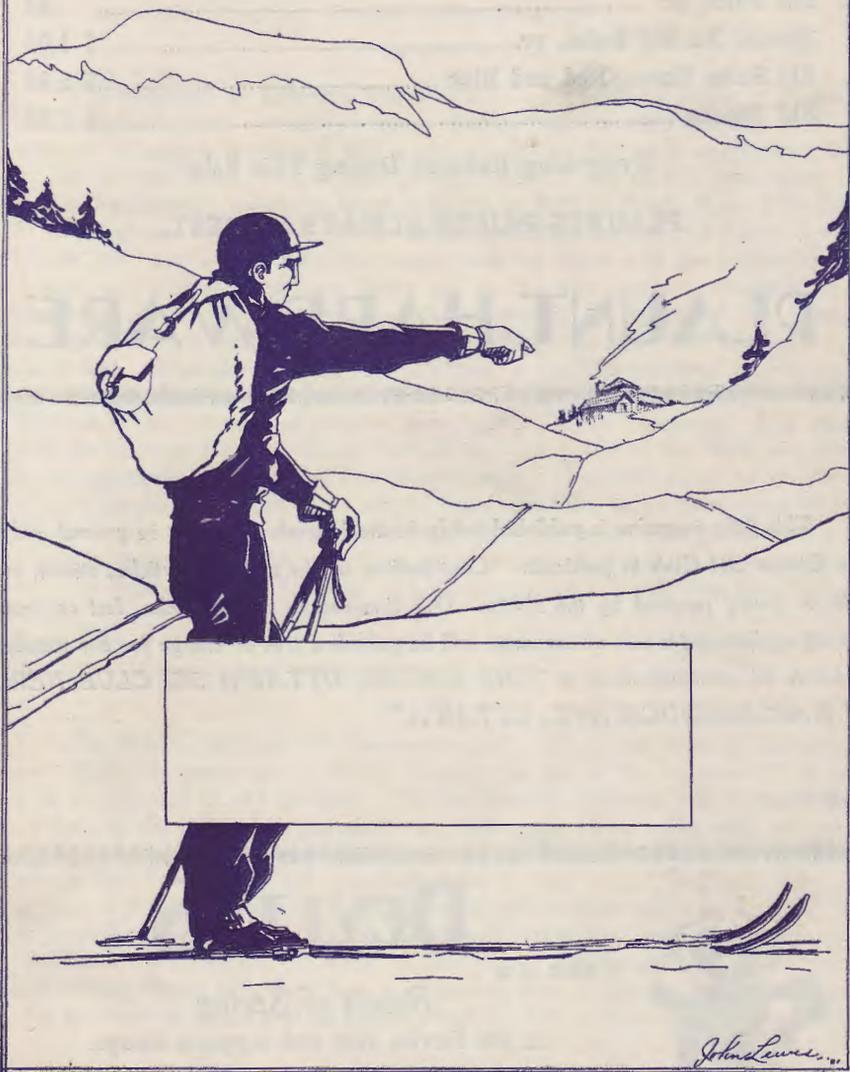


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Snow conditions are now excellent and becoming more so every day. Snow has been falling at the rate of about two inches a day since the end of January, and as there was a good crusty foundation to start with, all trails, hills and coulees are in splendid shape. We are six weeks late, but the winter will extend that much longer into the spring, so what is the difference?

The week-end of February 6th & 7th . . . The great Army of Skiers that had been held up by the lack of transportation facilities since the first of the year resumed its march northward this week-end, by all the trails available. All the heights around Camp Fortune were occupied after a stiff up hill fight, after which strong detachments, swooping down in waves by way of Bonny Brae, (the Descent of the Highland) Traveller's, Little Switzerland, the Canyon, the Lane, the Great Divide, and converging upon the Camp, took the knoll and the Lodge by storm. A great many of the attacking forces fell on the way however, so many in fact, that after all the snow clinging to various parts of the bodies of the fallen had been shaken off in front of the lodge, the height of the knoll was raised by a good many feet. After this brilliant "fait d'armes" a small detachment numbering fifty or so, under the command of General Marshall, swiftly proceeded towards the Western Lodge, which was also occupied without much resistance. It is reported that the distance between Camp Fortune and Our Lady of the West was covered in the incredibly short time of forty-five minutes! Then the Army set to the work of packing down the snow over all the trails and hills, so as to increase its power of resistance to the sun and wind, and this task was accomplished in a very thorough manner. In the meantime, other waves of attacking troops surging up the high road from Old Chelsea to Kingsmere closed down upon the Pink Lake Lodge, by way of the Mica Mine Trail, while the Dome Hill Lodge, the last stronghold of the Ottawa Ski Club, also fell early in the day before a multitude of invaders. It was a great week-end!

The Fees! We are still uncompromising, still of the opinion that any one who allows his name to stay on the membership list at the beginning of a season is in duty bound to pay his fees. The fact that his skis may still be covered with cobwebs in the cellar does not make any difference. This being said, we are very glad to admit that the great majority of our members do not require any dunning to pay their fees. They are splendidly loyal to their club. We doubt very much, in fact, if there is a sportive organization anywhere that has as much real "esprit de corps" as the Ottawa Ski Club. Although, up to the beginning of this month, conditions were perhaps the worst in fifty years, they have come across, and are still coming across with their fees, and there is even a hope now that our membership may almost equal that of previous years. We are indeed very thankful!

Lost—Between Old Chelsea and Pink Lake, a black Kodak No. 120-A, with roll of films inside. Phone Q. 6400, Local 368.—The sum of twelve dollars, in bills, was lost at Pine Hill, on Saturday. Finder please phone Q. 7712 (W. R. Russell).

See announcement on page 9 about new Gatineau Bus Service.

The Mica Mine Trail, which traverses that pleasantly undulating country, rolling southward over a seven-mile stretch, from the sunny heights of Kingsmere to the end of the steel in the lowlands of Wrightville, has seen your Editor no less than three times in as many week-ends lately, mainly because a slight disability, incurred on his own icy door-steps, made him choose the easier way, in preference to the arduous climbs of Camp Fortune. That passing infirmity, which we regretted at the time, proved to be a blessing in disguise. Never perhaps had we come down the Mica Mine trail leisurely; it was always fairly late in the afternoon when we used to strike it after shooting George's or the Highland and our only thought was to get there as quickly as possible. But how much more pleasant it is to make a whole day of it, enjoying the endless succession of sunny clearings with their broad vistas opening on the Ottawa River, the long smooth slopes—not so tame after dozens have been over them—the well sheltered wood trails, and the stop for lunch in that marvelous Pink Lake Lodge, so spotlessly clean, so comfortable and always flooded in sunshine. One of the greatest pleasures we had, however, was the meeting of many old friends no longer seen at Camp Fortune and who were supposed to have quit ski-ing. They were all there, at peace with the world and happy.

The direction of the trail has been changed lately just before coming to Pink Lake, in deference to the wish of a bush lot owner who desired the skiers to keep away from his bush road until he had been over it with his teams, but it is to be hoped the original trail will soon be restored as it included one or two more hills than the present one.

A bit of a climb, did you say, from Old Chelsea to Kingsmere, for those who have not got a car? A bit, but the road is good and the climbing gradual; it is over in half an hour, and what is half an hour in a day's journey? The Canyon trail is there if you want to take it as far as Excelsior, and from there you can switch through the fields towards Kingsmere.

To all those who are looking for a gentle trail, who want to avoid that tired feeling resulting from many falls over steep hills, or that empty purse after paying for two bus trips, we would say: "Try the Mica Mine Trail."

That withering glance.—Will you help us in getting our fees in? Whenever you see any one on the trail parading under an old faded badge, just look at his badge, intently, as long as you can—which may not be very long because those people generally pass quickly. Their conscience bothers them you know. They are not trying to be sociable or make friends. If they have not got a badge at all, give them a long searching look, from head to foot, then look squarely into their eyes. Any one who has been under such close scrutiny for a whole day will rush into McGiffin's to get a badge, unless he is a very hard-boiled specimen.

The Dinner-Dance of February 6th at the Chaudiere Golf Club was a great success, and we are requested, by the President of the Ladies' Committee, to say that another one, just as good, will be held on **Saturday, February 20th**. Don't forget, because, when you do, Mabel gets after our scalp. She says our instructions were not clear. The Chaudiere Club house will be open to receive you any time after 4 p.m. and you can get there any old way—we suggest that you ski from Wrightville. If you get lost, it won't be for long.

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PEEPS INTO PEPYS' DIARY

February Seventh, 1932,—(Shrove Sunday). In the morning up very betimes and no one else stirring, did make shift to break my fast unaided with a nest or two of coddled eggs. And so away to take the diligence from the Market Place. From Chelsy, a-ski-ing by road in a brave sunshine, did mount the ridge and make the circuit of Little Switzerland, the way being fast and thrilling. Arriving at the lodge was invited to share a sunny table with three ladys and was mighty pleased to accept, not only for their good company but because I do find it perfectly that so long as I keep myself in good company at meals and do there eat lustily (which I cannot do alone, having no love to eating, but my mind runs upon my business) I am as well as can be but when I come to be alone I do not eat in time, nor enough, nor with any good heart and suffer thereby.

To us here came The Marshall, Dick Guy, Jim Lesslie, H. Wetmore and Counsellor McHugh with regrets at having missed me this morning in Towne, they having called at my door with two petrol coaches but, after I had left. And I am sorry too for they are good company.

Dined from a stew of ling and herrings, a haunch of venison boiled, a hot pie made of a swan, good ribbs of beefe roasted, with sundry lesser plates and ending with mince pies—a neat dinner indeed, though but of seven dishes. Invited to join the ladys on a trip around the Highland. I accepted with pleasure albeit a little of misgiving for near me at dinner a brisk young fellow did sing this doggerell,—

“If you’ve got a good man
You better keep him at home,
For a red-headed girl
Won’t leave a good man alone.”

A silly enough thing but ominous under the circumstances although my wife is far from being a jealous woman, but it came to naught for not only was I left severely alone but was practically ignored by the only member of the party whose hair could be described as of such a colour.

Found the Highland almost too fast for my skill and not well enough upholstered for my style of ski-ing. Had a heavy fall on the Fling, due to my pole hoop catching a snagge. Was impressed in mind with the folly of strapping the pole to my wrist going downhill and impressed in body by a large clasp knife that I unwisely carried in a deep hip pocket in my breeches. I had better carried my hare’s foote which I forgot.

Home very betimes and of an ill humor with my bruise together with being hungry which always makes me peevish. But after a generous jolt of Jamaica with hot honey and lemon and a good stewing in a hot tubbe, a little child could have played with me. Dined well and to writing in my journal and decided to change the name of this extract from it in order to settle the arguments that I still hear as to the correct saying of my name. I see by last week’s entries that the weather dealt harshly with Dr. Chase’s forecasts. For next week he calls milder with snow flurries but I note that on Candlemas Day the bear saw no shadow, it being cloudy with snow and as he has gone back for another six weeks winter weather I had liefer trust the bear than the learned Doctor. Then I to a light supper and to bed.

THE WESTERN TRAIL

Sunday, February 7th, I woke up somewhat the worse for wear because of the Dinner-Dance the previous night. All weariness left me, however, when I went out into the sunshine and frosty air of a perfect winter day. January may have gone back on us, but February is running true to form.

At Kingsmere seven old timers stepped into their skis, grasped their poles and set out for a day of revels in the vast whiteness which now so abundantly and satisfactorily clothes the lurking stone and stub. The exhilarating air quickened the system like a rare wine. Every sense responded to the need of the moment. Brain, eye and muscle were attuned to meeting and overcoming the obstacles which nature and Old Man Joe have thrown in the way of the skiers' progress to Camp Fortune, the Mecca of the club's faithful. In a short time we were flying down the Canyon, and as we gained the camp, unanimously agreed that we had not had nearly enough of it. In fact, we had by no means earned our rations.

"Let's try that new Western Trail," said one. "We should also settle that question of whether it can be covered in less than an hour," said another. With a "whoopie" we are off again.

We find that the New Western is even better than we had been informed. Two hundred yards up Travellers we turn to the right and go westward with but occasional slight deviations. Old Man Joe must have had a surveying party out with him when he laid that trail or else he had a sixth sense for direction. Alternate slides and climbs bring us out just above Keogan's clearing when we encounter gentle climbing to the edge of the Gulch and are rewarded by a long easy slide. More ups and downs and we arrive at Summit Junction where one may take the left trail and go to Summit Lookout or straight on the shorter way. We choose the latter and get another long slide to the valley beneath the Summit. From there a gently rolling trail passes through beautiful woodland country straight to the Western Junction. We cross the ridge road and after travelling a couple of hundred yards have a swift slide which brings us to the very door of the lodge where we all attempt to Christiana or Telemark with varying degrees of success. Our watches show that two of our seven made the trip in forty-five minutes and all arrived in less than fifty-five.

This trail is the answer to those who wanted the shortest way to the Western Lodge, and incidentally it is one of the easiest trails to negotiate in our whole system. While providing good slides it has no "hair-raisers." It also has the advantage of North and West exposure; consequently there is more snow. Earlier in the season snow was abundant there when the slopes between Camp Fortune and Kingsmere were but scantily clad.

Seated at the tables on the west side of the lodge, sunshine pouring in upon us through the numerous large windows, we saw a vast panorama of the Ottawa Valley many hundreds of feet beneath us. The day being clear we could see for miles across the Ottawa River itself. Even this entrancing view could not keep us long from the meal which we now felt was fully earned. As usual, our good caretaker, Ormond, had everything in readiness, and in a short space of time we were refuelling against the homeward journey. Between bites we managed to debate the relative merits of "Russian" and Ordinary Tea. There were strong contenders for Russian Tea, on the ground that being mixed with lemon instead of milk it was a better thirst quencher while still retaining its stimulating properties.

On the homeward trek we found the Steeple Chase needing some underbrushing, the Merry-go-round in good condition and the Highland bad in spots. The Fling is risky in its present condition and requires considerable clearing.

A perfect day. We feel as if in this single trip we had had the worth of our season's fee. The poet who said "Oh, what is so rare as a day in June" obviously had never experienced what winter can do for us in the Gatineau Hills in February.

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To the President of the Ottawa Ski Club.

Dear Mr. President,—

Three members of your executive having been charged with certain duties in connection with the dinner-dance at the Chaudiere Golf Club on Saturday, February 6th, herewith report on the same, and leave you to judge whether or not the aforesaid duties were satisfactorily performed.

A recently created social and athletic club of a certain government Department having members who wished to be initiated into the noble art of skiing, asked that those of their members who wished to do so might join in the hike to the Chaudiere and the subsequent dinner-dance. This request was granted and at the appointed time three of your directors were in readiness to act as protectors, instructors and guides. Their enthusiasm was stunned but not completely subdued when they discovered that the party consisted of seven young ladies and only one young man. Bright sunshine, a good trail, and the keenness of the beginners were conducive to a very pleasant trip to the Chaudiere, which was slightly marred by the fact that four of the party got off the trail and arrived at the club an hour or more after the others.

Having got so far successfully, the new skiers tackled the hills with enthusiasm, and I regret to report that within the next ten minutes the young man had broken a ski and one of the young ladies had managed to cut her face beneath the eye. The latter was patched up and, though somewhat affecting her beauty, did not appear to incommode her for the dance.

The next calamity arose from the fact that one of the three directors, thinking discretion was the better part of valor, decided to go home to his wife and family, thus leaving only two to handle later developments.

After a very fine dinner prepared by our hosts at the Chaudiere, the orchestra began to tune up and the three men of the party girded themselves to see that seven young ladies had a good time. Then fortune smiled upon us. Another director appeared on the scene with a gentleman friend and one lady between them. This changed the odds from three versus seven to five versus eight. Unfortunately the gentleman friend had been dancing the previous night and only felt equal to every second dance. The ladies themselves co-operated bravely, dancing together themselves when no male partner was available.

Despite the handicaps the dance was a great success. The music and floor were excellent and the ball-room quite attractive. Music from the orchestra was heard in full volume owing to the fact that socks were worn instead of shoes. Everybody obviously enjoyed themselves thoroughly and midnight came with astonishing swiftness. Our party declared unanimously that they had had a splendid time and asked when there would be another dance. Your directors did not commit themselves since two of those concerned were, and are up to the present, married men. In view of the fact that our efforts to perform our duty might be misconstrued, we would suggest that every effort be made to have people come in couples or that unmarried directors be detailed to look after unaccompanied ladies.

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The Canadian Ski Annual—A copy of "Canadian Ski-ing," the official publication of the Canadian Ski Association, is enclosed with this issue. This magazine used to be sold, but arrangements have been made to have it distributed free of charge to our members this year. In addition to the reports of the activities of the various ski clubs affiliated with the Association, a number of highly interesting and instructive articles on ski-ing will be found in this magazine, which does great credit to the Editor, our old friend C. A. Snowdon, President of the Canadian Ski Association.

Guests at the Dome Hill Lodge, the Western Lodge and the Pink Lake Lodge on week-ends will be charged the sum of one dollar, which amount will be deducted from their fees if they join later. Guests, properly introduced will be admitted free at the Dome Hill Lodge (Ironside). **The same guest may not be admitted more than once at each lodge.** The fee charged by the Club is so small that it is felt that the guests who want to come back should join.

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Tid-Bits.—Some one had a fess over one of the trails of the Toronto Ski Club, and the Committee appointed to investigate found by careful measurements, that the right ski track on one part of the hill was actually 1½ inches lower than the left ski track, probably on account of some unevenness in the surface of the ground. No one, of course, could be expected to stand under such conditions. The skier spoiled the crease of his trousers and the club is being sued. Let this be a warning to trail makers!—A very young and foolish young man bet \$10 that he would be up at Camp Fortune every week-end this winter and never take a bus or car, going or coming. He now asks us to advertise for a substitute, offering fifty-fifty. Nothing doing, Bruce, you will have to carry out your contract.

The Southam Challenge cup has again changed hands, passing from Ottawa University to Glebe Collegiate after a fierce fight in which eleven teams representing seven institutions of learning (Glebe, Lisgar, Technical School, Nepean High School, St. Patrick's College, Ottawa University) took part. The winning Glebe Team included Lorne MacDougall, P. Lochnan, K. Mickleborough and H. Kihl. The fastest individual time was made by L. MacDougall, of Glebe No. 1 (56 min. 05 sec.), who had a lead of 31 seconds over R. Lewis of Lisgar Collegiate, while P. Lochnan, of Glebe No. 1 was third. This is the first time the Southam Cup has ever been won by a Glebe Team.

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A good map.—Those of our members who pay their fees at the Ottawa Ski Club Office at McGiffin's, will now have an opportunity of purchasing a new and splendid map of the Ottawa-Gatineau District, one mile to an inch, issued by the Topographical Service, showing all the various ski trails and lodges. Paper, 25c; linen backed and folder, 50c. Ask our Assistant-Secretary there.

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Who to write to in the Ottawa Ski Club.—All fees should be paid to the Ottawa Ski Club Office, McGiffin's, Sparke St., Ottawa.—New applications for membership should be addressed to Miss Mildred Ashfield, Membership Secretary, 150 Third Ave., City.—Communications regarding general management, bills, etc., to Herbert Marshall, Secretary, Ottawa Ski Club, 217 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Communications regarding the Ottawa Ski Club News to "The Editor, Ottawa Ski Club News," 37 Malborough Ave., Ottawa.—For all matters in connection with competitions, racing or jumping, Louis Grimes, 550 Gilmour St., Ottawa.

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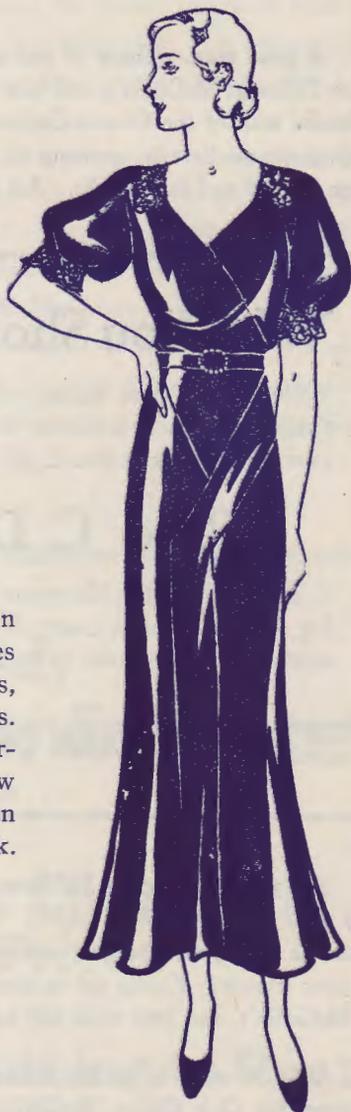
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