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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 10	Rum River Cruise, Al Wisniak, leader, 521-5029
Oct. 21	Annual Meeting – Election results, pro racing films, Hopkins High School Little Theater, Highway 7 one block west of County Rd. 18.
Oct. 24	Chummy Cruise on Red Cedar River (for details, see article in Cruising Capers)
Oct. 28	Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Pam Foster residence.
Nov. 6	Annual Banquet, 7 p.m., House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Avenue, St. Paul (See article inside for exciting new details.)
Nov. 15	Storyteller's Contest deadline (see article)
Nov. 18 - 21	Builderama – 4-day Canoe Building Show, inside Har Mar Mall, County Road B and Snelling, St. Paul (help needed – see notice inside)
Dec. 12	Christmas Square Dance (tentative)

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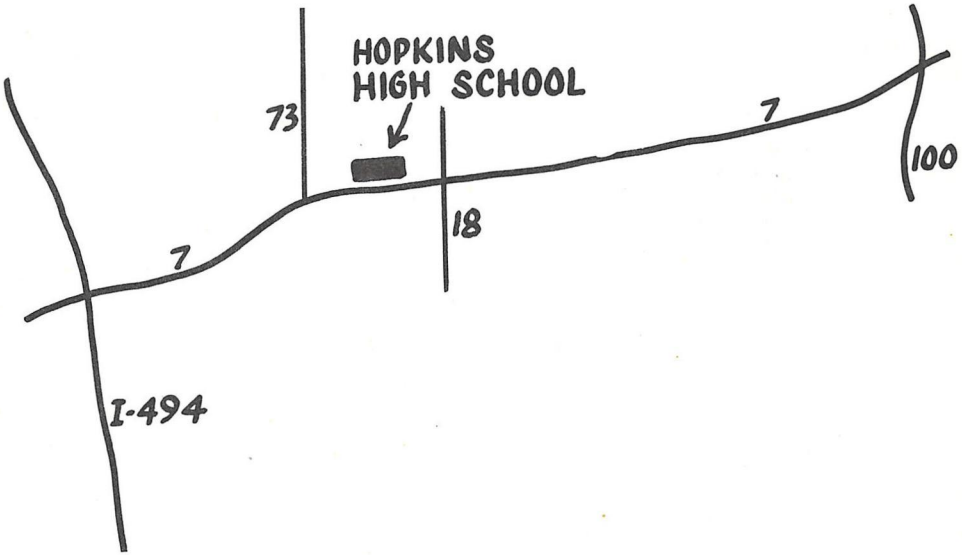
Election Results and Pro Race Films to Highlight October 21 Meeting

ACTIVITIES MEETING

Each month the Minnesota Canoe Association holds a public meeting on a topic of interest to all canoeists

Topic: Annual Meeting
Date: October 21, 1970, 7:30 p.m.
Place: Hopkins High School Little Theater, 1001 Highway 7 (1 block west of County Road 18, on the north side of the highway.

Films of the 1970 pro canoe races held in Quebec are going to be shown at the annual meeting October 21. The films should be both entertaining and educational. The racers will narrate the movies and answer your questions. After seeing this program, you may decide to spend your vacation in Quebec taking in one of these events in person; 150,000 other people do each year. The number of American spectators who go up each year is growing rapidly.



Volunteers Needed For Builderama

Builders and those who understand building canoes are needed to volunteer assistance during the Builderama at Har Mar Mall. It will be a four-day canoe building show so we need to start scheduling participants now. Call Jeff Howe, 331-3154. It was highly successful last year, and we are doing it again this year, November 18-21, at the request of Har Mar Mall Management.

Please Read This!

Several years before the MCA was incorporated, dues were $10 per year, and the Club was exclusively pro racers. When the decision to open the membership to recreational canoeists was made, the dues were reduced to $5. Over the years new benefits were offered to the members. Canoe plans, building instructions, decals, patches, building materials, bigger and better meetings and an ever growing monthly magazine. To entice the young people, we have junior membership at $3. We offer associate membership for the sum of $2.50.

It now costs in the vicinity of $4 per person per year to produce and mail HUT! Printing costs and material costs have gone up. HUT! circulation has increased, but not nearly enough to make up the rise in production costs. Our meetings have been drawing many more people, which means we have to pay more for places with sufficient capacity. The little miscellaneous expenses are not so little any more: a bus for the Lockwatennial cruise, postage, influential publicity, etc. The post office is probably going to raise its rates, which means a great deal when one is handling thousands of items to be mailed.

The leadership of this club has traditionally been very stubborn on money matters. Like the cost of a 5¢ candy bar, it is the principle that counts. The $5 MCA dues is a small monument to war on inflation.

What do you think about your organization? We haven't heard from you. The old American way is "bigger and better". Are we going in the right direction? Do you want a large, involved (conservation and other canoe-related legislation) organization that is constantly trying to promote the best for canoeing, or should we back off and try to regain some of that small club charm that we have sacrificed?

Write us a letter, add a note to your ballot--or, better yet, come to the annual meeting this month and let us know how you think it ought to be. Canoe registration is being kicked around; your opinion would give the board something to go on if the MCA has anything to say about it.

The way the bylaws currently read, we would have to have all of the regular members vote in favor of raising dues now or else wait another whole year until our next annual meeting. The amendment which you will be voting on this year make setting the dues a board function. I think that is the way it should be. Reality points to the fact that we can no longer afford $2.50 associate memberships when it costs $4 for HUT!. However, the dues for regular and junior members will not be raised unless the final analysis of this year's expenses or some other major expense warrants it.

If you think that the dues should not be increased in any event, the alternative is to cut back on spending (i.e., reduce the size and quality of HUT!). Work is being done on a supplement for "How to Build a Canoe," including how to build a mold and how to build a molded canoe, and additions and clarifications on woodstrip canoe building. We might not be able to afford to have it printed. Let's hear what you think. Come to the annual meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., at Hopkins Senior High School. The future is in your hands.

JEFF HOWE

FROM THE EDITOR

This will be the last article under this heading from departing editor, Ed Chute. Occasionally he will be contributing articles to HUT! under a new heading — maybe something like "Chutes and Eddies"?

From time to time I have seen some venturesome person experimenting with a sail rig on his canoe. I have noticed that some rigs are even manufactured for a standard canoe.

I would strongly encourage you to experiment with one of these. You will find that considerable speed can be obtained. Thirty-eight miles per hour is about the maximum speed for these sail rigged canoes. Imagine yourself at the end of the biggest lake in Quetico. It's a good day for traveling, the wind is at thirty miles per hour from the side. You should be able to cover twenty or thirty miles in the first hour. One hundred by noon.

To the uninitiated this sounds like madness. You may have recollections of wallowing around in your 17-footer trying to hold a limp tarp up into the wind. What madman has a canoe that goes thirty miles an hour?

Well, that madman lived during the 1800's, and he sailed around in his canoes on Lake Minnetonka until he perfected the idea to a point where it was no longer a sail canoe by name. It was a sloop, a sailboat of canoe design. Shaped from the original canoe construction, internal retractible keels or sideboards as they were to be called were added. The stern was squared and a rudder installed. In the hundred years since, the sloops still reign as the fastest sailboat. Yes, it was here in the midwest from our own canoes that the fastest sailboats on earth have evolved. The biggest and fastest is the "A" boat. It is a thirty-eight foot long boat and usually handled by five or six men. They have a widest point of about 8-1/2 feet.

A smaller class boat is the 28-foot "E" boat. It has a main sail, a jib, and two spinackers which can be flown downwind. One of these boats, built by a professional now costs about $3400 without sails. Very few are sold as pleasure boats. They are built to race on inland waters. Specifications are very strict with regard to boat and crew weight, boat size and sail area. Still the design is constantly improving. New sail materials, an aluminum mast, and lighter rigging have made even three-year old boats somewhat obsolete.

Like canoes these boats capsize easily. As a matter of fact in a strong wind no small amount of skill is needed to return intact. No outstanding skipper has less than ten years experience. Their finely tuned boats are kept out of the water between races. Sails must be carefully folded when they have dried.

When I see a sloop being launched it is fun to think the man on the bow, paddling his demasted hull toward a mooring, will in a short time harness the wind to do his paddling for him and to make his canoe the fastest sailboat on water.



Annual Banquet To Feature Speaker Who Survived Raft Trip



Reprinted from the Minneapolis Star, September 24, 1970

Dennis Halvorson says he has had a trip to satisfy him for a lifetime. It's easy to understand this when you hear this tale.

Halvorson is a free-lance artist. (You may recall having seen his picture in the Minneapolis Star, September 24, listing him as the artist creating a free-form play sculpture for the new town of Jonathan.) He had an art exhibition in Bogota, Colombia, this past winter. It was there he met an Australian journalist and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Porter, and it was then they formulated the idea of a raft trip down the Napo River into the Amazon basin.

It took them two months to build the raft, and when they were through it weighed a ton. It was composed of two dugout canoes with a thatched-roof house mounted on top. They hitch-hiked to the Andes Mountains and brought in supplies. Border problems detained them for quite some time. The rafting party begged access--it was to be a "photographic expedition".

Finally, they found themselves on the Napo, which flows east from the Andes through Ecuadorian and northern Peruvian jungle to the Amazon basin. They contrived to steer with various oars and a paddle, but at times even these were not enough. Life hung by a thread more than once.

At the banquet we can hear his tale and see slides of the two-month trip. Neil Christian, folklore singer, will present a short concert accompanied by his rare instrument, a harp-guitar. The Minnesota pro racers will raffle off a canoe at the banquet to raise money to support some of their local races. The plan is to get the money to the various sponsors of these races early this fall to facilitate better race planning for next year. Your support will be very much appreciated. In addition we can all have a satisfying roast beef dinner--all for $2.50 per person. We expect a capacity crowd, so we must have reservations by October 31. Call or send them to John or Wilma Kassakian, Banquet Chairmen, 922-9268 or 4953 Russell Avenue South, Minneapolis 55410. The banquet will be held at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Avenue, St. Paul at 7 p.m. The building has several entrances, so note the map to avoid confusion.

NOTE: If you haven't noticed by now, this is a changed in program for the banquet--in the last issue an amateur talent show was announced.

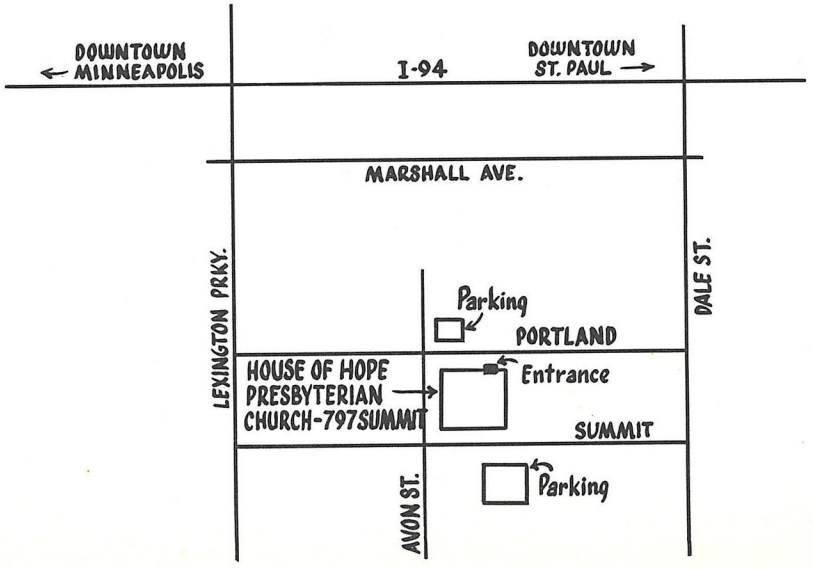
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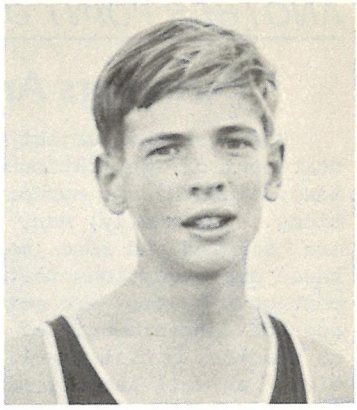
Hunters Are Conservationists, Too

Whenever the subject of conservation comes up, an often-heard statement or implication is that hunters and fishermen are wanton killers, bloodthirsty murderers and the cause of depleted game populations. Admittedly, many hunters kill more game than they can use or are allowed and some may actually enjoy seeing an animal die, but these are exceptions that give all hunters a black eye. A high percentage of hunters are more interested in the challenge of the chase and the companionship of their fellow hunters. An important fact to remember is that practically all habitat improvement and restoration, as well as most conservation measures that benefit game, are financed by license fees and donations by sportsmen. Membership of such organizations as Ducks Unlimited are composed almost entirely of hunters. No one has a bigger stake in the conservation of game. They financed and led the fight for conservation long before the present general awareness of our ecological danger. Minnesota's 1970 deer season is a good example. If you took a poll of everyone who hunted deer in Minnesota last year, I'm sure you'd find a high majority would be in favor of closing the season entirely for a year or two in preference to the money-motivated season planned for 1970.

One of nature's prettiest sights is an alert doe swiveling her ears to warn her of potential danger to her and her young. Perhaps the most pathetic is the emaciated bodies of these same fawns just before they succumb to disease or starvation. Everyone - sportsmen, canoeists, tourists and residents - should unite in support of sound conservation practices so that we may derive the most possible benefit from nature, but let's not crucify hunters. They finance and implement most of the measures designed to aid our game animals.

Larry Johns





Ed Chute Goes From Hut! To Yale

Few people realize that Ed Chute was a high school senior when he took over the editorship of HUT!. He loved canoeing, and he thought he could contribute something in print. He did. We think a great deal.

Even less MCA members realize how talented this young man is, how vibrantly active in so many areas. Since this is a canoeing magazine, let's start with canoeing.

Ed has tripped into the wilderness for several years. The last couple of summers, he guided his own parties into the far northwoods. He is deeply absorbed in observations of wildlife and has carefully thought through the chances a few species have in becoming extinct (see the September issue). He is concerned about conservation of our water resources.

Summers ago he became interested in whitewater paddling, enough to build a kayak and a C-1. He was President of the Blake Whitewater Club in his senior year. He's been a sailor for years. He owns an E boat (ILYA standard), a racing sailboat 28 feet long, requiring a four-man crew, which he has sailed mostly on Lake Minnetonka.

This past year Ed decided to work as an orderly in the Emergency Room at General Hospital. He quickly saw beyond the excitement to the need, and proceeded to successfully recruit other young men to volunteer part-time service. His interest in medicine increased as he worked in the hospital. Now in his freshman year at Yale, he is considering studying medicine.

He had an outstanding record in track (cross-country and the mile) at Blake High School in Hopkins. He also was on the varsity hockey team there, frequently teaming up on defense with Sandy Morrison, outstanding MCA whitewater paddler.

While at Blake he served on the Student Council, and was President of the Senior Class this past year. When he graduated he received both the Yale and the Harvard trophies, which are presented to students who are outstanding in scholarship, athletics and leadership. He was also awarded the 1st National Bank Award which goes to two seniors in each high school (public and private) in the Twin Cities.

He plans to return to Wayzata next summer. If you should see a whirlwind of dust on the horizon come summer, it'll probably be caused by Edmund P. Chute, retiring HUT! editor.

MCA ANNUAL ELECTION

Nominees Make Strong Bids

Members will be receiving ballots soon, if they have not already received them. After reading the following profiles, mark your ballot and mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Saturday, October 27 and received no later than Wednesday, October 21.

Because of a change in hours at his place of employment Bob Haag regretfully announced it was necessary for him to withdraw his name as a candidate for Vice-president.

PRESIDENT

ROBERT HAUG

My first goal as MCA president would be to establish stronger and more efficient committee structures, to involve more people and activities, and to establish clear responsibility areas for each board member. The current HUT! organization is an example of how effective sufficient staff and clear responsibilities serve to lighten individual loads while maintaining or improving total quality and output.

A second goal is improvement of services to canoeing in general and to MCA members specifically. As an open, public, nonprofit corporation, we have a duty to follow our constitutional purpose, to encourage and promote all aspects of canoeing. Specifically, we must discover and provide for the needs of our own members. The paddling clinics of Ian Richards and Denny Withers this year were almost oversubscribed. More training sessions for all types of canoeists need to be conducted. Other training and aids are necessary: our canoe building book encourages more wooden canoes than ever--however, nearly 100 all-fiberglass canoes were built this year. It's time a second book got rolling.

My third explicit goal is to get us involved in canoeing nationally. Our growth has already made us a national organization (25 states and Canada have members) and to boot, second largest in the states (the other is concerned primarily with racing, race sanctioning internationally, and Olympics). Recently we have seen greater awareness of public and national issues affecting canoeing, scenic waterways and our BWCA. Let's make substantial gains in national contacts with conservation, camping and canoeing groups to preserve and better our sport and recreation.

MCA Positions
Whitewater Chairman, 1967-1968
Vice President, 1969
HUT! Business Manager, 1970

BOB O'HARA

Race Chairman, St. Croix Slalom, 1967, 1970
Boat and mold designer
Whitewater Instructor, 1966 thru 1970

BASIC PHILOSOPHY: The President has some very specific responsibilities that he must recognize. Because the MCA is composed of volunteer workers, the success of the club depends upon the Board and President securing these people to mold a total program. The President must be a coordinator. Regardless of his specific interests, all aspects of the

club must become his concern. He is the one member of the nine-man board who must represent the entire club and see that the board is kept informed of all group interests and activities. Yet he is the elected individual who must carry out the wishes of the board.

As the club increases there is a greater pressure upon all officers to maintain past services as well as add new features. We must continue our building program and publications on building. We must continue our racing and whitewater competition and adjust to their growing needs. We must continue our cruises and cater to those whose interest in canoeing is great, but not necessarily all physical. We must continue our social and informal activities. Lastly, we must see that our publications continue to grow in sophistication and professionalism, as they have since their beginning.

An ever-pressing concern is one of making our members aware of the issues that have to be decided in the near future regarding wilderness, river trails, canoe license regulations, etc. I am not advocating militancy, but rather letting our members know that we encourage them to speak out on their particular aspect of canoeing.

As a nominee, I recognize the above characteristics. I would not have accepted the nomination to run if I did not feel that I could meet these demands.

PAST EXPERIENCE IN MCA: A member of over five years, I have been with the club through the incorporation process. I have organized and conducted a number of monthly programs over the past four years. I am a past editor of HUT! as well as contributing articles and photos regularly. I have attended many board meetings over the past years, helped plan schedules, arranged meetings and provided input ideas for club functions. My most basic interests are: river touring, cruising, publications, public relations and canoe trips into the far north of North America. Occupation: Teacher, Golden Valley High School (Biology) and Coach.

Vice President

PAM FOSTER

In the field of Physical Education and Special Education, I am a teacher for Physically Handicapped Children at Lindsay School in St. Paul.

I have been a member of MCA about 5 years, have been on many MCA cruises, and led one on the Flambeau River. I have also participated in and judged whitewater, downriver and slalom races over the past years, including the Blake Indoor Slalom. I was the WSI (Water Safety Instructor) for the Blake Pool Slalom practice during the past several years.

I have attended and participated in many MCA Board Meetings and was appointed to the position of Vice President of MCA in July, 1970, to complete the MCA fiscal year.

Ownership of a kayak, a 19' sailboat and a 40-year-old Old Towne Sailing Canoe, which I partially rebuilt and fiberglassed 10 years ago keeps me busy in my leisure time.

My skills include certification by the American Red Cross as a Water Safety Instructor, First Aid Instructor and a Small Crafts In-

structor in canoeing and sailing. I am also a member of the American Canoe Association and the American Whitewater Affiliation.

I feel it is my concern to help build the MCA, a canoe organization that is seriously interested in preserving our canoeable waterways so that canoeists may always enjoy the solitude and beauty of a quiet stream or the thrill and adventure of the wild river country.

LINDA JONES

I am beginning my second year of teaching at the Afton-Lakeland Elementary School. I have previously held offices in college organizations, including Vice President of Associated Womens Students, which is not a Women's Liberation organization.

I've been active in the MCA for five years. In that time I've gotten much pleasure, a lot of hot dogs, Kool-Aid, a few blisters, new friends, and a tremendous amount of enjoyment. I would like the opportunity to give, in return now, some of my time to the MCA.

Although I've taken a crack at racing, my interests lie mainly with recreational canoeing. For that reason I will always be in favor of as many cruises as can be scheduled during the paddling season.

I would also like to see the MCA more active in the defense and restoration of our clean water and fresh air.

SECRETARY

JEAN THIELEN

I have been active in MCA for a year and a half becoming interested in whitewater canoeing. I have participated in many slalom races and have ended up coming out wet most of the time. Because skiing and canoeing are my favorite outdoor activities, I have been actively involved with Rovers at the University of Minnesota. As for indoor activities I love to sew and am becoming a little bit better than a lousy cook. I have been working as a secretary at the University of Minnesota for four years and feel this experience would be an asset to the organization. Being on the HUT! staff, I realize the importance of the members to know what is taking place and to be involved. Route inquiries from individuals and other organizations to the specific area is a means of better communications. We are a growing organization in order for us to continue to grow there must be more communication between the different interest areas.

TREASURER

MIKE HOPKINS

I am fairly new to both Minnesota and the MCA. My previous experiences include organizing and acting as President of the Alaska Methodist University Alpine Club. I have an accounting degree from the University of Denver and now work as an auditor reviewing 3M's admin-

istrative and accounting operations. My duties have included design of record-keeping systems for the numerous 3M employee's clubs. My plan as Treasurer is to develop the MCA's finance system to assure current, accurate cost and financial information for planning and evaluating MCA activities.

IAN RICHARDS*

The paddling Math Professor from the University of Minnesota, and the incumbent treasurer, is a long-time BWCA cruiser, and was one of the early promoters of whitewater racing in Minnesota. He favors fiscal responsibility and efforts to protect the wilderness canoe country.

* Because Ian had not yet returned from Europe, his profile was prepared by Joe Conrad.

THREE YEAR DIRECTOR

JOE CONRAD

I was President of the MCA for one and one-half years, a long-time cruiser turned racer in recent years. I believe in a large club with as many people involved in as many activities as possible. We must be increasingly active in legislature influence to protect our canoeable waterways. We should raise dues if necessary to maintain the present quality of HUT!, our most expensive item. An initiation fee for new members might be a partial answer to the money squeeze.

JANET ROBIDOUX

I've been a member since 1964, helped develop the current charter, served as secretary, edited and designed HUT! along with sister, Janice, for two years. I served on the cruising committee regularly, lead several trips annually, and initiated Lockwatennial. We build a pink woodstrip canoe in 1965 to be better equipped to edit the MCA canoe building booklet and entered races using the canoe. Development of river trails to augment the BWCA has long interested me. I believe in promoting both the recreational and competitive aspects of canoeing. The MCA must continue its leadership in design of canoes and development of paddling techniques. The role of the MCA as an educator must grow rather than diminish. We must use every tool to communicate an awareness of the dangers to our ecology and natural resources and we must promote and encourage positive action to solve the problems of pollution.

ONE YEAR DIRECTOR

JEFF HOWE

My name is Jeff Howe and I am primarily a canoe racer. I have been in the MCA and in racing for four years. The past year as vice president gave me a chance to get acquainted with the broader picture of canoeing. I feel that the future of the sport of canoeing is tied

to the recreational family canoeist. From their ranks will come the voice of the people in the fight to save our environment. They will be the statistics that cause rivers to be saved for canoeing. I hope that they will furnish a few who find the thrill of racing in their blood. If elected, I will take on some task that needs to be done--like membership or mailing--and help out in other small ways. However, my main goal in the coming year is going to be race promotion and getting myself in shape to compete.

CURT MOMMSEN

My canoeing experiences go back some thirty years at which time I lived in western Wisconsin. I became acquainted with the MCA in about 1962, became a member in '63 and was elected president of the MCA early in '64. I served in this office for nearly two years. At that time the MCA was a different organization from what it is now--small, informal. The monthly newsletter was, typically, one or two mimeographed sheets and our meetings were more on the order of a kaffe klatsch. My major areas of interest are cruising, all facets of the building program, and in writing an occasional article for HUT!

Our membership is now over the thousand mark. Some of the homey, easy-going atmosphere of earlier years has been lost, but the club has gained much in experience, knowledge and direction. Now we have a role, a job to do for this membership. We must help in every area of this sport: in planning trips and activities, in the building program, in HUT! magazine. We also have a very important role to fill in promoting the sport in the best interest of all canoeists--to push decent legislation to protect our lakes and rivers. Here is where our increased membership and our experienced leaders can help all those interested in canoeing.

BETH SIEMON**

Beth Siemon is employed in the Quality Assurance Department of Pillsbury. She is Secretary of the MCA and has performed outstanding service in this capacity. She is an outdoor girl--a camper and a Scout leader, as well as an avid canoeist. She gives conservation first priority.

** Beth has been on vacation, so her profile was prepared by Abner Jones.

DENNY WITHERS

Denny has been a member of the MCA for the past three years. He is currently the Whitewater Race Chairman, a post held for the last two years, and the Whitewater Race Editor for HUT! He has been Chairman of several MCA events: the annual St. Croix Whitewater Slalom and the Kettle River Wildwater Races, as well as the first MCA Whitewater Training Clinic held last month at Taylor's Falls. He is also active in amateur whitewater and flatwater kayak and canoe racing.

If elected, Denny says he will "try to help bring the MCA closer to the members through offering activities and an organization structure that gets the membership more involved in the Club."

Letters To The Editor

Even though I had met Karl L. Ketter only one time at a canoe race, his death came as a shock to me. I had planned to write him a letter this evening and then I read the notice in HUT!

While geography made it impossible for me to get to know him as much as I wished, it was obvious that his work for the MCA and canoeing was noticed even here in Missouri. He was not only easy to communicate with, but he was friendly and helpful when called on from long distance to relay or obtain information.

Canoeing has suffered a real loss.

Al Beletz, Editor
Meramec Canoe Club Journal

Congratulations on the outstanding job you and your staff are doing. The July issue of HUT! is tremendous. I've always enjoyed the magazine and marvel at the way each issue seems to surpass all previous efforts. The use of charts, sketches and photographs is excellent too.

As you may know, the Minnesota paddlers really dominated our Menominee River Canoe Race this year. When Buzz and Steve Peterson finished first in the Pro Division, it helped prove that justice prevails.

Buzz and Steve were headed for first place last year when they overturned about 50 yards from the finish line. This year they beat the fine team of Ralph Sawyer and Stan Hall, so they are 100 percent champs.

Next year our Menominee River Canoe Race will take place on Saturday, July 3. The race is always held on the first Saturday in July to avoid conflict with other races. Perhaps you could publicize the date early so all will be informed.

George S. Robbins, Manager
Marinette Area Chamber of Commerce
Marinette, Wisconsin

Attention

Don't forget to send in the questionnaires that were part of the July HUT!--please. If you do not have one, please call Marion Cordiner, 645-1773.

McGaughey To Present New Series

Terry McGaughey, formerly employed at Hoigaards (in the camping equipment department) and now a manufacturer's representative, will be presenting a new series in HUT! Starting next issue, Mr. McGaughey will inform us of the latest in camping equipment, focusing primarily on canoe camping.



Pro Racing:
Minnesota Teams Return From Quebec

With a little glory, a few memories, and a fair amount of humility, Minnesota's professional canoe racers returned from the Quebec races. There five Minnesota teams competed against the strongest field of Quebec teams in at least a decade. Out of the 250 professional racers in the Quebec Association came the champions of the 1970 International Canoe Classic, even though this year over 20 of the 40 teams were from the United States.

The circuit began with a two-day race at Sorel. Plagued with financial problems, the local business men and paddlers worked overtime to hold the race. Billed as a "tour de bouees", the race suffered from the monotony of a race track type event. The second day was held in the rain, and the spectators and racers appreciated the island looping course in the St. Lawrence River.

Mt. Laurier was the best-attended race as over 40 teams spent two days on the scenic Lieve (Rabbit) River in the Laurentian Mountains. Every team had a sponsor, and a week of rain raised the water level so that the course was as enjoyable as a long-distance professional canoe race can get.

The 37th Annual International Classic de Canots was better than any of the 36 before it. This year the race's usual sponsor withdrew support in favor of an auto race, and, ironically, the auto race ended financially in the red. Rene Bellemare and his assistants of the Club Nautique of Shawinigan received financial support from a government tourist agency. That, with a great deal of work, ensured the most successful Classic ever.



Jack Kolka and John Baker running the 1 mile GRAND MERE portage, the longest in the Classic



Ralph Sawyer's plastic decked canoe

SOREL CANOE RACE
SOREL, QUEBEC
August 27-28, 1970

Place	Contestants	Time
1	Jean Guy Beaumier-Claude Corbin (Quebec)	5.55.53
2	Jack Kolka-John Baker (Mich.)	5.59.52
3	Rosaire Dallaire-Rejean Beaudoin (Quebec)	6.00.53
4	Luc Robillard-Claude Coursol (Quebec)	6.03.39
5	Jeff and Jerry Kellogg (Mich.)	6.04.22
6	Jeff Howe-Karl N. Ketter (Minn.)	6.05.03
7	Steve Peterson-Gary Neddermeyer (Minn.)	6.06.46
8	Raymond Masse-Andre Papillon (Quebec)	6.07.19
9	Marcel Thibeault-J. Pierre Forget (Quebec)	6.12.34
10	Lawrence Peterson-Ken Ketter (Minn.)	6.12.44
11	Alex Legros-Roger Beaulac (Quebec)	6.13.53
12	Gerald Desfosses-Roger Pronovost (Quebec)	6.14.34
13	Robert Angers-David Dufault (Quebec)	6.15.33
14	Richard Charbonneau-Yvon Cloutier (Quebec)	6.16.49
15	Pierre Gil-Jean Louis Gauthier (Quebec)	6.18.45
16	Denis Theberge-Blaise St-Pierre (Quebec)	6.19.06
17	Ronald and Calude Champoux (Quebec)	6.20.00
18	Dan Lyon-Ed Erlendson (Manitoba)	6.24.00
19	Camille Smith-Robert Trelfall (Quebec)	6.30.57
20	Richard Lajoie-Raymond Tremblay (Quebec)	6.36.14
21	Gilles Menard-Francois Leveille (Quebec)	6.32.07
22	Robert-Mireault-Ulysse Brunet (Quebec)	6.36.14
23	Lucien Brascoup-Rejean Desaulniers (Quebec)	6.37.36
24	Jacques Harnois-Yvon Cossette (Quebec)	6.42.20

INTERNATIONAL CANOE CLASSIC
SHAWINIGAN, QUEBEC
September 5-6, 1970

Place	Contestants	Time
1	Claude Corbin-Jean Guy Beaumier (Quebec)	13.50.57
2	Steve Peterson-Gary Neddermeyer (Minn.)	13.58.28
3	Ralph Sawyer-Stan Hall (Mich.)	14.02.11
4	Luc Robillard-Gil Tinkler (Quebec)	14.11.48
5	Rosaire Dallaire-Rejean Beaudoin (Quebec)	14.15.16
6	Andre Papillon-Raymond Masse (Quebec)	14.19.57
7	Jack Kolka-John Baker (Mich.)	14.20.54
8	Jeffrey Howe-Karl N. Ketter (Minn.)	14.21.00
9	Jeff and Jerry Kellogg (Mich.)	14.32.45
10	Larry Peterson-Kenn Ketter (Minn.)	14.32.58
11	Marcel Thibault-Yvon Thibault (Quebec)	14.35.15
12	Blaise St-Pierre-Denis Theberge (Quebec)	14.42.41
13	Jim Lafever-Albert Kempt (New Ycrk)	14.43.15
14	Pierre Gill-Jean Louis Gauthier (Quebec)	14.45.15
15	Ed Erlendson-Dan Lyon (Manitoba)	14.47.51
16	Gerard Defosse-Roger Pronovost (Quebec)	14.48.48
17	Roger Beaulso-Alec Legrow (Quebec)	14.48.59
18	George Baldo-Alfred Shawver (New York)	14.59.04
19	Wayne Hintz-Craig McDougall (Mich.)	15.01.38
20	Bill Auers-Verlen Kruger (Mich.)	15.05.00
21	Kieth Canny-Tom Olson (Minn.)	15.10.29
22	Cecil Lame-Bob Proulx (Mich.)	15.16.46
23	Andre Parenteau-Yvon Lavinge (Quebec)	15.29.25
24	Robert and Rick Ashworth (New York)	15.29.48
25	Ralph Caron-Jean Boudreault (Quebec)	15.45.13
26	Yvon Cossette-Maitland Dober (Quebec)	15.45.36
27	Lucien Brascoup-Michel Trepanier (Quebec)	15.52.26
28	Jean Claude Lemay-Rajean Desaulniers (Quebec)	15.55.01
29	Romeo Lamay-Jacques Harnais (Quebec)	16.11.16

MONT-LAURIER CANOE RACE
MONT-LAURIER, QUEBEC
August 30-31, 1970

Place	Contestants	Total Time (2 laps)
1	J. Guy Beaumier-Claude Corbin	6.39.45
2	Stanley Hall-Ralph Sawyer	6.45.17
3	Jack Kolka-John Baker	6.48.23
4	Rosaire Dallaire-Rejean Beaudoin	6.48.49
5	Gary Neddermeyer-Steve Peterson	6.49.46
6	Papillon-R. Masse	6.54.18
7	Claude Coursol-Luc Robillard	6.54.33
8	Jeff and Jerry Kellogg	6.54.34
9	Jeffrey Howe-Karl N. Ketter	6.55.52
10	M. Thibeault-J. P. Forget	6.56.00
11	Gil Tinkler-F. Leveille	6.56.43
12	Kenn Ketter-Larry Peterson	6.58.57
13	B. St-Pierre-D. Theberge	6.59.28
14	Pierre Gill-L. Gauthier	7.03.07
15	R. Charbonneau-Y. Cloutier	7.04.46
16	Bernard and Yvon Ouellette	7.05.33
17	Ed Erlendson-Can Lyon	7.08.11
18	G. Desfosses-R. Pronovost	7.08.37
19	D. Dufault-R. Angers	7.12.55
20	Camil Smith-F. Jolin	7.13.02
21	Y. Charbonneau-Serge Bonami	7.13.54
22	R. Mireault-Ulysses Brunet	7.17.15
23	G. Clavel-J. Robinette	7.17.37
24	Tom Olson-Keith Canny	7.21.58
25	Alain Legault-M. Cloutier	7.23.25
26	William Ayers-Verlon Kruger	7.24.37
27	Andre and Gaby Dore	7.25.08
28	Ronaldet and Guy Champoux	7.25.23
29	Gilles Menard-Gilles Whear	7.27.29
30	H. Coursol-A. Paquette	7.40.48
31	G. Meilleur-M. Vaillancourt	7.40.56
32	Pierre Page-Michel Sirard	7.42.28
33	G. Giroux-G. Labelle	7.45.27
34	John and Paul Dorval	7.47.51
35	Romeo and Rene Lamy	7.59.01



Canoe 16a— Jeff Howe and Karl N. Ketter
Canoe 20— Pierce Gill and Jean-Louis Gauthier of Quebec

Head and Anderson
--and You--
are Planning the Future

As your MCA reporter, I was struck by several similarities in both candidates. One would tend to believe that we cannot go wrong with either man. Both seem to be very outspoken against the polluter and destroyer of the environment of our state. If they are so much alike, where are the people who have favor pollution? Obviously, everyone who speaks in public life is for quality environment. Therefore, we must look to more specific differences between candidates.

Doug Head has a number of strong things going for him. During his interview the detailed work of several of his position papers became evident. Of special interest to MCA members would be his wild and scenic rivers proposal. He could answer questions easily by reference to these documents. No doubt about it, this man has prepared, with the aid of his staff, comprehensive plans for our state's waters.

There was little doubt that Anderson considered pollution a major problem and that, as governor, he would lead the fight personally against it. Although Anderson's interview produced less detailed information, his forcefulness and concern seemed to back up his idea that the detail work would come later. The emphasis now was on leadership.

In thinking back over my conversations with both men, I am struck by the fact that the voter, in my opinion, has his choice between Head, who seems to be offering specific programs that can be scrutinized now, or Anderson, who feels the problem is one of leadership.

There is another factor. This is election time, a time of rhetoric. Performance is in the future. Somehow, even with the strong plans of both men, I feel that, for real success in saving our streams, rivers and lakes for future paddlers, we must look, not to the candidates, but to ourselves. Promises come easily, but reach fruition only when a concerned electorate continually presses for follow-through of these same promises. Don't look for Head or Anderson to save your river, stream, or lake. Don't look for Head or Anderson to save the land surrounding your favorite canoeing area. Get ready to do it yourself. Express your opinion at the voter's booth--and then stay alert. As both candidates have pointed out, the MCA and other similar organizations must continually work to see that campaign promises are kept after the ballots are counted.

ANDERSON CALLS FOR FULL MOBILIZATION TO COMBATE POLLUTION



State Senator Wendell Anderson, in his interview, with your HUT! reporter, emphasized his concern for environment by enlarging on his position paper, Environment Quality in Minnesota. Using this, he went into detail through questions to show his position and philosophy concerning the overall environment and, specifically, for our MCA reporter the waters of our state. He said first, however, "if we're to do the job, in order to be effective we must have strong, touch federal standards. Otherwise, states will be played off one against the other." He was speaking specifically about large polluters in our state and mentioned U.S. Steel in Duluth, which threatens it might leave and go to other states offering low pollution standards. Anderson says this would not be possible with one strong standard for all states.

Emphasizing, again, pollution of our waters, Anderson spoke of his proposed amendment to the state constitution which "...would allow any individual or any conservation group or any municipality to bring a lawsuit dealing with the environment [that would prevent them from being] thrown out of court as they can be today on...a technicality." He also pointed out that his amendment would place the burden of proof on the polluter. He cited several sources which endorsed this point of view.

He continually stressed strong leadership and a determine total approach to the environment as a means to solve most problems dealing with our state's water resources. He concluded by urging MCA members support any candidate, Democrat or Republican, who is committed to the proposition"...that the great resources of this government should be used to save our environment."



DOUG HEAD EMPHASIZES STATE WILD AND SECENIC RIVERS PROGRAM FOR 1971

In a private interview granted to HUT! reporter, Ham Kurtz, gubernatorial candidate Doug Head spoke on issues of interest to MCA members. Doug Head is the Republican candidate in next month's election. He responded to questions put to him and several times drew attention to position papers he has already released on specific topics.

Speaking about Minnesota rivers Head talked of his position paper which calls for a "...state wild and scenic rivers program by the 1971 session of the Minnesota Legislature." He indicated that this should be a systematic approach providing for compatible use by all public users.

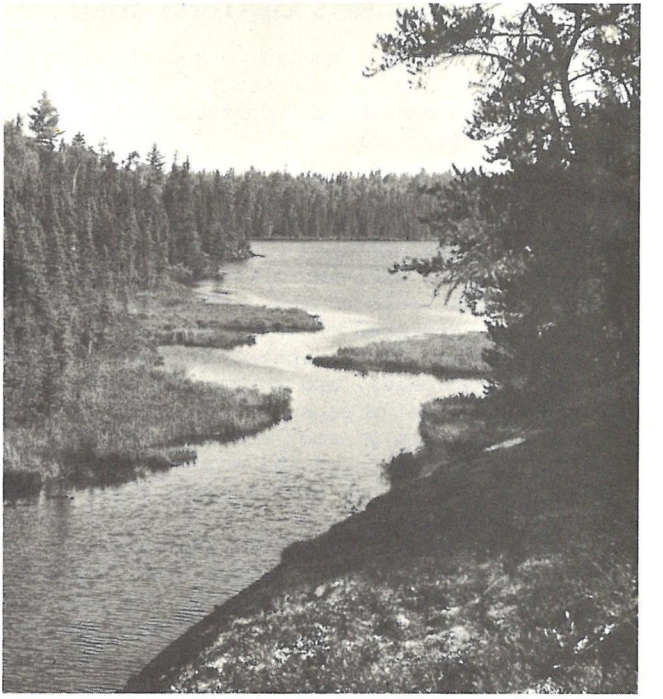
He drew attention to his Clear Lakes Plan pointing out that while it was intended as a guideline for cleaning up Minnesota lakes it could be equally applied to rivers as well. This 20-step plan attacks pollution and calls for enforcement through a stronger Pollution Control Agency. Head feels this particular plan is much more comprehensive than any offered by his political opponents.

About pollution in Minnesota, Head said he favors stronger state and federal legislation and would work to get stricter standards.

Head also mentioned his clean air position paper, pointing out he is proposing a specific set of proposals to attack this problem. The implication is that this would go hand in hand with clean water proposals.

As the interview drew to a close Head emphasized that our membership should show its interest in these specific areas in the following ways: 1) "Be active and meet with local legislators," 2) be prepared to speak as experts in these areas "...before committees at the capital," and 3) that we ought to have information guidelines for our members and "...generally assist in plans designed to protect our... environment."

The BWCA was not emphasized during the interview because Head has made statements earlier this year showing that he does not favor mining in the area and, if he were governor, he would provide leadership to prevent exploitation of it.



Off the beaten track-
Minnesota canoe
country

Ryberg Urges MCAers To Attend BWCA Institute

The Quetico-Superior Foundation is presenting a Boundary Waters Canoe Area Institute in the Community Room at Brookdale Shopping Center (Hwy. 100 near 694) on Friday, October 16, 1970. (Park in the Bear Parking lot.) Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. Registration will be $1, and coffee will be served midmorning and midafternoon. Speakers will be from USDA Forest Service, (Rupp, Wolter, Buchanan, Harn) and the USDA Forest Experiment Station (King, Heinselman, Merriam, Mech, Morgan), and will include Clifford Ahlgren as well as speakers from the Arrowhead region government and commerce, Minnesota Conservation Department, and some representing mining, lumbering and snowmobiling. Speeches will end by 4:30 p.m., followed by written questions and discussion from the audience ending at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to go, write or call Clyde Ryberg, Conference Director, QSF (488-3837 or Chaska, Minnesota 55318), enclosing $1 fee, to help him plan attendance.

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Storyteller's Contest Inspires Inkster

HUT! editors were amazed to hear that one would-be taleteller was half finished with his entry 24 hours after he received last month's HUT! announcing the contest. Such response prods us to repeat the specifications.

Category: either First Person Experience or Fiction. Prize: traveling trophy, with winner's name engraved, and certificates awarded to other winners; winning stories published in HUT! Topic: canoeing or canoe related subjects. Length: approximately 1500-3000 words; length will not influence judges' decisions as to quality (longer stories would be published serially). Date due: postmarked no later than November 15, 1970. Manuscript specifications: preferably typewritten (double-spaced) or clear longhand. Number all story pages (not cover page), and add The End or 30 after last line of story. On a separate sheet of paper (cover page) list title, category, (experience or fiction), name, address, telephone, approximate number of words, number of pages and date (November, 1970); do not include this information on any of the story pages so that the stories may be judged impartially.

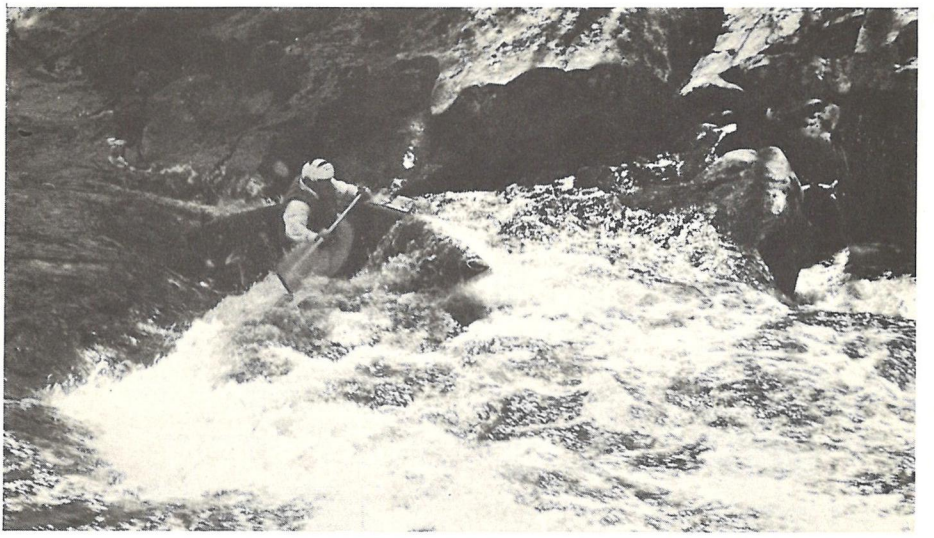
Send manuscript to: HUT! Storyteller's Contest, Jean-Marie Fisher, 924 East Excelsior Avenue East, Hopkins, Minnesota 55343.

Contestants must be members of the MCA. Applicants for new or renewed membership will be considered as contestants if membership fee is sent with manuscript (for details of membership see inside back cover).

Prizewinning Photo Entry To Receive Super Treatment

Starting with the November issue of HUT! (the new fiscal year), we will once again pay $1 (to cover sender's cost) for each photo printed or kept for possible future use. We need to build up a permanent file, so we prefer to keep suitable photos. If a photo must be returned, please specify on photo or on an attached note; please do not send photos which must be returned within 60 days. All submissions must include photographer's name, address, date sent, and explanation of what's taking place including identification of persons in photo, location and date, if pertinent. We suggest: prints 3 x 5 to 5 x 7 for body of magazine, prints 8 x 10 for cover. Each photo printed (except formal "mug" shots) will automatically be considered an entry for Best Photo of the Year. Photographer will receive an enlarged duplicate of his prizewinning entry suitably matted for mounting.

HUT! is also interested in receiving "rough" illustrations or printed illustrations that would be used as ideas for our artists' permanent artwork file. Please send to Larry Johns, 2936 North Simpson, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113.



1970 St. Croix Slalom Reveals Increased Skill

The St. Croix Whitewater Slalom, held October 19-20 at Taylor's Falls, proved that our midwestern paddlers are steadily improving. An experienced eye could detect more stability and more confident, intricate maneuvering. There seemed to be less tipping and scores were better, although some paddlers might point out the lower-than-usual water level as a contributing factor.

The steady traffic of contestants through the course was a monumental occurrence. This smoothness could be attributed in large part to the insistence of Bob Haug, Slalom Chairman, but was probably also influenced by the increasingly professional attitude of the paddlers, the state-of-the-art (more crafts, less waiting-for-shared boat syndrome), lower water level (course cleared sooner), and a just-right amount of contestant.

Two paddlers suffered broken, unusuable paddles during their fierce efforts paddling C-2s. Steve Ransburg snatched the extra paddle attached to his canoe just for such an emergency, but Al Button's boat was not similarly equipped. The estimated 500 or more spectators who came and went over the two days cheered and clapped their enthusiastic support of favorites. The youngest paddler was 9-year-old Peter Mommsen of Minneapolis, and the oldest was 53-year-old Larry Chambers of Independence, Missouri. Lisa Geisler, formerly of Pennsylvania, now of Green Bay, looks very promising. This lithe, personable 16-year-old girl captured first place in K-1W Expert. Sam Powers had the overall most enviable record with the best time of all crafts running the full 23-gate course, (234.7 seconds) and by touching only one of the 46 poles during the run.

Most paddlers made two runs, but only the best run (lowest score) is listed below. Classification W means Women, and M means Mixed (not Men). DNF means paddler(s) Did Not Finish (upset). Penalty points may be figured by subtracting time from total score.

St.Croix Slalom Scores

KAYAK (K-1)

Class: K-1 Expert

Place	Contestant	Time (Sec.)	Total Score
1	Sam Powers (Wis)	234.7	244.7
2	Al Button (Minn)	279.9	319.9
3	Doug Peterson (Minn)	278.4	338.4
4	Ed Klunder (Minn)	319.6	359.6
5	Denny Withers (Minn)	307.5	387.5
6	Steve Ransburg (Wis)	343.2	393.2
7	Eric Olson (Wis)	337.5	397.5
8	Dave Anglin (Wis)	360.5	500.5
9	Les Ferrier (Wis)	334.1	574.1
10	Charlie Steed (Wis)	386.6	606.5
11	Dave Reker (Wis)	330.7	610.7
12	George Steed (Wis)	393.8	613.8
13	Al Stamm (Wis)	458.6	658.6
14	Charles Johnson (Wis)	385.4	695.4
-	Larry Chambers (Mo)	-	DNF

Class: K-1W Expert

1	Lisa Geisler (Wis)	329.9	459.9
2	Debbie Geisler (Wis)	433.9	513.9
3	Lorene Vedder (Wis)	394.4	684.4
4	Bonnie Losick (Wis)	570.4	930.4
5	Judy Westbrook (Wis)	414.4	964.4
6	Judy Benham (Wis)	662.1	1262.1
7	Jean Hamm (Minn)	548.8	1438.8

Class: K-1 Intermediate

1	Bruce Knowles (Minn)	191.3	201.3
2	Craig Mommsen (Minn)	249.3	309.3
3	Dale Mensch (Minn)	243.3	343.3
4	Murray Rice (Minn)	251.9	361.9
5	Sigfried Gesk (Minn)	298.3	368.3
6	Tony Mommsen (Minn)	318.8	768.8
7	Mike Lamb (Minn)*	168.0	978.0
-	Jimmy Gould (Minn)	-	DNF
-	George Jesein (Minn)	-	DNF
-	John Kassakian (Minn)	-	DNF
-	Peter Mommsen (Minn)	-	DNF

* Outward Bound

Class: K-1W Intermediate

1	Mace Lyon (Wis)	296.6	686.6
2	Jean-Marie Fisher (Minn)	657.8	1277.8
3	Marge Livick (Wis)	-	DNF
-	Jean Thielen (Minn)	-	DNF

Class: K-1 Team

1	Button, Peterson, Withers	365.5	635.5
2	Klunder, Olson, Powers	388.4	688.4
3	Anglin, Reker, Stamm	483.1	1523.1
4	Perrier, Losick, Vedder	494.9	1614.9

ONE-MAN CANOE (C-1)

Class: C-1 Expert

Place	Contestant	Time (Sec.)	Total Score
1	Al Button (Minn)	300.2	310.2
2	Sam Powers (Wis)	306.0	366.0
3	Joe Conrad (Minn.)	394.8	474.8
4	Eric Olson (Wis)	384.2	484.2
5	Walt Brummond (Wis)	322.0	492.0
6	Russ Nichols (Wis)	384.6	524.6
7	Steve Ransburg (Wis)	388.0	558.0
8	Bill Fisher (Minn)	370.5	670.5
9	Harold Beecroft (Minn)	471.3	801.3

Class: C-1W Expert

1	Marge Uhalde (Wis)	553.6	893.6
2	Bonnie Losick (Wis)	609.0	1039.0
-	Jean Hamm (Minn)	-	DNF

Class: C-1 Intermediate

1	George Steed (Wis)	307.5	417.5
2	Al Stamm (Wis)	342.6	492.6
3	Murray Rice (Minn)	287.6	517.6
4	Charlie Steed (Wis)	298.9	518.9

Class: C-1 Team

1	Brummond, Nichols, Powers	423.9	863.9
2	Button, Conrad, Olson	406.4	886.4
-	Fisher, Klunder, Ransburg	-	DNF

TWO-MAN CANOE (C-2)

Class: C-2 Expert

Place	Contestants	Time (Sec.)	Total Score
1	Olsen-Ransburg (Wis)	322.2	332.2
2	Brummond-Powers (Wis)	332.8	372.8
3	Button-Haug (Minn)	374.1	484.1
4	Conrad-Klunder (Minn)	358.4	638.4
5	Nichols-Young (Wis)	466.4	666.4
6	Peterson-Withers (Minn)	389.5	699.5
-	Steed-Steed (Wis)	-	DNF

Class: C-2M Expert

1	Button-Hamm (Minn)	395.8	495.8
2	D. Geisler-Ransburg (Wis)	392.7	542.7
3	Losick-Olson (Wis)	459.7	579.7
4	Brummond-Uhalde (Wis)	440.0	757.6
5	Nichols-Vedder (Wis)	377.6	757.6
6	Klunder-Thielen (Minn)	626.3	1086.3
-	Hamm-Losick (Minn-Wis)*	599.8	1149.8
7	Fisher-Fisher (Minn)	498.0	1468.0
-	L. Geisler-Withers (Wis-Minn)	-	DNF
-	Foster-Peterson (Minn)	-	DNF

Class: C-2M Intermediate

1	Stamm-Westbrook (Wis)	329.6	479.6
2	Livick-Steed (Wis)	449.3	589.3
3	Lyon-Young (Wis)	331.3	601.3

Class: C-2M Team

1	Brummond-Uhalde, Losick-Olson, Nichols-Vedder (Wis)	506.8	1446.8
2	Button-Hamm, Fisher-Fisher, Klunder-Thielen (Minn)	692.1	2062.1

* A two-women team (no category) was classified C-2M for score comparison only.



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WHITEWATER RAFTING:
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In 1869, John Wesley Powell journeyed the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. The boats used by this pioneer were perhaps of the same ilk as those of Columbus, especially when one considers the ferocity of the Colorado River compared to the fear and superstitution which surrounded the crossing of the ocean.

But thousands of people have already retraced Powell's Grand Canyon route. If he were alive today, Powell would likely be astounded at today's traveller making "his" trip in modified 35-foot rafts as part of his annual vacation experience. The National Park Service estimates that this year about 11,000 people will complete the 300-mile trip down the Colorado River from Lee's Ferry, Arizona, through the Grand Canyon to Lake Mead. The yawning holes and icy drenchings of rapids like Lava Falls and Unkar Rapid have thrilled thousands of river "tourists". And the beauty of the majestic painted vertical walls of the Grand Canyon will bring additional future thousands to the outfitters' rafts on the Colorado.

Outfitters will also take paying customers down other rough Western rivers -- like the Rogue in Oregon, and the Selway and Middle Fork of the Salmon in Idaho. All these rivers involve a commitment of man to the wilderness for usually several days. On these trips, contact with civilization may mean only a two-way emergency radio and an occasional forest service airplane watching for emergency signals. Food and especially-outfitted rafts are provided by outfitters, as are the experienced boatmen who maneuver the rafts and do the cooking. The trips cost from $75 to $300 per person and last one day to three weeks.

Several MCA paddlers have experienced kayaking and canoeing with raft trips on two of the popular rafted Western rivers--the Middle Fork of the Salmon and the Selway River, both of which originate in and flow through moutainous wilderness areas in Idaho. On each trip, we accompanied a raft trip of Hatch River Expeditions, Inc., a professional raft group headquartered in Vernal, Utah.

This past July we took our most recent trip down the Selway River in Idaho. Ed Klunder and I paddled our kayaks with four other midwestern paddlers, while my wife, Vicki, took in the 65-mile experience from the vantage point of a raft. Four 10-men rafts each carried one raft passenger and the camping duffel which would sustain us during the four-day trip. The four boatsmen manning the rafts all had Grand Canyon experience and displayed superior boating ability.

The Selway River was an unforgetable experience--continually moving water that would erupt at each bend of the river into roaring rapids with waves as tall as Iowa corn, occasional holes like masticating pits and wilderness beauty not yet tainted by the "progress" of man. These things and rapids like the Laddle, Little Niagara, Jim's Creek and Moose Creek all produced an unforgetable whitewater experience for me. And it was made possible by a raft--the kind of experience thousands of other wilderness-seekers have already discovered.

Denny Withers

More Rivers For Canoeing?

One of the original organizers of the MCA, along with Karl Ketter, Clyde Ryberg of Chaska, Minnesota, gave a challenging talk at the September MCA meeting held in Roseville. Mr. Ryberg had gotten involved in canoe racing since he was interested in developing rivers for canoeing. He was instrumental in interesting legislators and raising money to start the job of river exploration in 1962. The eventual results, "Selected Rivers of Minnesota, A Survey of Twenty-four Rivers" were published in 1966. Mr. Ryberg presented a copy of this volume (no longer available) to the MCA.

There are some 40 rivers about which there is very little information. MCA members could perform a big service by: 1) Doing preliminary work of exploration and feeding information to the legislature--at the same time providing evidence of why these rivers should be developed. (The rivers are getting more and more crowded, with fishermen competing with canoeists.) You can experience the sheer joy of exploration and perhaps keep notes on a tape recorder. 2) Helping clean up rivers. The best way to clean up rivers is to put people on them--take a legislator along so he can see first hand! Involve Boy Scouts, or pass information on to them so they can do it. (Scouts are involved in a SOAR project--Save our American Resources; the MCA has the Boy Scouts' project description.) 3) Getting 50 or 60 MCA members to a hearing at a session of the legislature.

Accompany Mr. Ryberg, along with Mrs. Ryberg, was Mr. Milt Krona, Park Planner for the Division of Parks, Department of Conservation. Mr. Krona cited additional needs which MCA people can help with: 1) Getting money for river development; 2) Providing ideas on legislation needed for power boats; 3) Securing local legislation in rural areas; 4) Shoreline zoning as it affects river bank development; 5) Opening up log jams sufficiently for passage of canoeists.

Mr. Krona asked members to report on any activities they were involved in. The whitewater people told of their efforts in the area of safety and in putting up gauges (in cooperation with the parks) to mark water levels.

In the discussion that followed, the need for registering canoes was brought out. This would: 1) Identify the hundreds of canoes found by sheriffs (who wonder if anyone drowned), 2) Give the legislature some information on the number of canoes and canoeists and why more rivers are needed; 3) Provide funds for river development, camp sites, parking areas, maintenance, or for fighting further development if indicated.

Various problems encountered on the river by members were brought up. Mr. Krona urged canoeists to call his office, 221-2531, to report stream conditions. (Al Buchholz will coordinate any information on changes in rivers.) Give concrete facts--time and date--when reporting problems such as being harassed by power boats.

Mr. Ryberg urged that there be more opportunities for members to discuss their ideas and concerns, and reminded everyone that following through on these things was the responsibility of each. He urged that activities be reported in small town newspapers. Anyone or any group interested in exploration or any other project can get guidelines and details from Mr. Krona.

Mary Foster

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FLAMBEAU FROLICS

There were certainly no deer flies present at the recent cruise on the Flambeau River. The weather for several days prior to the cruise was cold and wet. This scared off all but 22 hardy, optimistic canoeists who showed up in Park Falls Saturday noon to find the weather cool but pleasant. Larry Johns, who knows the area well, was helpful in keeping everything going smoothly from start to finish. A friend of his informed him that we would have company Sunday, as this was the day for the annual canoe cruise by the Turtle Riders Snowmobile Club. After putting in on Saturday afternoon, it was but a short trip through some interesting rapids to an overnight camping spot on an island. There was that friendly dash by a few "level-land grabbers" for the best tent site. Everyone won out, as the island has many good sites and remote, spread-out locations. A fire was quickly started and camp set up. As the evening meal was prepared, believe me, you couldn't find one hot dog being roasted. Everyone had their own special gourmet thing cooking and were enjoying every minute of it, topping off the evening with popcorn by the fire. Sunday morning, the Snowmobile Club passed by our camp in everything from duck boats to fishing boats, in the rapids of the river! We followed shortly afterwards. The Flambeau here is in its wild state. The rapids are not particularly hazardous but exciting, and everyone made it through without any serious problems. This river is like most of our rivers in that the banks are dominated by leaf type trees, as most of our part of the country was indiscreetly logged off of all pines and spruce in the early 1900's. Summer cruises on these rivers can never compare to ones in the fall with all the colors, plus the weather is usually brisk, hardy and alive. If you haven't canoed in the fall, you have missed the best time of all. Sunday afternoon, things couldn't have worked out better. Besides enjoying the cruise and the rapids--towards the end we were flagged ashore by the Turtle Riders Snowmobile Club to join them in a real feed. Besides the hot coffee, pop and keg beer there were several large picnic tables covered with too much good food to resist. As we dug into this invitation and chatted we couldn't believe our good fortune "Say these snowmobilers are alright." The end of another great canoeing weekend--and see what you missed. **Dick Jensen**



Several MCA members have suggested that HUT! run a series of articles on favorite rivers, with particular emphasis on cruising. The following account of the Yellow River by Anne Kerfoot is the first of the series. We invite you to submit a story on your favorite river. Give special mention to put in and take out points, difficulty of rapids, points of interest, distance and routes from the cities, camp sites and any other pertinent information.

August On The Yellow

Often overlooked as a colorful month for cruising, August has much to offer on the lovely Yellow River of western Wisconsin. Jim and I canoed the Yellow on August 13 putting in our 18' 6" yellow Super Sawyer at the Culverts Landing west of Spooner and taking out at the landing at County Road H (Sheet Y-3 in "Canoeing the Wild Rivers of Northwestern Wisconsin"). This sixteen-mile stretch of river provides the most spectacular August display of vegetation and wildlife that we have encountered in many years of river cruising.

From the Culverts to Whiskey Creek the river moves slowly in a shallow, narrow, winding gravel bed. Jewelweed, with its delicate yellow dangling orchid shaped flowers, borders the banks, and overhanging branches of pine and oak shade the passing canoeist from the August sun.

The river then widens; the trees recede, and you find yourself in a broad yellow-green plain formed by tiny oval water plant leaves. Behind, the canoe makes a water path as it parts its way through the fragile yellow surface. Rose loosestrife grows luxuriently. Each bushy plant sends up dozens of three foot pink-purple spikes to be reflected in the water where the channel current clears the surface of the river or to contrast with the yellow green of its neighboring flora.

At Hector Dam, the waters gather together again between steep banks. Rocks now can be seen on the bottom, and gentle rips and rapids urge the canoe along. Though crows fly ahead cawing alarm, every bend surprises blue-winged teal which thrash up and wing downstream. Not so quickly disturbed are the green herons that wait until the canoe is quite close before jolting off. Their relatives, the great blue herons, are also numerous, as are the flashy kingfishers. At least one bald eagle fishes the Yellow as do several redtailed hawks. Partridges are seen in the bankside underbrush. In this stretch we met two muskrats, one deer and two john boats--the only river traffic all day.

Four hours out we stopped at the County Line Road landing for lunch beneath the pines. On again and the river changed its character for us one more time. At the pilings left from an old logging boom it becomes a lake of wild rice, forget-me-nots, and a variety of water lilies. Two friendly terns circled the canoe hoping for

bait scraps as we threaded our way through the open water and wild rice stands to find the river again, and then very soon we were at the take-out point.

Our trip took us six hours, cruising at a leisurely pace, but not fishing. "Canoeing the Wild Rivers" estimates this to be a ten-hour trip, which is a good deal longer than what the experienced group would need. (An eight-hour Bois Brule trip, according to the book, took us four hours by kayak.)

Jim and I, in taking these one-day trips alone, have worked out a very satisfactory shuttle system. We drive to the take-out the night before with a Honda Trail 90 in the back of our VW Camper, we camp, chain the Honda to a tree the next morning and drive away with canoe or kayaks to our put-in site.

We were happy to see the bike waiting for us when we landed, and we shuttled off to rejoin the VW at the Culverts leaving the canoe behind to be picked up on the way home.

We have worked out a somewhat involved trip-rating scale, but we agreed that the general rating for this stretch of the Yellow in August must be "Excellent". We hope others may find it so.

Anne Kerfoot

Report Of River Water Levels Requested

Milt Krona of the Department of Parks and Recreation suggested at our last activities meeting that we call his department after canoeing a river. Occasionally, he said, canoeists call him asking how this or that river is running and he usually has to say he doesn't know. He would appreciate MCA members taking two minutes right after returning from a cruise or run to call in a report. Noting the level on the river's water gauge, if there is one, would also be helpful. The number to call: 221-2531.

Used Canoes Wanted

We are looking for an Old Towne canoe, preferably a used one. Could you tell us of a dealer in the general area who might have a good used one? Or a private party? It should be 16' or 17' long. Mrs. John Busse, P. O. Box 96, Montrose, Minnesota 55363.

Want aluminum used canoe 17' or 18' long. J. A. Tjomsland, 735-0168 or 30 Michael, St. Paul 55119.

MCA MEMBERS HAVE NO OPINIONS – APPARENTLY

We were surprised and disappointed that we received no Letters to the Editor this month. We hope the only reason for this lack of mail is that our October issue contributions deadline came only two weeks after the last issue (which is normal). Opinionated Member--where are you?

BOOK REVIEW

Pole, Paddle, and Portage: A Complete Guide to Canoeing by Bill Riviere, 259 pp. Van Nostrand Publishing Co., 1969. $6.95.

Finally a long-time canoeist has sat down and come up with a worthwhile and informative book on the many aspects of canoeing. Bill Riviere has done just that--and kept his book easy to understand--with few of the old "do's" and "don'ts" about canoeing that every canoeing book seems to repeat. Riviere is an old-time guide in the Northern Maine area, second only to Minnesota for its canoeing opportunities.

Conscious of the varied experiences of his readers, Riviere initiates them gradually with descriptions of canoe types and uses, paddles, strokes, and so forth before he gets into more valuable parts of his book. The coverage of his subject is excellent; he has put into print much information usually obtained only by talking with many experienced canoeists. Especially well-written is Chapter 6 "Reading and Running White Water." This describes the American White-Water Affiliation rapids rating system. The best part of the chapter is about ten pages long, outlining how to read and run various types of obstacles, chutes and eddies, how to ferry across a current and how to line a canoe down rapids if all else fails. Other equally good chapters deal with poling, portaging, using outboard motor, safety, and a short but good chapter on how to read weather. He also has recommendations on trips and gear. The last and longest chapter of the book is a survey of what Riviere considers the best canoeing areas in each state and Canadian province. The Appendix is a comprehensive list of information sources and a bibliography. With the exception of the last chapter and the Appendix, most of what he says is common sense or generally available--if you have the time and contacts to dig it out. The real value of "Pole, Paddle and Portage" is that a lot of valuable canoeing information has been assembled in one handy volume.

The Voyageur's Highway by Grace Lee Nute, 107 pp. The Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1965.

This is an excellent little paperback on the Voyageur trails along Minnesota's Border Country. It is extremely readable and deals with individuals as well as the country itself. The author does an excellent job of introducing interesting background material at just the right points in her story. Her coverage of the subject is excellent and deals from the first white man in the Border Country up to fairly recent times. Anyone interested in the border canoeing area or in Minnesota history will find a few hours spent reading this book well worth while.

Al Buchholz

Deer Hunting By Canoe



Over the years, when I've been talking with people about deer hunting, I've heard canoes mentioned. Always it was the same. Drifting a river by canoe while hunting was a well-known method, but I could never find someone who had done so. Recently, the subject of hunting came up while I was speaking with a friend, Frank Litherland, and he suggested using a canoe. Expecting the usual lack of experience in actually doing it I pressed for details and, low and behold, here was a guy who had done it for several years, at least eight seasons, and could give the details of how he did it. The following method with explanations are basically Frank's.

Pick a stream or river wide enough so you don't bang along. Noise will spook the animals. Frank uses an aluminum canoe without undue noise problems.

It is best to work as a two-man team. A good stern man increases chances for success. His ability to paddle quietly, maneuver toward a deer and steady the canoe for accurate shooting is very important. The stern man does not shoot; he waits his turn as bow man after a short stop every hour or so for stretching and maybe coffee. This policy of the bow man being the only one to fire is strictly a must for safety.

In areas where rifles are legal for deer Frank recommends a short, easy-to-handle type of gun. Even though ranges are generally short, it is still tricky business to shoot from a moving canoe.

Start early, for the best shooting seems to be before 10:30 in the morning. If you are working with another canoe, start the second one drifting about a half hour after the first. Using cars to shuttle you might drift the same stretch of river two or three times during the day.

Another method which Frank has not used but thinks highly of is to use your canoe to place people along a stream for a drive started by others from a road that is away from the river. The theory is that deer expect to see people near roads and will move toward waterways without expecting a hunter to be in a less accessible spot, such as a point of land giving a good view up and down stream.

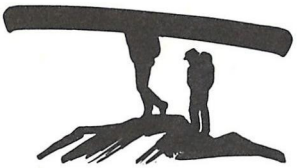
Once the deer has been downed it becomes evident that the canoe provides easy transportation to get it out. If you have ever had to drag a deer a great distance you know the value of this.

A side benefit from this is that the hunter can take extras with him that normally would be too bulky or heavy to carry on foot: an extra Thermos of coffee, an extra hunting coat if it turns colder. There's plenty of room for whatever you might need.

Frank doesn't use a motor on his canoe and recommends that anyone who might want to bring one along should check hunting regulations carefully about its use.

While the canoe doesn't guarantee a successful hunt, Frank has had better than average luck using his drift method. Maybe you can do as well.

Ham Kurtz



The Wayward Wind

(5th in a series)

"You never know a man until you've shared a sack of flour on the trail." I owe Pop Karnes, from my Camp Warren days, for that observation. It expresses one of the main values of wilderness adventure. In the course of a canoe trip one may encounter both great beauty and great discomfort. In either circumstance the bonds of friendship are likely to be strengthened or loosened for all time.

Most of the young men with whom I have traveled the Quetico over the past fifteen years have gone on to college and to the professional world: law, medicine, education, business, journalism. In spite of the years and the different daily worlds in which we live, I would like to think that this special relationship forged in the wilderness still exists.

On my first trip as guide for Warren I had a wiry blond bowman --Steve Sandell. We took John Good, with his feather in his cap, and split from the main party to work our way into a side lake near Little Sag. At dusk we gave up in a swamp and backtracked in semi-darkness to the nearest little lake, made quick camp on a small rocky point, ate chocolate, and because we had worked hard together, slept without disappointment. (John has now published a textbook, study of three cities, which some high schools are using.)

George Koehler, University High graduate and later with the Peace Corps in Africa, was stronger at age 16 than many older men. His group the summer of '56 was exhausted from thrashing through the brush to reach Boulder. (We had come across from the wrong arm of Adams, as I mentioned in an earlier article.) I was struggling with a 90-pound canvas canoe, wondering if I could make the last 300 yards. Over the ridge from the lake ahead came George, with a happy grin, I swear. "Could I give you a hand with that?" Thanks again, George.

The next summer it was an older group of experienced trippers. We broke precedent and went without an assistant counselor. Sam Campbell was next in command. On the third night out in the tent on Keefer Lake I had high fever and chills--pneumonia. The next morning Sam selected two strong paddlers and headed for the ranger cabin on Bayley Bay. He had not navigated previously, but they made the station that night and a plane picked me up the next morning.

The Kasakokwog portage is no one's favorite. There are two intermingled trails. The shorter requires a little paddle across a stump-choked beaver pond, with a steep, slippery descent into Cirrus. Some groups unknowingly split at the first ridge and arrive at different spots on the far side. Once I carried my food in a wooden box, a wanigan, with only a leather tump to aid on the portage as the voyageurs had done. It was not a popular load, and I still see Dan Harris leaning into that tump on the long climb to that first ridge. That tells something about a man that is good to know.

Chuck Lane, now public relations for the Green Bay Packers (that's a tough job itself these days), was a companion in the earlier days

when the aluminum canoes had air pockets rather than flotation foam. Water sometimes leaked into these "air" tanks, and the extra weight and unbalance on the portage was painful. Chuck's rented canoe was this type of loser, and the problem was compounded by his "trick" shoulder which dislocated when he rolled the canoe up. For two portages he said nothing, and then when we discovered the difficulty he insisted on keeping that canoe and the task of unscrewing the plate and emptying the water after each lake.

A happy-go-lucky comrade is worth his weight in gold on the trail. John Brooks, son of the present Minneapolis alderwoman, was such a person. The first portage one encounters entering the park from Nym Lake is the three-quarter mile one into Batchewaung. For a young man of 14 carrying the canoe the first time with paddles for a yoke, that portage can raise doubts about the journey ahead. John took it all the way, although he admitted, "I was sure looking for the lake." Our group had only seven trippers that year, and John was in the stern of the "mojo"--a four-man canoe (a 17-foot Grumman tends to wobble a bit with four paddlers). With John chanting the chorus of the then-popular "Oop-oop, Alley-oop!" our brigade seemed ready for any encounter with wind and water.

Rainy mornings there is a tendency to linger in the warmth of the sleeping bag, particularly if it is the fourth such morning in succession. And doubly so if you arrived late the evening before and had no chance to scout for dry wood for the next day's breakfast. Even the spaciousness of the Cirrus campsite, a wide, flat rock ledge in a sheltering bay, could not overcome my hesitation to face a wet morning in that situation. But as I lay berating myself for not rising and dreading the eventuality of that action, the tent flap stirred and Kev George and Mark Kremen poked in. "Sir, we have a tarp up and a fire going--do you want us to start the pancakes?"

Certainly it is not always the strongest paddler or portager, or even the cheerful chore-doer who contributes the most to a group's enjoyment of the wilderness. Three members of a folk quartet that had won the state Aquatennial talent contest--John Edie, Rick Kemerer, Bob Widdess--wrapped a guitar in plastic and then in a leather case and brought it with them. That year there were 10 days with no rain the first two weeks of June. Even though a bear devoured our bread and dried fruit the second night out on Kahshipiwi, there was no better trip. Rick would lead the way about sundown, strumming softly through Scotch & Soda or South Coast or Fast Freight (that's right, Kingston Trio). Then Bob removed one of the strings to produce a banjo and we picked up for Banua and Tiujana Jail. When the songs and the fire flickered out about 2 a.m. we wrapped in sleeping bags and slept near the coals, there being no mosquitoes. One beautiful session drifted into dawn and sunrise.

The naturalist who shares his knowledge of trees, flowers, birds; the geologist who reveals the lessons in the rock ledges; the historian who points the sites of logging camps or voyageur haunts--all are men whose presence at the wilderness campfire can make each man glad for a chance to share a sack of flour.

Camp Cookery

Steamed brown bread is superlative when served fresh and still warm. It's worth the extra firewood you'll need for the hour-and-a-half long process. It's so tender that you're better off cutting it with heavy duty thread or monofilament fishing line rather than a knife.

STEAMING BREAD (1-1/2 hours)

Use covered gallon pot (probably your largest pot) as steamer. Cut a finger-thick green branch into three pieces as long as your steamer is wide. Lay them side by side approximately an inch apart in the pot. (They will keep metal of batter pot from touching burning hot metal of steamer.) Fill steamer one-third full of water, cover and bring to boil.

Put batter into well-greased small pot or 1-pound coffee can; cover batter pot with waxed paper which will let in steam but keep out water drops. Lower batter pot with pliers into boiling water until it rests centered on sticks. Loosely cover steamer.

Steam (boil) for about 1-1/2 hours, adding water to steamer occasionally (every half hour or so). Bread is done when top is lightly browned and sliver of wood inserted in center comes out dry.

STEAMED BROWN BREAD* (1-1/2 hours) — 1 cylindrical loaf

1 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. whole wheat flour
1 c. corn meal
1 tsp. salt
2 T. margerine

Mix above ingredients together well with fingers.

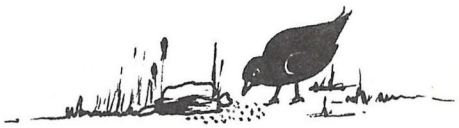
1 T. baking powder 2/3 c. milk powder 3/4 c. molasses

Stir baking powder and milk powder into mix. Heat-seal molasses in pouch. Put bread mix and pouch of molasses into larger pouch; heat-seal.

At camp — 1-1/2 c. water

Add water and molasses to bread mix. Pour into generously greased (margerine) small pot or coffee can. Steam for 1-1/2 hours (see STEAMING BREAD), or until top of bread is lightly browned and sliver of wood inserted in center comes out dry.

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