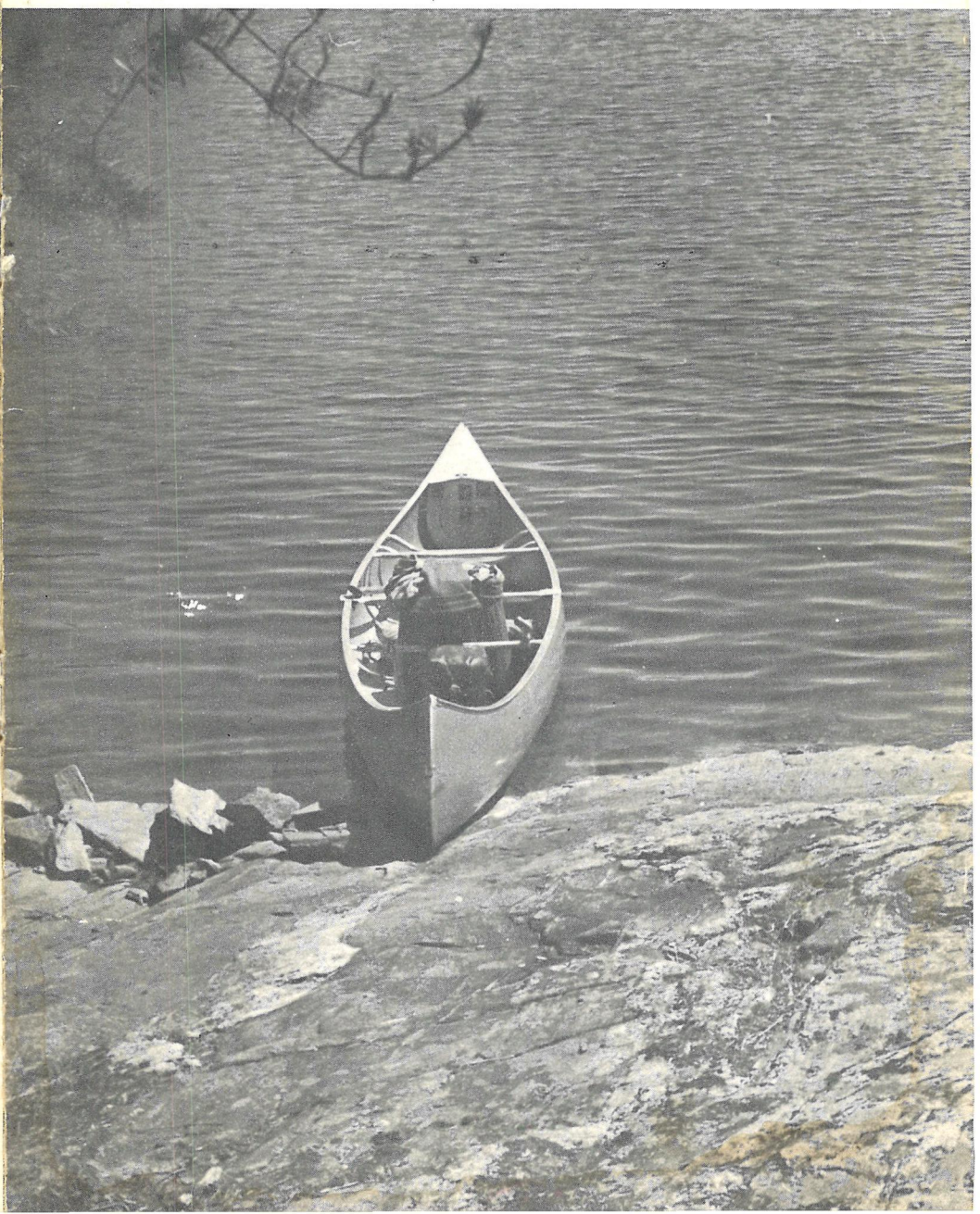
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MEETINGS

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| April | 16 | Activities Meeting - Canoeing Film, Richfield State Bank |
| April | 23 | Board Meeting - Ketter |
| May | 21 | Activities Meeting - Movie: Waters of the St. Croix, Camping demonstrations and Expo |
| May | 28 | Board Meeting - Button |
| June | 18 | Activities Meeting - Paddling Style and Technique from Cruising to Racing and Whitewater |
| June | 25 | Board Meeting - Ketter |
| July | 16 | Activities Meeting - Traditional Treasure Hunt |
| July | 19 | Board Meeting and Saturday evening float trip, Terry McGaughey, Pine River, MN |

## RACES

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| May | 3 | Kettle River Whitewater Race and Slalom |
| May | 17<br>18 | Wolf River Downriver Races, Wolf River, Wis. |
| May | 24<br>25 | Wolf River Slalom |
| May | 25 | Jensen Handicap, Mississippi River from Ketter's Landing to Hi 694 bridge and back. Members only, spectators welcome. 1:00 to 3:00pm. Call Karl Ketter 561-2208. |
| June | 7 | Grand Rapids, Minnesota State Championship Canoe Race - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM PREVIOUS LISTING |

## CRUISES AND RECREATION

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| May | 4 | Lower Kettle Cruise, White Water, Dave Markusen, Leader. 922-0340. |
| May | 30<br>31 | Memorial Day Wilderness Canoe Country Cruise Superior Nat'l Forest. Three day trip-cruise. |
| June | 1 | Bob O'Hara, leader 561-3007. |
| June | 27 | Midnight Mississippi River Cruise, Ketter, leader 561-2208. |
| June | 28<br>29 | Crow Wing River Cruise, Bill Marcouiller, leader 789-0074. An excellent family trip. |

COVER: Canoe at rest, Minnesota Wilderness Canoe Country. Photo by Bob O'Hara, Jr.

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## MEETING APRIL 16th

### River Trails

O.k. Cruisers, this is where you find out where to go, how to get there, where to take out, what hazards to avoid, points of interest, etc. Trips on the Mississippi, the Cloquet, the Flambeau, the Apple, the Snake, the North Fork Flambeau, the Eau Claire and others will be described in hand-out sheets by experienced MCA cruisers.

We hope to show a color movie. Joe Conrad will give a brief talk on planning river trips.

Ham Kurtz will present "A Canadian Wilderness River Trip and the Hazards and Beauty Thereof".

Place: Richfield Bank & Trust Co. Auditorium
6625 Lyndale Ave. So., Minneapolis

Time: 7:30 pm

Minnesota River Trails booklets will again be on discount to members. Other commercial descriptive leaflets on rivers will be available at the meeting.

## MCA MARCH MEETING

### The Ides of March Were Upon Cooke Hall

Cooke Hall pool will never be the same. With four gates hanging over the pool a myriad assortment of C1, C2, and kayaks were seen to be participating in what appeared to be thrilling fun. Hosted by Bob Haug, such notable paddlers as Joe Conrad, Pete Cary, Al Button, Bill Steger, and Jim Harding pleased a very large crowd. Highlights included a game of water polo with canoes victors over the kayaks. Also included were demonstrations of taking rolls, running a gate and general handling of the various whitewater craft, safely. Special entertainment was provided by Miss Nancy Hunt and her synchronized solo swim.

# WINTER CAMPING

by Bob O'Hara, Jr

Snowshoes on our feet, clothed in down and wool, the three of us trudged through the pines pulling a tobaggan loaded with our winter gear. Not much further and we located an open area large enogugh to hold the Baker tent. First order of business was locating and cutting of poles for the Baker along with the securing of a few boughs to put on the inside over the snow. Soon, the tent was up with our gear safely inside.

We shoveled about three feet down to the ground, clearing a place for our fire. Some old cedar logs made for the necessary firewood and these were quickly sawed and split. Here in a matter of a few hours we had transgressed from a warm comfortable home to a more comfortable campsite in the beautiful Minnesota snow.

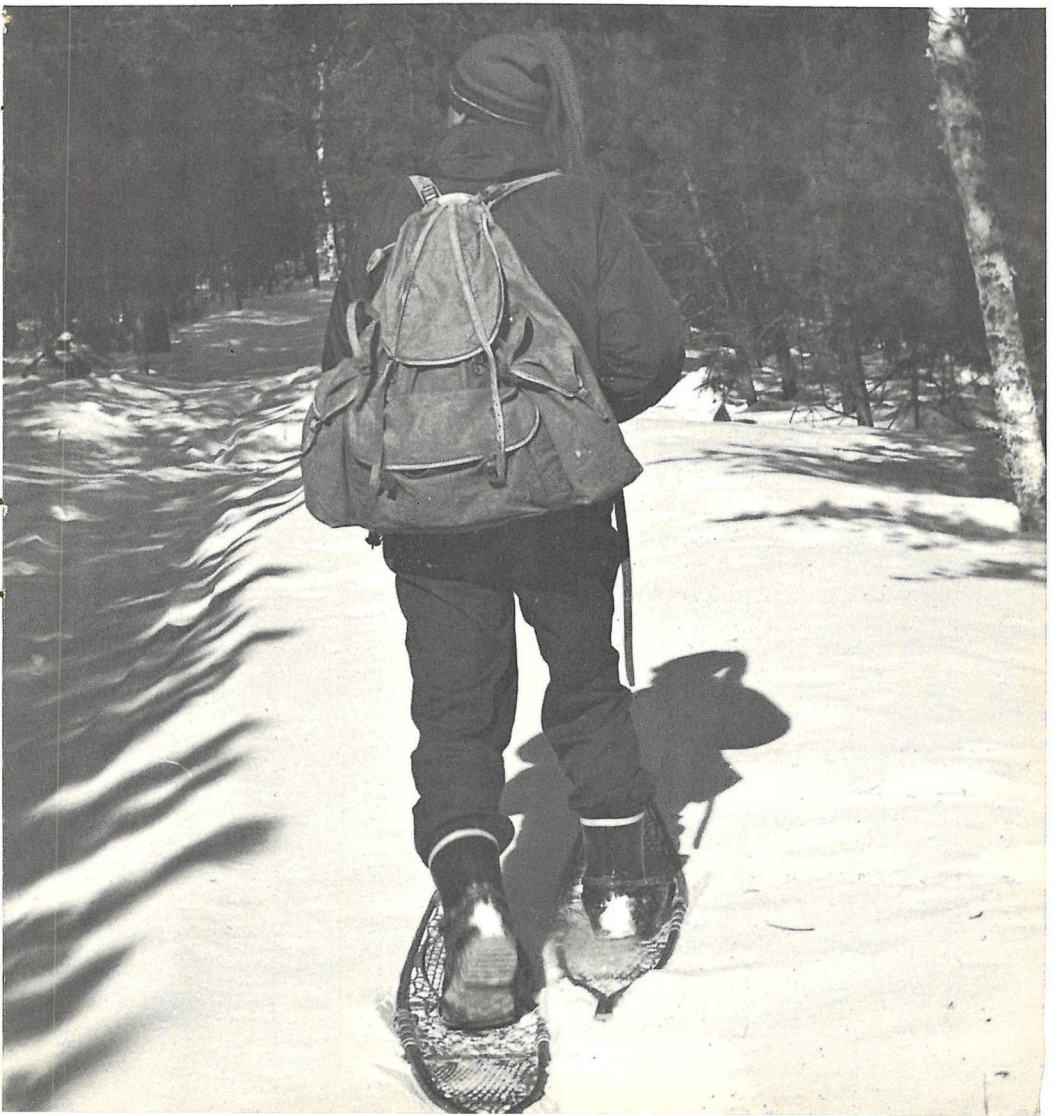
Back on the snowshoes with our camera in hand we decided to explore this winter wilderness we had invaded. Not far from camp was an old log cabin with the snow piles deep against the sides and on the roof. It looked like a genuine old trapper's shack. In front ran a small creek with open water in spots. Deer tracks covered the creek ice, especially near the water where deer went to drink. Traveling along the bank we saw numerous springs, some large and in bloom with algae or water cress. A large bird circling high above a lone white pine caught our attention. When the sun shined on its tail or head we could catch the bright white reflection. There before us flying in majestic solitude was a lone bald eagle.

Pleased with our natural surroundings we proceeded on to discover the brush wolf tracks along the side of the creek. Following these we were able to locate trees on which the wolf had left his mark, claiming the territory as his. We also came across wold scat that gave evidence to his diet. Rabbit cuttings were also numerous. The entire afternoon we were the only intruders to this wilderness, nary did we hear or see any sight of man nor his intrudence upon the stillness.

Back in camp the warm fire soon had the teapot steaming and the beef stew quickly thawed and brought warmth to our innards. After a full day on the snowshoes we had no energy left to fight off the creeping drowsiness caused by the setting sun. It was only shortly that the three of us climbed into the Baker, tucked into our down bags and enjoyed a pleasant night in the frigid air.

Twelve hours of sleep later, we rose to a cheery fire, a quickly prepared breakfast and then broke camp to head home. It was only for a short time that we were there but the memories of a day and a night in the snow is one that can only be enjoyed by a few. I am glad to have been one of the few and even happier to have divorced myself from the warm dry air of the apartment. The winter is over for this year but the coming of the first snows next fall will bring back this season of absolute solitude when man can walk and explore areas normally unavailable to him. Make yourself a promise. Next year try it!

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# SPRING FEATURE

BIRDWATCHING IN MINNESOTA

by Glenn Bennington

The spring migration of the Minnesota Canoe birds is a rare and wondrous sight. Experienced birdwatchers say the highways are literally black with these birds at the first sign of open water in the spring.

Classification of the birds began many years ago by the sage canothologist Karl Ketter who observed a distinct species of bird called the "Double Breasted Bank Runner". This bird can be seen wherever another species, the "Hairy Chested Water Thrasher" is found. The two birds frequent rivers and shorelines throughout Minnesota particularly where celebrations are being held. The cry of the "Double Breasted Bank Runner" is "Oh Good! Oh No! Oh Good! Oh No!" alternating at each vantage point. The only sound ever recorded from the "Hairy Chested Water Thrasher" is a raucus "Hut! Hut! Hut!" This cry is often repeated for hours.

A species common to the northern portions of the state is the "Purple Faced Portage Packer." Present in large numbers in the BWCA, this bird is very colorful with an amazing number of calls. At various times he has been reported to cry "Where-za-rest? Where-za-rest? Damn-the-black-flies! Mizzuble rain! Yech-Rice!"and most often a long drawn out "Ooohh!" Field marks are the bright purple face and the tongue clenched firmly in the teeth. This species is gregarious and is usually observed in orderly flocks of 2, 4, 6, or 8.

A related species, the "Starry Eyed Loon Listener" has recently been sighted as far south as Lake Vermillion. This solitary bird is so shy that he is seldom seen even by other loon listeners. His range extends almost to the Arctic Circle and he often roams hundreds of miles from his nest. This bird is thought to mate for life though his trips from the nest are so frequent that is is surprising that he mates at all.

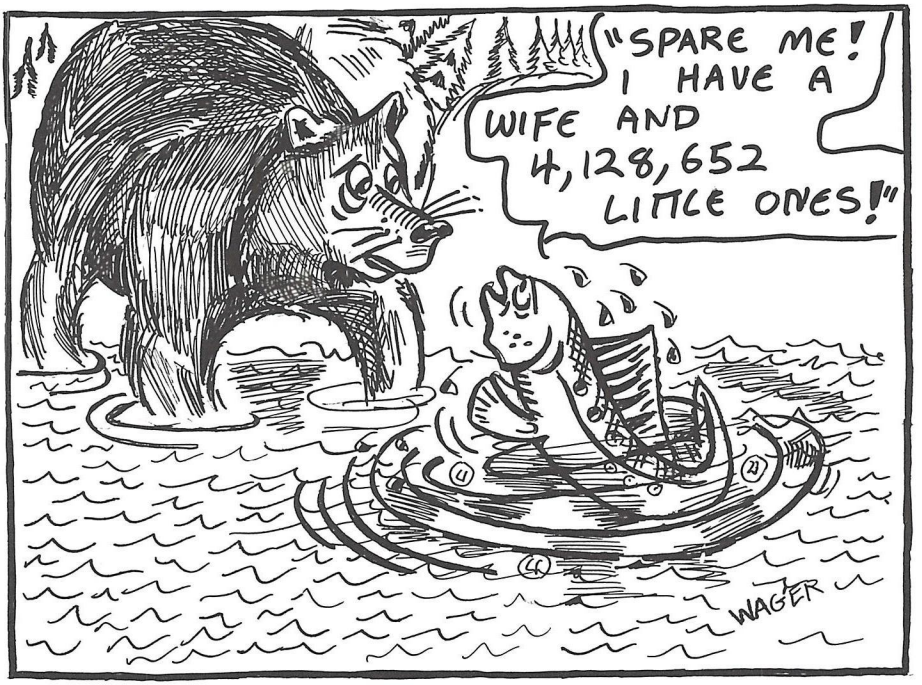
A short range species, the "Cedar Strip Bower Builder" is concentrated near Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. He is seldom observed without a cedar strip in his beak and can be distinguished from all other birds by a sticky coating on his wings and feet. This species is a uniform sawdust brown in color and his cry is a high pitched "Epoxy, Epoxy, Epoxy!"

The "Fuzzy Faced Foam Finder" exists only where white water abounds. They have been known to migrate across oceans to find frothing rivers. Much of the early life of this bird is spent underwater where presumably they

live on a diet of fish. Even mature birds can be seen diving under the foam in search of food. Fieldmarks are the smooth black coat and the white boney structures around the head.

Though all these birds are migratory waterfowl, they are not protected by international treaty, the Geneva Convention, or the Grace of God. How their numbers increase every year is a mystery. May their luck hold out.

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If the fishes didn't have enemies the waters would quickly become a solid block of fish.

The female ling seems to hold the record for producing offspring. Scientists have counted over 28 million eggs from one of these females. (Jerry Wagner)

# NEWS 'N' NOTES

## NEW SURVEY SHOWS RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

A recent survey of outdoor recreation areas in Minnesota reveals a substantial increas in such sites during the past four years, the Conservation Department reported.

Commissioner Jarle Leirfallom said the survey shows that of the nearly 54 million acres in the state, almost 11 million acres provide some outdoor recreation to the public.

"There are now 3,884 sites available for public use," Leirfallom said. "This is 2,800 more sites and 3.6 million more acres that were open to the public at the time of the previous survey in 1964."

The state and federal government control more than 80 percent of the land open to public recreation use in Minnesota at the present time, according to the study.

## 3M CHAPTER REPORTS

At the March meeting, Curt Nordrum took the 3M Canoe Club through a tour of the Old Towne Canoe Company, originators of the guide model canoe. He told us how each part is shaped and cut by old-time craftsmen who shape and fit each piece into place on molds that are often 60 years old. He told how one old fellow nails in the brass tacks holding the planking on in machine gun style by spitting tacks from his mouth and hammering. We learned that most of the builders have been at their jobs for around 40 years. Curt told how the planking and ribs are aged before the canvas is stretched and painted on. We learned that each Old Towne is given a number on its sternpiece and all information about that boat is kept at Old Towne's vault so you can find out about any Old Towne model. Curt told us how the gunwales and other accessories are fitted on and the canoe finished. All in all, it was a very informative meeting.




Somebody better say HUT!, or that stern man will be in trouble!

Photo by Roy D. Conradi

# WANTED!

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THE MCA NEEDS A NEW MATERIALS CHAIRMAN

++++++++++++++++ John Musil has given freely of his++ time in the past but is currently working towards his pilot's license and cannot continue to dispense resin and glass. What is involved?

1) Storage space for the 55 gallon drum of resin and several bolts of cloth. Preferably, facilities should be heated though it is not a necessity. The MCA pays nominal rent to the materials chairman for this space.

2) Someone must be available at least a couple of times a week for members to pick up supplies.

3) The chairman must keep accurate records of materials bought and sold. This is a responsible position and provides a vital service to the club. We must be able to find one in 500 who can do a good job and provide a fine service here.

Contact Joe Conrad, 645-2477; Bob Haug 729-0177; or Karl Ketter 561-2208.

# MCA TRADING POST

FOR SALE

Web and hardwood canoe seats...various colors. $6.00 per pair. Also will cut strips for strip canoes.

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Chris Ranko 561-5769

FOR SALE

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## AN INSIDE LOOK AT OUR CARTOONIST

by Bill Staples

Would you believe a stone mason, an astronomer, a writer and a cartoonist, too?

Let me introduce you to Jerry Wagner, cartoonist and field mason. Although a stone mason by trade, Jerry spends his time in many fields, one of which is drawing cartoons. For the past two years, readers of HUT! have been exposed and delighted to see the work produced by Jerry.

As an amateur astronomer and member of the Aerial Research Organization, Jerry has a strong affection for interplanetary life. He has made several UFO sightings.

When not looking at the sky, Jerry writes free lance articles. The idea to do some writing hit several years ago so he took a correspondence course at a nearby college. Today he writes occasional articles for the local paper and has a Sunday column in the Bay City Times (Michigan).

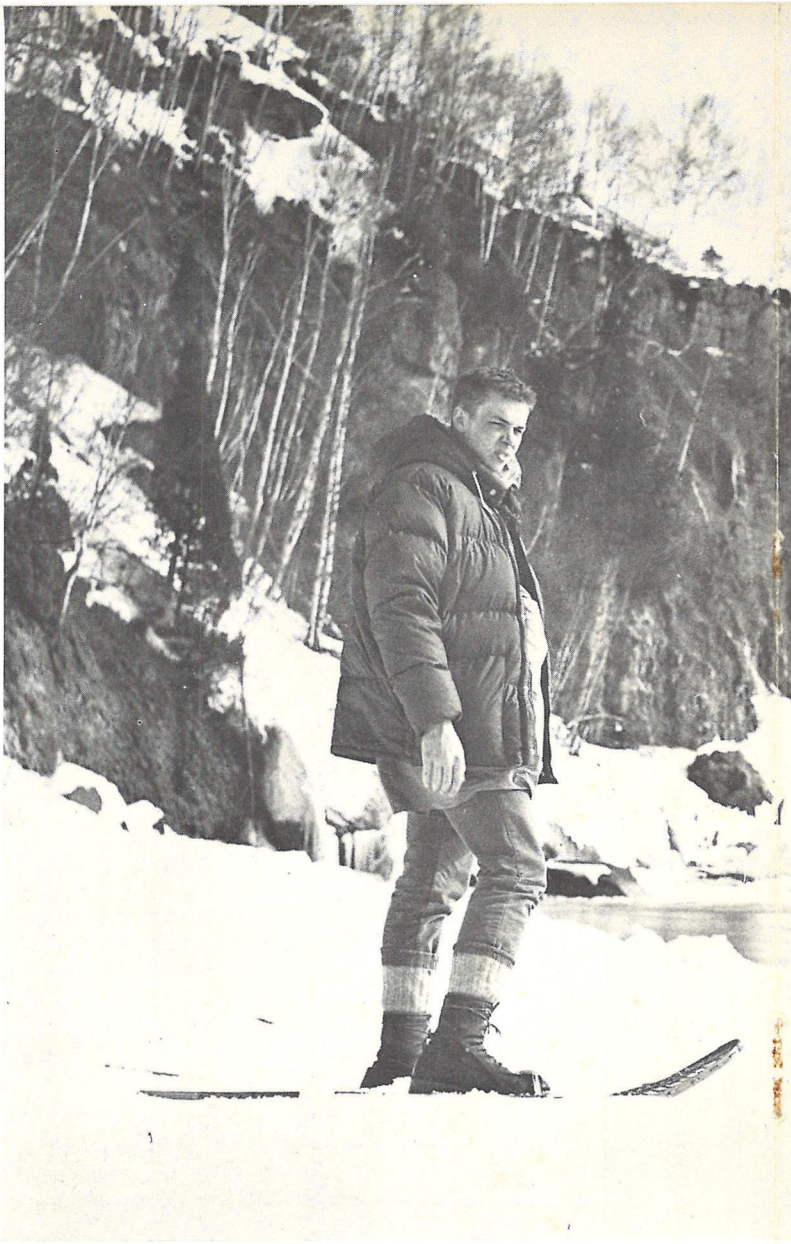
Jerry started cartooning several years ago, at least ten, to be more specific. Always his first love, he has had may of his works appear in outdoor magazines.

Jerry became interested in canoeing just in time to paddle the Michigan Canoe Marathon Championship Race with his Uncle, Joe Bissonette. They finished seventh in the 1948 race. After the race illness forced Jerry to retire temporarily. Generally illness could mean flu or colds to us, but for Jerry it was much more serious. His illness ended with a heart operation at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in 1955. It was a medical first, being an operation to relieve a coratisian of the aorta.

Back to canoe racing went Jerry in 1957 to team with Ralph Sawyer. The two won 12 races and lost 1, with the doctors following each race. His last race as a professional was in 1959 again teamed with Ralph. After winning everything in sight in Michigan, a trip to British Columbia was the high point of the season. There they paddled in the Prince George Race and Jerry still has the moose rack he brough home as a souvenier.

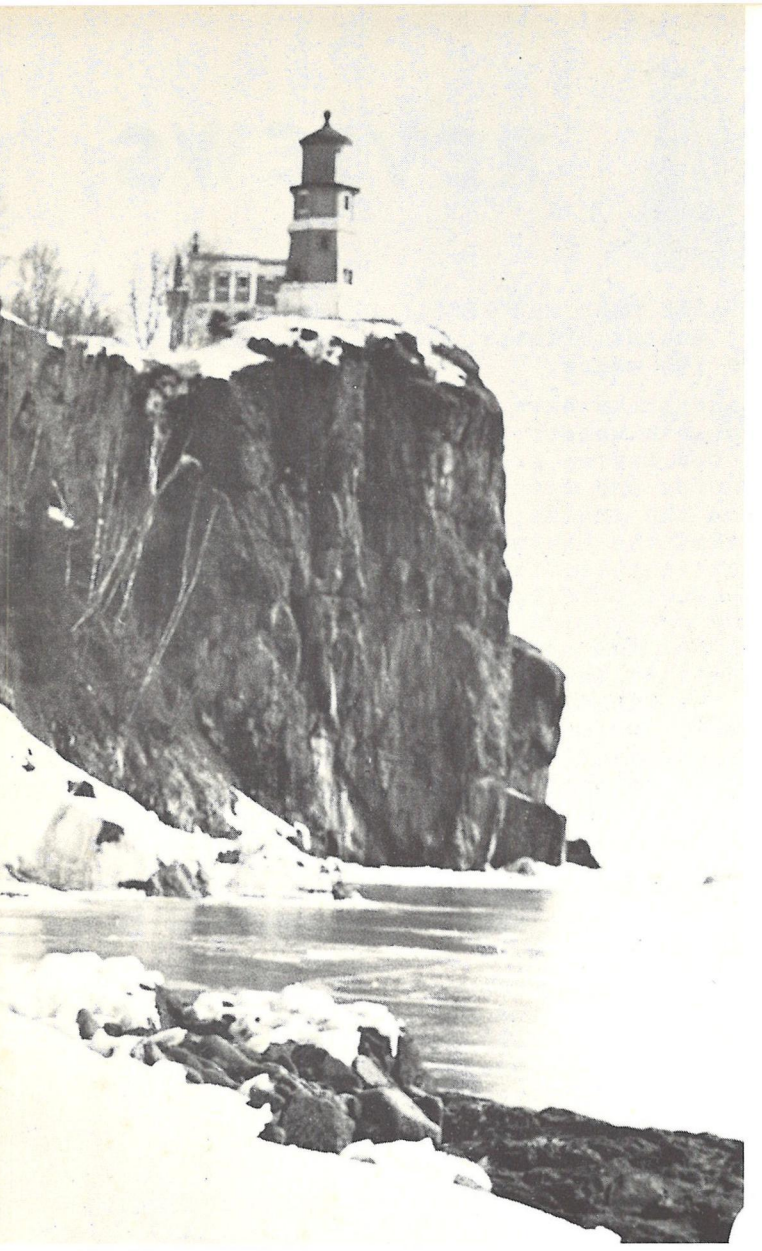
Today, Jerry teams with his wife Marilyn and enjoys racing for pure fun. Enthusiastic about the mixed racing, Jerry continually comments "this is only for fun, and it is fun."

That's the picture of our cartoonist. We all appreciate what Jerry has done for the MCA and hope all of you will continue to enjoy his cartoons and a new series he has created called nature-tunes.



Tim Stoddart surveys the frozen shores in the background. This area is under

# SNOWSHOE



of Lake Superior with Split Rock Lighthouse
consideration for becoming a State Park.

# WILDERNESS

Photo by Bob O'Hara, Jr.



# REVIEWS

- THE UNBELIEVABLE LAND and PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT AND DARK with photos, Queens Printer, Ottawa, Canada, $2.50 each 140 and 156 pages.

  These two paperbacks have a real appeal to anyone who lets his thoughts wander into the real north country, the area of the barren ground. Cover with very striking color photos and with even more interesting black and whites on the inside, the reader can get a true feeling of what the Eskimo country is really like. Both books are a collection of essays written by various authors about this truly unvelievable land. Topics discussed are varied including the following: the Canadian Eskimo, the animals there...especially the caribou, plants in the Arctic, permafrost, the northern lights, the Canadian Arctic Water Basin, Since the days of Barter, Eskimo communities then and now, and many more interesting topics. The price of the two books is less than what most of us pay for a single book. This has to be a fine opportunity to broaden the horizon that you store on your bookshelf.

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- PARADISE BELOW ZERO by Calvin Rutstrum, illustrated by Les Kouba, The Macmillan Company, New York, $5.95, 244 pages.

  This is the fifth book written on wilderness travel by Mr. Rutstrum and it was by far one of the most enjoyable to read. The whole concept is that of winter travel and camping. You could probably divide the book into three major catagories. The first would be the philosophy of escape that wilderness travels provide along with some personal experiences of the author, including dogteam travel. The second major theme would be how to go about doing winter camping today. Much emphasis is placed on the care and choice of materials and clothes. The third area would be some of the innovations that have come about in camping and how these can be implemented into winter travel. This is the first book I have seen that puts in a nutshell views on how to go about doing it. Like all books of this type, you must read them as reference and not as guide or bible. For what may be safe for Mr. Rutstrum may be your folly. In any case, there is valuable information and the opinions of the author should stimulate some brainpicking on the reader. If you winter camp, buy a copy.

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● NEVER CRY WOLF by Farley Mowat, Dell Publishing Co., Inc. New York, paperback, $.50, 175 pages.

Here it is! Really a topical piece of science and literature dealing with that all-to-often-taled-about subject, the WOLF. In a most humorous easy-to-read slightly scientific style of narrative is the experience one man faced while sitting a year outside a wolf den. The satire of our bureaucratic world trying to comprehend the wild tales of woe that travel into those honored places of government is more than one can imagine. If you put this book down it is for some reason other than interest, for your eyes will be glued to it until you're done. Tha author spends time with a family of wolves in the Canadian wilderness and comes up with some very commonsense observations that will in time be more commonsense to us, hopefully! Due to the cries of the natives, much like we hear in Minnesota (7,000 wolves!!!), the Canadian government decides to send old Farley, fresh out of school, into the boonies to see about all the turmoil. Expecting to be eaten alive, he instead finds a sparse population, yet observes firsthand the day-to-day activities of the wolf. No matter where you fall on the issue of bounties, you can't speak effectively until you have read this book. For half a buck, how can you miss?

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## THE ORACLE

Q. I recently coated my strip boat using epoxy. It still seems to be sticky. Did I mix the epoxy wrong or what?

A. Epoxy is quite difficult to mix wrong and will set even though mixed in slightly incorrect proportions. However, this material requires a few days to set hard enough to sand; a week may be necessary (at 60°F or lower). Any thermoset material sets even slower in thin coats. The currently recommended procedure is to use a roller to wet the front half of the boat and then work the cloth into the wet epoxy. Use a squeegee or soft piece of plastic to smooth out the glass and remove the excess resin. Repeat on the rear half of the boat. After 12 to 24 hours, coat again with resin then allow to set hard and sand. The epoxy may feel greasy; this is a normal effect with epoxy. Apply a final smooth coat and you should be all set.

# GHOSTLEY OBSERVERS

by Ken Sloan

Every time I dip my paddle into their quiet waters, I feel as if the ghosts of all the Indians, trappers, and voyageurs that gave the area its colorful heritage silently raise their heads to see what made the disturbance. As long as the trespasser stays on the fringes of their sacred country they merely watch with apathetic curiosity, but as he penetrates further and further into their hallowed domain they begin to look more closely at this intruder who would dare to venture where only they had been before.

Let us watch through the eyes of these immortal woodsmen as they examine one such man as he silently paddles through their watery kingdom. Who is this man who dares to travel amongst us? How shall we greet him? Shall we greet him with scorn, merely sitting back indignantly while he passes, allowing him only those pleasures that he rips from our bosom forcefully; or shall we greet him with warmth and fellowship, opening unto him our most intimate secrets? Shall we beset upon him high winds, rain, misfortune and discomfort, and alienate him from all the creatures which lurk within our wooded borders; or shall we smile upon him with good fortune and take him to our hearts, making him a part of this wonderful land and a friend to all its furry residents. Let us look closely at this intruder, let us examine him in great detail, for we surely cannot stand by indifferently while he paddles along the very trails we've come to love.

Let us look at his clothing. Is it shiney and new, made of all the new-fangled synthetic fibers with all

their shiney snaps and bright pastel colors, do his boots still have the tell-tale creak of stiff, new leather, does he have all the other signs of the city-slicker-turned-woodsman; or are his clothes weathered and worn, made of denim and leather, and filled with old familiar buttons and pockets, does he have the look of a true woodsman - one of us?

Let us look at his knife, probably the truest index of one's wilderness ability. Is it small and sharp and carried in a place of honor, does he look upon it as a trusted friend and a precision tool which, if need be, could sustain him through his journey should he lose all else; or is it an oversized, rusty old tree-splitter, good only for killing elephants and penetrating the tops of beer cans?

Let us study his attitude. Does he stalk among us defiantly, feeling we should be honored by his presence, slaughtering every living thing as if they were put there solely for his use; or does he humbly regard our watery kingdom with the reverence which it is due? Does he feel that every animal, every tree, every rock, every drop of water, is a part of himself? Does he feel honored that he is allowed to pass among us, and feel for our magnificent home, some mysterious affection which he cannot explain?

But most important, let us look at his canoe, that object upon which our very heritage rests. Is he grinding along in one of the latest pastel-colored innovations powered by an ear-splitting motor that fouls up the air and pollutes the water; or does he deftly paddle along his wooden and canvas craft which, like our birchbark fore-runners, silently passes unnoticed through our majestic land?

With every dip of the paddle that moves me closer toward their hallowed waters I feel they watch me even closer, until finally I feel as if my very being has been opened up by them and I have joined their ancient group. It is my wish that they will come to know me, and when they hear the familiar dip of my paddle they will watch proudly as I carry on their tradition.

# LEGISLATION

BOATING SAFETY BILL MAY AFFECT CANOEISTS

A recent conversation with Mr. Robert Rygg of the Minnesota Department of Conservation brought forth the probable proposals for legislative action:

1. No registration fee for canoes will be proposed.
2. Canoes operating at night should carry either
   a) an all around white light, or
   b) a flare-up light (flashlight), or
   c) reflective material on gunwales.
3. An adequate flotation device (buoy, vest, ring, cushion) must be available to all occupants if operating in areas where there are power boats.
4. A minor shall wear a flotation device if in water where he could not stand up if the craft capsizes. Note: This applies to swift shallow streams as well as lakes. Definition of a minor was not settled. It may be 14 years or younger. The Boy Scouts probably would like to have it any youth not yet 11 years old. The purpose is to protect kids from well-intentioned but inexperienced adult paddlers who may endanger their canoe and occupants unwitingly.

Please direct comments on these proposals to your MCA officers, who will pass them along to the right people.

# CRUISING

ATTENTION CRUISERS

A lower Kettle River Cruise is planned for May 4. This is to coincide with the Kettle River Whitewater Race held the day before. Banning State Park provides a perfect setting for the race and cruise. Why not come and make a weekend of it? Contact Dave Markusen to get in on the fun - 922-0340.

GOING CRUISING WITH THE MCA?

Well get with it man and notify the leader NOW!

Plans for the May trips are under way and we don't want you to miss out, so call the trip leader TODAY. You'll be glad you did.

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SAND CREEK - ONE WEEK EARLY

by Al Button

You won't find a more dedicated group of canoeists (translation: lunatics) anywhere than the MCA white-water paddlers. Usually, we don wet suits and start paddling as soon as the ice goes out on the white-water streams. This spring we made it about a week before the ice finished going out. Joe Conrad, Denny Withers, Bob Haug and I decided we needed one try at some real rapids before the Missouri whitewater slalom. Bob had discovered some open water on Sand Creek, 25 miles southwest of Minneapolis near Jordan. Some open water. But not all open water.

We would be paddling along in a nice fast channel and than it would be completely blocked by ice. Well, if you've ever squirmed into or out of a whitewater boat you realize that once or twice is enough for one day; keep the portaging to a minimum. So, staying in the boats we beached them on the upstream side of each ice jam and then waddled across the ice using our hands, looking like four drunken seals. Then, off with a little splash on the downstream side for another short paddle. The wetsuits kept us warm and Sand Creek is a very pretty tips; we had a great time. I'd recommend it for a short, fun trip in spring for those of you who like rapids.

Oh yes, we did finally find the rapids and got in some much needed practice for the season ahead.

If you go, beware of high hatstacks near Jordan and waterfall in Jordan, Minnesota.

# WHITE WATER

WOLF RIVER SLALOM

May 24, 25

Sponsored by the Hoofers Outing Club, University of Wisconsin. To be held on the Wold River, Hanson's Rip near Langlade Wisconsin. Two runs per class; one each day. Saturday races begin at 11:00; Sunday races at 10:00.

Expert, intermediate, and novice runs will be used with easier gates for the intermediate and novice. C1, C2, and C2-mixed with K1, K1W classes.

Write to Eric Olsen, Limnology Lab, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wi. 53706.

WHITEWATER NEWS

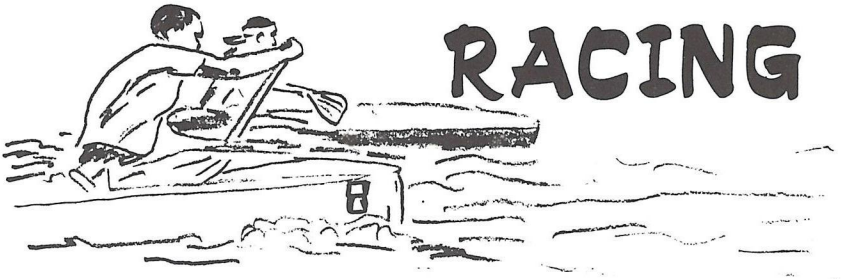
Kettle River Wildwater Races - May 3,4

The MCA will sponsor a complete program of downriver races for kayaks, decked canoes, and open canoes (if water level is not too high) on the rapids of the Kettle River near Sandstone, Minnesota and Banning State Park. The race headquarters will be in Banning State Park. Registration must be complete by 10:00 am.

Complete information can be obtained from Dennis Withers; 4530 W 38th St; Saint Louis Park, MN.

## ATTENTION!

Persons with whitewater boats, call Bob Haug 729-0177, or Al Button 488-9621. There will be a trip or gate practice on the Mississippi most weekends for the next few weeks.




HERB BUETTNER AND THE WOLF RIVER RACES

The 1969 Wolf River Whitewater Races will be held on May 17, 18. Now part of our National Scenic Rivers system, the Wolf was not always so protected. In 1962 a dam was proposed for the upper river by real estate promoters. Herb Buettner and other concerned citizens successfully brought down this proposal with the help of many trout fisherman and whitewater canoeists. Such rapids as "Slough Gundy" and "Larseleres" will continue to challenge the paddler, trout, and casters.

This association of fishermen and canoeists brought about the first Wolf River Races in 1964 sponsored by the Troutland Association with Dwight Gibb and the Wisconsin Hoofer's setting a slalom course in the backyard of Her's brother, "Cap" Buettner. Cap's backyard is relatively calm stretch of the boulder strewn river. MCA'ers Joe Conrad and Bob Ramstad won the "Dunker's Award" that year for being the first canoe to tip over in the slalom race.

The races have grown each year with the hard work of Herb and the Troutland Association. They are now sponsored by the Wolf River Whitewater Races, Inc. with Herb as Chairman. This year there will be a wide variety of events. On Saturday, May 17th, there are $2\frac{1}{2}$ mile races through moderate rapids for kayaks, canoes, and two-man life rafts (they're wet but fun). On Sunday, the long races through heavy rapids will be run for open canoes, whitewater canoes, and kayaks. This year there may be a short upstream race Saturday.

Herb is a canoeist's race sponsor and deserves the gratitude of paddlers, racers and cruisers alike for his hard work in promoting the Wolf River as a free-flowing river. The MCA salutes him.

(For more race information, write to H. Buettner, White Lake, Wisc. 54491.)

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AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

invites you to participate in a week long canoe trip in the Border Canoe Area. Dates are from August 23 to August 31, and the cost will be about $65 per person (includes overnight accomodations, food, and canoe rental). Non-members may obtain an organizational pass for 25 persons costing $15.

Groups and individuals are also invited to use the Gunflint Youth Hostel on Gunflint Lake, 47 miles northwest of Grand Marais, Minn. Cost is $1 per night.

Contact us at P.O. Box 9511, Minneapolis, Minn. 55440.

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