

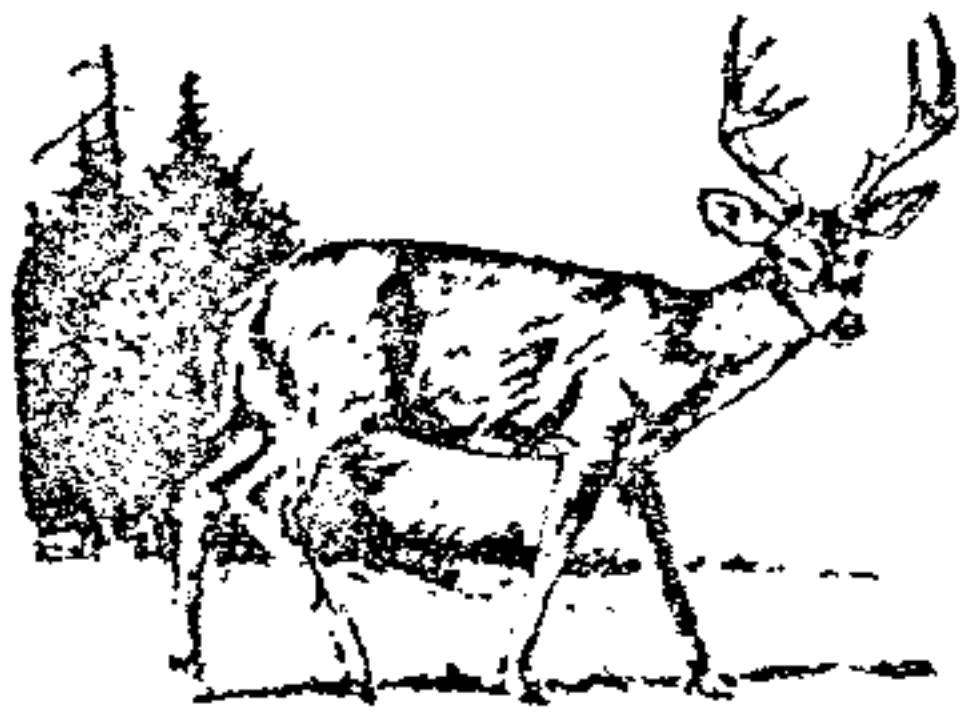
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JOHN MUIR CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB

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CHAIRMAN'S STUMP



John Muir, in his youth, lived on his father's farm and then attended the University of Wisconsin. His love for the outdoors was boundless.

He was honored in 1892 by being elected the first president of the newly formed Sierra Club, a position he held for 22 years. Now the Sierra Club has granted its youngest chapter, in Wisconsin, the honor of naming itself, "John Muir Chapter." This name will provide a source of inspiration to those who will carry on the purposes of the Sierra Club.

This is the first edition of our new publication. Through it we should promote the chapter purposes as expressed in the by-laws. These are to help people explore, enjoy and protect the Nation's parks, wilderness, forest and wildlife; to rescue places that made America beautiful and to educate its members and others in the knowledge and proper appreciation of our natural resources.

There is a challenge for each of us.
Watch us grow.

Wm O. Zell

EDITOR'S CORNER

Late in August I hiked at Isle Royale and was thrilled with this tract of wilderness. Returning to Milwaukee by train of an early morning, I peered down the dark, misty side street and was struck by the unfavorable contrast.

At this time we should rededicate ourselves to the preservation for future generations of the Kettle Moraine Areas, the Wolf Rivers and the Black Rivers. Others salute us:

"My congratulations to the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sierra Club and its new quarterly scheduled to appear beginning November, 1963. Wisconsin is full of scenic wonders and hiking wonders.

Good luck and best wishes from one of your fans."

Hon. William O. Douglas

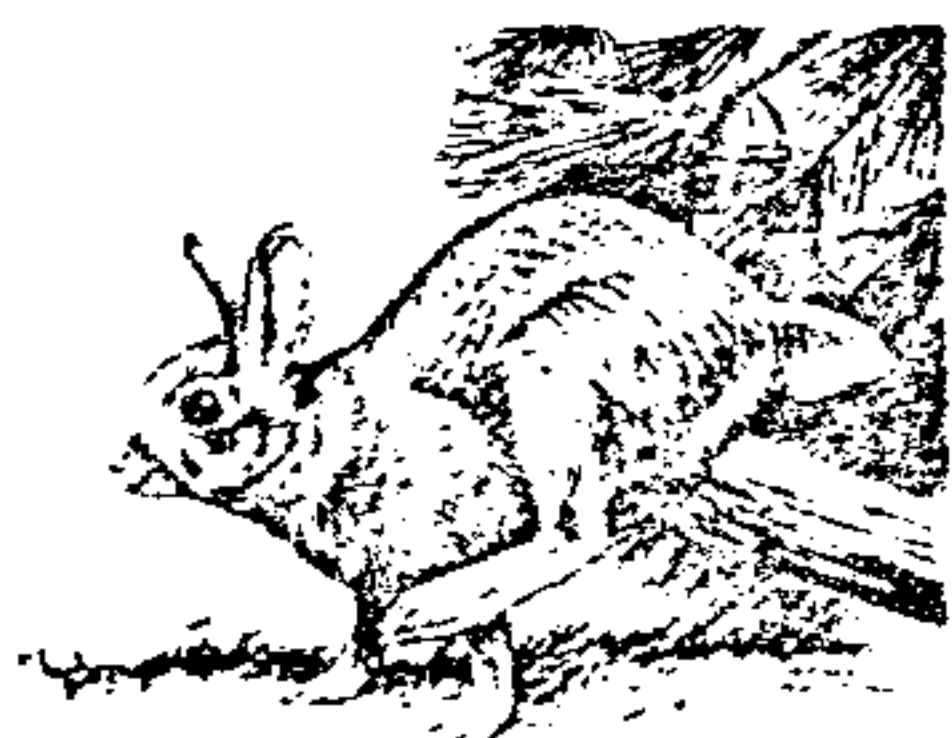
"I am delighted to salute the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sierra Club. I am particularly happy that the Wisconsin Chapter is named after John Muir, that great son of the middle border who went out from Wisconsin to found our national park system."

Hon. Henry S. Reuss

"Your chapter of the Sierra Club is most aptly named after a University of Wisconsin man who appreciated unspoiled nature."

Hon. Gaylord Nelson

CHIPS AND TWIGS



Members of the John Muir Chapter ranged from the Rockies to Alaska to New England this summer in their exploration of the wilderness.

Father Bragg holds the honor for scaling the highest mountain, Long's Peak in Colorado (14,256 feet by the Stettner's Ledges Route). Rich Gordon ascended the Chapter's most northerly mountain, a 7,000 foot peak in Chilkat Pass, north of which stretches the St. Elias Range. The Grand Teton in Wyoming was the most populated peak. Norm O'Neill climbed it first in July and was followed in August by Bernie Palm and Gary Werner. These two also ascended Middle Teton (12,798 feet) via the east face, as well as testing their skills, first in the Black Hills on Mystery Spire and then on the highest needle, Spire Four.

Gary Werner was also west in July with his family. At that time Doc and Gary climbed White Rock (11,300 feet) and Lone Eagle (11,800 feet) in the Wind River Area. In the Tetons Pattie joined them to climb Disappointment Peak (11,616 feet). Pat and Jimmie Werner's biggest expedition was the 14 mile round trip the family made to Lake Solitude, a trip completed in six hours.

On his first real trip of exploration in the West, Jim Zimmerman covered southern Idaho, Wyoming, northern Colorado and the Wasatch mountains of Utah, where he drove to 12,000 feet on Bountiful and Timpanogos Mountains. He enjoyed the big game in Wyoming and learned a lot about the woody plants of the ranges and deserts.

Our other naturalist, Rich Gordon, spent the summer with a University of Wisconsin study group on Kodiak Island off the southern coast of Alaska.

Norm O'Neill and Joe Mills explored 113 miles of the St. Croix River. They had to combat low water conditions while heavily laden with gear. Farther afield, Emerson Campbell canoed 100 miles in the Quetico with AYH group.

Gretchen Seikel visited Acadia National Park in Maine and had a short pack trip in the Adirondacks in New York.

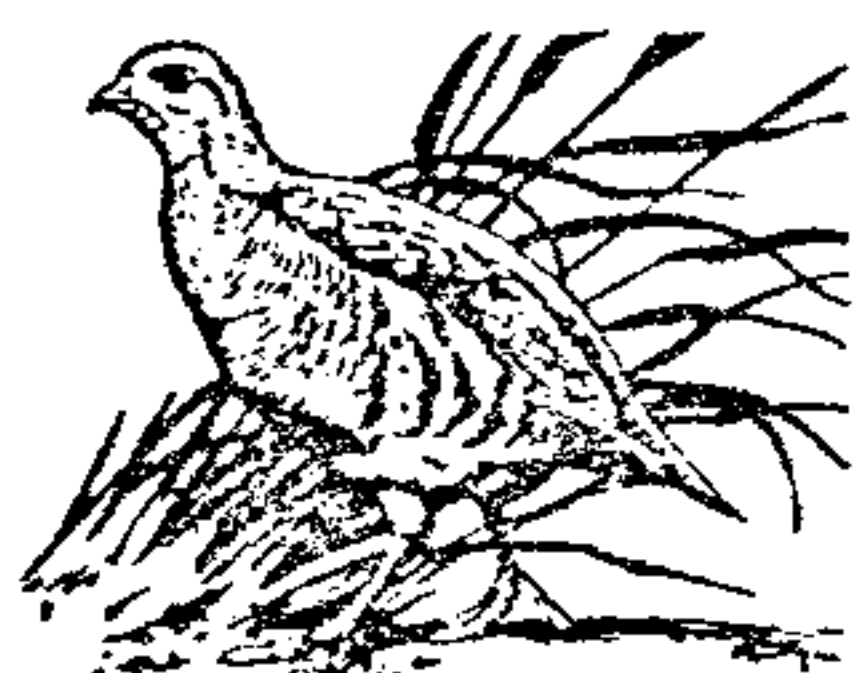
All members found themselves in fine condition for their exploits, proving that the wilderness Wisconsin has to offer is a good training ground for even bigger things.

Richard Swenson spent the better part of a week in Isle Royale National Forest, hiking and camping. This Island in Lake Superior is 45 miles long and fairly densely populated with animals though not so with people. Last season there were only 5,000 visitors.

We would like to establish this column as a regular feature of our publication. With this in mind, we would ask you to send your news notes to:

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CONSERVATION



The Conservation Committee has engaged in widely varying activities since the general meeting last November.

On December 12 your chairman met with Jim Mallien of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation and Roman Koenings and Walter Scott of the Conservation Department. We learned that, while the Department does plan to expand the system of trails in Wisconsin, it views the 500 mile concept as impractical. Mr. Koenings announced that George Knudsen is serving in the newly created post of Park Naturalist and would take charge of trails and canoe route planning and developing beginning with the first of the new year. This was heartening to us.

On March 8 the committee met with Naturalist Knudsen and suggested that he take a look at the Wisconsin-Fox River Canoe Trail, if time would permit. We were assured that he would.

Rich Gordon and Doc Werner represented the Chapter at a hearing in Madison on two bills specifying that no dams were to be constructed on the Wolf River. The committee also urged by letter the approval of the bills. Ultimately, the governor signed a bill blocking the construction of the proposed Pearson Dam.

Slim Roethle and Joe Mills participated in a tour of the Flambeau River State Forest to look into cutting practices in the so-called Big Chunk. They were told that a quarter mile strip on each bank of the river was being left in an absolutely natural condition.

Roadsides were to be similarly preserved. They saw no reason to oppose the cutting.

The Committee learned that a Federal study team would review the scenic values of a limited number in the U.S. The Wolf River was brought to the attention of the proper authorities and, not only that river, but the St. Croix and Namekagon are to be included. From this germ of an idea, the committee, with the advice and documentary assistance of Walter Scott, has decided to seek legislation to preserve the remaining white water streams in the state. The Conservation Committee will have more to say on this subject in a future issue.

The following members serve on the Conservation Committee with specific assignments because of their special interest in the areas listed:

Rich Gordon
Menominee Indian Forest
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Black River State Forest
John Zillmer
Ice Age Natural Reserve

Joe Mills

WEEKENDS AFIELD



November 9-10

Rock Climbing -
Devils Lake.

This will be a good opportunity to break in on some winter climbing. If enough beginners turn out,

there will be instruction in the fundamentals of rock climbing. To highlight the outing the leaders are planning a rescue demonstration.

RENDESVOUS: Gather at 10:00 AM at the old pavilion in the South Camp Ground.

LEADERS: Bernie Palm - Norm O'Neill

November 17 - Hiking

S. Kettle Moraine Forest.

Come out for a last good hike before the snow flies. We will try the Emma Carlin Trail before lunch and explore another, trailless, part of the nearby forest after lunch.

RENDESVOUS: Gather at 10:30 AM at the intersection of highways H and 59 1-1/2 miles east of Palmyra.

LEADER: Gretchen Seikel.

December 1 - General Meeting

December 7-8

Rock Climbing -- Devils Lake

Those who climbed in November as a warm up for winter climbing will want to join in on this one. The type of climbing and degree of difficulty will depend on the weather, condition of the rock and the experience of the climbers. Those who do not wish to climb may hike.

RENDESVOUS: Gather at 10:00 AM at the old pavilion in the South Camp Ground.

LEADER: Bernie Palm.

December 14-15 Official Scouting

December 21-22 Official Scouting

December 28-29 Official Scouting

January 4-5 - Skiing - Cascade Ski Area.

The leaders will provide instructions to beginners. If you plan to attend, please notify the leaders. They are trying to obtain a special rate and, to do so, must know the approximate size of their group.

ACCOMODATIONS: Hotel and motel rooms are available in Portage.

RENDESVOUS: Gather at the ski area at 9:00 AM Saturday. It is at the intersection of highways 190 and 33.

LEADERS: Guy Daniels - Gretchen Seikel.

January 11-12 Official Scouting

January 18-19 Campout - N. Kettle Moraine Forest.

We will engage in skiing and snowshoe touring. Details will be supplied later.

January 25-26 Official Scouting

February 1-2 Snowshoeing

Necedah Wildlife Refuge

This will be our first scheduled trip into this remote refuge, abounding in wildlife. A naturalist will accompany us to answer our questions. We will probably divide into small groups so as to better observe the wildlife and to suit differences in traveling ability. ACCOMODATIONS: You may stay in housekeeping cabins of the Sunrise Motel on highway 80 south of Necedah.

Prices range from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per person (double beds), with cabins for 2 to 5. Reservations are not necessary. You may camp in the Central Wisconsin Conservation Area.

RENDESVOUS: Gather at the motel by 11:00 AM Saturday so that we may arrange accomodations efficiently, cook lunch and be ready to leave on our tours at 12:00.
 LEADERS: Gretchen Seikel - R. Gordon

February 8-9 Rock Climbing -
 Devils Lake

This may be the last chance to do some good winter climbing. The type of climbing will depend on the condition of the rock, and the experience of the climbers. Those who do not wish to climb may hike.

RENDESVOUS: Gather at 10:00 at the old pavilion in the South Camp Ground
 LEADER: Bernie Palm

February 15-16 Skiing - Porcupine
 Mountains State Park

This park is located on Lake Superior's scenic south shore. It has an excellent variety of slopes for expert and novice. Michigan's highest point, Government Peak, is located within the park. The area is located 14 miles from White Pine, Michigan. More details will be supplied later.

ACCOMODATIONS: You may stay at the park for as low as \$2.00 per night. Contact the leader for information about reservations.

LEADERS: Guy Daniels - G. Seikel

February 22-23 Official Scouting

February 29 Snowshoeing - Black
 River Forest

This trip will be a repetition of last year's enjoyable expedition. It has been scheduled for later in the month to allow for a greater accumulation of snow.

ACCOMODATIONS: You may camp in the forest, stay in the shelter house at Castle Mound Campground on highway 12 or find lodgings nearby at the Falls Motel for a reasonable rate.

(\$2.50 for 4 in a room to \$4.00 for twin beds.)

RENDESVOUS: Gather between 11:00 & 12:00 AM at Pigeon Creek Campground, 2 miles north of Millston on highway 12.

HANDY SCHEDULE
 (Clip Out)

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 Black River Forest

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