maintaining and signing trails, repairing wiring and equipment, adding two new slide projectors. The Chandlers have spent innumerable hours - many unpaid - overseeing Camp in storm and stress, during off-season months. Trail work has been faithfully done for C.T.A. by the Andrews, the A.M.C. Trail Crew and by volunteers. The recent C.T.A. maps of the area were prepared by Harold L. Clark with much collaboration from Garrison Householder and Harold B. Belcher, members familiar with trails and "high spots".

Trip leaders have added much to Camp adventure. The system started informally until a single leader was employed for the season, then shifted to weekly leaders with expenses paid - the plan at present. We have only a partial record of trip leaders and welcome additions campers may know. Among those known are:

H. Whipple Abbott	W. Robert Leach
Donald G. Allen	Harry Levi, Jr.
George H. Ames	R. W. MacAllester, Jr.
Theodore B. Barrett	Milton E. MacGregor
Wendell H. Benway	Mrs. Milton W. MacGregor
Theodore A. Brayton	Frank A. Mann
M. Philbrick Bridgess	James Marsh
Lewis A. Brigham	James L. Marston
Timothy N. Buffum	Philip A. Marston
William H. Burling	Frank S. Mason
Lawrence B. Campbell	Malcolm A. Masters
Mrs. Henry G. Chamberlain	Kenyon C. Maynard
Carl O. Chauncey	Mrs. Kenyon C. Maynard
Arthur Colby	Irving Meredith
William W. Crook	DeWolf A. Merriam
C. W. Crooker	Richard J. Merrow
Donald Cross	Lathrop B. Merrick
Wolcott Cutler	Donald C. Mitchell
Roger H. Damon, Jr.	Walter C. O'Kane
E. Stanley Duffill	Dr. G. W. Outerbridge
Charles S. Enwright	Mrs. Barbara Pihl
Mark Fortune	Leland Pollack
Gerald E. Fosbroke	Percy L. Prescott
Terrence P. Frost	Harold F. Price
E. W. Gardiner	Lawrence A. Quick
J. B. Gardner	Charles Ranlett
Nelson Gay	Wayne Reed
Everett E. Gilbert	Eric P. Richter
Howard M. Goff	Albert S. Robertson
Donald E. Goss	W. Frederick Rousseau
Theodore Gray	Walter F. Sharp
Norman A. Greist	Bernard N. Shearon
Anatole R. Gruehr	Theodore E. Stevenson
Edward J. Hall	Berton G. Towle
A. Glenn Hanson	John P. Vose
Lawrence E. Haskins	Donald M. Wallace
Garrison Householder	Miss Elizabeth G. Weeks
Bernard E. Lawson	Richmond G. Wight

If days were filled with adventure afoot, evenings offered frequent opportunities to share skills, travel experiences, hobbies and to enjoy square and folk

dancing, song and hymn fests. These rewarding evenings included topnotch nature and travel kodachromes, magic shows, concerts (camp talent and record), a landscape painting demonstration, information on the dynamics of hiking, the selection of hiking and camping equipment, selection and cutting of firewood, repairing a canoe, nature crafts, identification of mushrooms, ferns, trees, flowers, birds, description of the A.M.C. Huts, and experts on woodlot management, forest fire control, and flood control. Each evening ended early enough for a good night's sleep before 7:30 breakfast time.

On 5:30 A.M. bird walks, Elisabeth Weeks accumulated a list of 75 species in a two-week period from July 16th to 30th, and 78 species in another period from July 15th to August 11th.

In 1954 Walter and Barbara Sharp from Cranston, Rhode Island began a memorable decade as Manager-Hostess. Guest attendance that year averaged 51.2. A new cook's cabin enabled the original "May Cottage" to become the present cozy and quiet library. Walt helped build an addition to the Manager's suite in the building with the Recreation Hall. The Sharps had Gladys Brown, the popular cook from Paul Pearson's staff, and Edith Cotton who continued her warm welcoming as Assistant Hostess begun in 1951. The Sharp-Cotton-Brown team remained unbroken for nine years.

Royce Cabin was built in 1955, the second cabin from Camp funds, an addition to Larry's Lair being the other. A donation in 1956 made it possible to build the Greeley Shower building for better accommodation of campers in that area. Very complete kitchen remodelling was done in 1958 and "The Monastery" was built for the crew, replacing the tired "Kitchen View". Gas hot water heaters were donated. Barbara Sharp will be long remembered for her wildflower arrangements gracing the Ledge. Saturday eat-outs became a tradition and Walt's square-dance calling was thoroughly enjoyed.

The cabins on the south side were built close to the original boundary, so in 1958, a strip of land 100 feet wide extending from the highway to the river was purchased from the Hills (the Chandler Farm).

In 1960 the A.M.C. trail crews took over the maintenance of Royce, Baldface Circle and Slippery Brook trails.

The 5% overhead charge at member camps was initiated in 1961 so that the camps would be contributing to the general public service work of the club.

In 1963 Mary Ault served a season as Assistant Hostess.

During Walt's years as Manager, the C.T.A., especially Harold Clark, Garry Householder and Harold Belcher were responsible for a large new detailed area map, now in its second edition and revision.

Electric, wind and snow storms created occasional problems. A severe ice storm gave the Committee many extra spring hours of clean-up work; the ripening trees dropped heavy limbs and tops as they matured. Headquarters was struck by lightning and the fire damage was promptly repaired. High water, sometimes toppling the Memorial Pool plaque, would make cooperative effort necessary in emptying the Chester Pool of gravel and stones brought down from Charles Brook.

The Gareys, Carl and Helen, of Montour Falls, New York "managed and hosted" during the 1964-65 seasons with Maud Haskins beginning her warm hospitality as

Assistant Hostess. During these years, plumbing and electric systems were revamped extensively to meet today's requirements. Mrs. George Woodley as Chairman, (a second generation committee member, her father having been on the 1919 C.R.C. committee) got the Carroll County Forester, Arthur Dodge, to survey, cruise and recommend and advise on management which might open up the campground to more sunlight, permit second growth to get started and yet not ruin the campground as a living area. The only step economically feasible seemed to be to harvest nearly 50% of the matured trees (some were on the down grade). With much deliberation and some vigorous dissent the committee voted to proceed with select cutting supervised by the N. E. Forestry Foundation. Trees to be cut were marked by the County Forester, working with staff and by their expert from the N. E. F. Foundation. The cutting was done in midwinter (1965) following which there was an unparalleled melt and a dearth of snowfall, making cleanup and burning of slash a tedious process which continued until camp opening. The cutting did warm and dry camp a lot and undergrowth began picking up immediately.

Patronage during 1964 and 1965 was good, averaging about 58 of 69 beds for guests in Camp. In 1964, eighteen states and Canadian provinces were represented in patronage.

During these years the Soil Conservation Service announced their recommendation flood control on the Cold River-Old Saco water sheds. Several meetings were held - one at Camp, to discuss especially a plan to locate a large dam at the Cold River Camp pool site. When it became evident this would involve moving some cabins and messing up about one-third of the campsite on the eastern end of Camp, protests were firm enough to convince authorities a site several hundred feet upstream might be less disturbing even though it left Charles Brook uncontrolled. The overall project will include six dams and some stream work, and will actually get underway this summer of 1969, starting with a dam in the Basin area and working down to a dam above Camp on Cold River in 1970-71, by present plan.

Bob and Marion Fancy became Manager and Hostess in 1966 with Roger Damon, Jr. assuming chairmanship of the Committee. Bob had just become used to comments on tree cutting when in January 1968 the north wind blew one below zero night. It was a storm in which neighbors lost barn roofs and many trees. About half the select trees at Cold River came up with two to three feet of frozen earth attached to their roots. Four buildings were hit, but all except the garage could be repaired. The electric wiring at the Recreation Hall and service buildings had to be replaced. The N. E. Forestry Foundation again supervised a contract for salvage and cleanup, and by camp time in 1968, views not seen for forty years were clear. It was a miracle more buildings were not damaged. Pictures in this report will indicate some views now still obscure which were enjoyed by first campers. Various people feel quite differently about steps taken and the outcome of forestry at Camp. Cold River Camp still serves a happy throng of guests, however.

Bob and Marion also had "fireworks" in midsummer 1966, when a large pine near the Library, the dining hall porch of the Lodge, and assorted electrical equipment received an overdose of electricity from a lusty lightning bolt. Malcolm Masters was in Camp and helped make temporary adjustments to maintain camping while repairs and new equipment were secured. The Fancy's are trying an August-Camp-type of do-it-yourself trail lunchmaking, which is popular. New fronts on four of the ravine cabins make it unnecessary to stoop while entering and provide more light in cool weather.

A word about crews is in order. Scores of young men (and a few young women) have served on crews. We cannot list them all. Tipping of crews has always been a source of discussion at Cold River. First it was "No, then "Yes", then part of the "regular charge", then "No" again. The crew now gets days off much like the A.M.C. hut men, and although being a crew member is no way to get rich in money, friendships and experience are considered mighty valuable. Legends and yarns about crew and their antics are legion.

Rising costs and fewer donations in recent years, together with needs for expanded capital outlays have necessitated added attention to fiscal matters. Depreciation funds are required as part of present day budgets.

Rates at Camp have climbed from the original \$18.00 per week per person in a double cabin to \$69.00 plus 5% overhead (A.M.C.) plus 5% N. H. State Tax, making a total of \$75.90 in 1969. The low rate extended until 1941. It was \$20.00 from 1944 to 1947, when it jumped to \$24.00, then \$27.00 in 1948-49, to \$36.50 in 1959, to \$40.00 in 1960, to \$47.00 in 1962, and then to \$59.00 plus 10% in 1968. Campers still find it a genuine bargain, all things considered.

Traditions are strong at Cold River Camp - a quiet, childproof Library retreat, 7 a.m. Fishhorn awakening, a cheery bell ringing as guests depart, "shooting the chutes" especially in high water, mirror flashing of progress on Baldface to campers below, Sunday beginning with devotion and ending with a hymn-sing, quiet by 10 p.m., fruitcake and cheese for trail lunches.

Other traditional features have "silently stolen away" like the Tea House, the Court House, chemical toilets, the bearskin, the half sandwich.

It is still considered nobody's particular business what romances are dreamed or occupations escaped at Cold River. How did you find the raspberries and blueberries this year?

Several of our campers have expressed in poems and written narrative their adventures and inspirations at Cold River. These are in the library at Camp. We can mention or quote from but a few of them.

Frank Mason in 1938 wrote his deep feelings of the "Dear Valley" for the season's printed announcement. There is a whimsical poem by Harry Grigor, who at the 50th anniversary in '69 had passed his century mark. The poem focuses on "The Girl Who Rang the Bell".

In his "Seventy-five Mountain Stories," Rev. Wolcott Cutler, better known as the Dominie, observed, urged, foresaw the best uses and values of his beloved hills and the treasured friends he met here. We quote from a few in the volume at Camp:

Oct. - 1938 - "Not all of us know what it is to enjoy a vacation of even a week with pay. Very few indeed have ever experienced the whole month in the country that your rector enjoys.

Oct. - Nov. - "To live by oneself too much is an abnormality and a danger
1953 ... As we climb together, play together, work on trails
together and suffer the minor inconveniences of forest
life together, we are drawn out of ourselves by the strong
bond of a warm and meaningful fellowship."

"One reason for the success of camp life society is that each time one returns he finds that roughly half the campers are tried and former friends, and roughly half are stimulating new acquaintances."

Nov. - 1954 - "We walk, we run, we play games, we paddle, we dance, we pick berries, we sit still, or we nap, but it is all part of a life both active and relaxing."

"... there is the virtue of patience: At home we are pretty sure to find at the appointed time what we are looking for. Not so in the woods... Only once have we seen a moose, only a few times a fox, never a racoon."

Feb. - Mar. - 1955 "We devoted a day of our vacation this summer (1954) to watching the cutting of Government-marked trees on the slopes of the Baldfaces... terrific efficiency... with the process as a whole we feel unable to quarrel. The best that we know how to do... is to persuade the authorities to establish before it is too late a special wilderness area, completely protected... in each section of our country... The criticisms we would advance are... we fail to see why it is necessary to cut down the large trees close beside our few forest trails. Why cannot a modicum of territory be allowed to look like Nature intended that it should? In the second place, we object even more strenuously to the Federal practice of letting the tree tops lie wherever they fall, whether or not our forest trails are completely blocked thereby."

Both the Dominie (in 1940) and Mrs. Henry Brask in Appalachia 1952 (Vol. 34) preserved the tale of the Cold River Bear -- how Evelyn Jenkins sewed and pinned Kay Hubbard (as completely different dimensions permitted) into a bearskin which traditionally decorated the Lodge after its demise on Baldface, and spent several warm hours waiting for camp adventurers to return from a sunset and moonlight trip on the Circle trail, well illustrating both the spirit of adventure among some campers and the imagination and patience among others. The Bearskin had in later years outlived its second usefulness. The Tale lives on -- as do the spirits of adventure and imagination.

Those of us who have shared in Arnold Lahee's bush whacking and ledge climbing to secure just a little better angle for him to paint his marvelous views on the Royces have double appreciation of these views and his paintings.

How fine have been the adventures by canoe, exploring the coves and windings of Conway Lake or the Saco with leaders like George Outerbridge or Mal Masters!

A warm but mountain-showery day on Blueberry Mountain is memorable as hikers led by Roger Damon enjoyed rain-tempered soup or tea amid the abundance of sweet blueberries.

How all of us would have grown during a mild, star-studded night and clear sunrise on Little Deer, such as five campers experienced in 1945 (p. 352 of "Seventy-five Mountain Stories"). "Our preference," wrote Dominie in 1946, "was

for sleeping out where the stars could be seen from the time of their rising until they set... Sounds there were too, ringing clearly out of the deep silence of the night... Dawn was a joyous occasion in which all living things seemed to be singing to their Maker... One of the great charms of an open-air vacation is that the expected almost never happens."

PRAYER FOR A MOUNTAIN ROAD

O God, who hast raised up every towering crag and lofty mountain pass, bless the daring labours of those who have prepared a highway through the wilderness and made the rough places plain.

Restrain us when we hasten heedless past the many marks of Thy power. Check our impetuous personal or partisan pride. Open our clouded eyes to Thy prevailing presence on every hand.

So may all who pass this way, be they rich or poor, white or black, native or foreign-born, feel an equal welcome to enjoy the glories of Thy creation, respecting continually the rights of others, and in time of difficulty, sharing the best of their resources with the least of their fellow men.

Grant above all that our mountain playgrounds and their pulsing thoroughfares may never be violated by the damnable desecration of war. Thus may each new and more beautiful highway contribute to the rest and renewal, to the comradeship and sympathy, to the social idealism and spiritual adventure of all who lift up their eyes unto the hills.

We ask this in the name of Him whose classroom was the open road, whose pulpit was the mountainside, whose place of prayer knew no roof but the sheltering trees, whose first and final victories were won under the over-arching sky, man's Friend and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

From - "Seventy-five Mountain Stories"
Rev. Wolcott Cutler (1937) "The Dominie"

Cold River Camp Committee Members)

(Underlined are Chairmen in years indicated)

Theodore S. Conant ('19-'33)

Mabel C. Chester
Frank S. Mason
William T. May
Minnie C. Noyes
Mrs. W. J. Bicknell
Adelaide M. Meserve

E. Willard Gardiner ('39-'41)

Mrs. Herbert Saul
Lawrence E. Haskins
George H. Ames
Adrienne Smith
Ronald L. Gower
Harold F. Price

Joseph Soliday ('34-'38)

Lewis A. Brigham

Earl W. Taylor ('42-'45)

Mrs. W. E. Leonard (Jane)
(now Mrs. W. E. Edmands)

Nelson Gay ('46)

Theodore Gray
Dwight W. Robb

M. Philbrick Bridgess ('47)

G. Clifford Hicks
Mary E. Shepard

Amy S. Damon ('48-'54)
(now Mrs. Felix Stapleton)

Evelyn Jenkins
Herbert F. Preble
Florence Staebner
Dr. John H. Bonney
Everett W. Goss
Carleton D. Morse
David Hummel

John H. Fullerton ('55-'59)

Paul L. Goodrich
Theodore Nixon

Mrs. G. F. Woodley, 3rd ('63-'65)

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James L. Marston

Mrs. Garrison Householder ('60-'62)

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Roger H. Damon, Jr. ('66-'67)

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Mrs. D. G. Allen
Mrs. R. W. MacAllester, Jr.
Mrs. Bradley E. Copeland
Bernard E. Lawson
George F. Woodley, 3rd
Walter F. Sharp
Mrs. Walter F. Sharp
Theodore B. Barrett

Dr. Edmund W. Hardy ('68-'69)

Lathrop B. Merrick
Mrs. L. B. Merrick
Thomas B. Merrick
Anne Howard
Mrs. Edmund W. Hardy
Patricia J. Whittemore
Garrison Householder

Managers

Frank S. Mason	- 1919-1938
M. Philbrick Bridgess	- 1939-42, 1946-52
Milton E. MacGregor	- 1943-1945
Paul F. Pearson	- 1953
Walter F. Sharp	- 1954-1963
Carl B. Garey	- 1964-1965
Robert H. Fancy	- 1966-

Hostesses - Assistant Hostesses - Registrars

Miss Helen Lincoln	Mrs. Allyn Stillman
Mrs. Harold T. Dougherty	Mrs. Milton MacGregor
Miss Mary L. Bryant	Mrs. M. Philbrick Bridgess
Miss Elizabeth Erickson	Mrs. Paul F. Pearson
Miss Miriam Bond	Miss Edith F. Cotton
Miss Mazie E. Hodge	Mrs. Walter F. Sharp
Miss Mattie L. Beattie	Miss Mary Ault
Mrs. W. E. Leonard	Mrs. Lawrence E. Haskins
Miss M. Gertrude Gould	Mrs. Carl B. Garey
Mrs. Rufus E. Underhill	Mrs. Robert H. Fancy

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Millard and Mrs. Chandler, Miss Edith Cotton, Phil Bridgess, Mrs. Maud Haskins, Milton MacGregor, Walter O'Kane, Dr. George Outerbridge, Walter Sharp, Miss Elisabeth Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodley, II, and a dozen or more 1969 Cold River Reunion folk.

Office folk at Joy Street and Pinkham Notch Camp helped make early Bulletins and material available. Lib Woodley's timeless gathering of letters and pictures was of major support. Typing and correspondence were made possible by many hours of work by Mrs. Helen Garey and Nancy Garey Miller.

We find as we look into records of the past half century many are incomplete or missing. For example, a list of early camp crew members is not available, and records of gifts to camp are incomplete. This may not be of major importance, yet it is good to be able to recollect all the many folk who have put major effort into the development of camp. Omissions may be noted and we welcome corrections or additions.

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The West Section of Hurricane Mt. Road

Early interest in a road from Kearsarge to Chatham resulted in solicitations of funds, teams and labor. Informal meetings were held in the North Conway area.

On August 13, 1897, Mr. J. Fred Barnes by printed announcement called a formal meeting of subscribers and others interested for 4 p.m. at "The Bellevue" in Intervale. Attending this meeting according to minutes kept by W. Eliot Fette who was elected secretary of Subscribers for a Hurricane Mountain Road were Reverend Dr. Worcester elected chairman, William W. Wyman, treasurer, and Herbert S. Nudgett, J. F. Barnes, H. H. Dow, Alfred Eastman and Dr. W. B. Parker as members of a Construction Committee. Also attending were Mrs. James Schouler, Fred I. Pratt, Mr. Drown, Mr. Blanchard, J. L. Binford. This meeting also directed the Construction Committee to "sound out to what point Chatham people will build" and estimate cost on the west side to "Heath's Opening."

August 26, 1897, Kearsarge -- Chatham Carriage road subscribers met at 5:50. Committee report was followed by vote that "when road is built it shall be done by the day under a competent sup't; the labor subscribed being availed of by him." There was discussion on possible delay to avoid overwinter damage but voted "any postponement objectionable." The Construction Committee met that evening. Dr. Parker was authorized "to engage Mr. Israel Davis of N. Conway for \$2.00 per day together with his two horses and cart and a man at \$3.50 (additional) per day." They also asked "Mr. F. B. Osgood of N. Conway to draw up, gratuitously (in lieu of the contribution which it was understood he was willing to make toward the construction of the road) a proper form to be signed by abutters upon said road, etc."

On August 27th Israel Davis agreed to be Sup't. for \$3.00 per day, not \$2.00. He was hired.

September 2nd some 200 people and 40 vehicles met at Heath's Clearing at 2:30 p.m. Here the road was officially named the "Hurricane Mt. Road." Many from Chatham were present including a committee recently chosen. The hat was passed and \$40.38 collected to boost the Chatham slope work. The day was perfect with fine views. Chatham planned to start their work the following Monday.

On September 22, 1897, the Hurricane Mt. Road Committee (Conway) met at 8:15. They advised widening dangerous places in the road using unexpended funds. Also some water bars were needed. Alonzo Smith and Albert Eastman were "employed" to locate the Chatham end of the road. They donated their summer for the work, however. It was voted to replace 70 feet of Rev. Dr. Worcester's rope and tackle used up in the service of the road. To this date \$402. had been received, \$333.20 paid, \$199. unpaid pledges. Sec. Fette was asked to communicate with these delinquents which he did on the 24th by visit and letter. Some paid, some delayed.

On June 11, 1898, a Committee meeting voted to repair winter damage and build a proper turning place at Heath's Clearing, the work to be pushed "as fast and as far as funds on hand will permit." Parker, Barnes and Wyman named as a special committee to speed work.

(The above is extracted from original minutes of subscribers kept by Secretary Fette, in possession of the Conway Historical Society.)

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