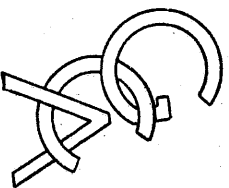


THE GEORGIA



CANOEING LETTER

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OKEEFENOKEE SWAMP TRIP, MARCH 8-9, 1969. The Stephen C. Foster State Park has camp sites and cabins available for our first official cruise of 1969. The park is located fifteen miles from Fargo, Georgia off Highway 441 on the western edge of the swamp. Those leaving Atlanta on Friday afternoon may spend Saturday morning exploring Billy Lake. Others who do not leave until Saturday at 6 A.M. can meet the group at the east end of Billy Lake for lunch and then proceed to Minnie Lake and Big Water in the middle of the swamp. Some may wish to explore Billy Island or make side trips Sunday morning, returning home in the afternoon. For reservations call Clyde Woolsey at 261-4561 & 766-8771, or Charlie Smith at 373-1526 & 526-5181. For information call Guest Leader, Fred Menger at 373-7221 or Co-Leader Rodger Losier at 451-5133.

FLINT RIVER TRIP, MARCH 22, 1969. The section of the Flint River which we will run is 9 2/5 miles, between State Route 36 bridge west of Thomaston and the bridge on Pobiddy Road. In actuality, only a short stretch is class IV, with portages possible but difficult. The first three miles have a total drop of 78 feet, hence the rapids are good and fairly continuous in this section. The river is fairly fast and the trip should take no more than three and one half hours on the water. This stretch can be run in medium to HH (high high) water conditions. This section is recommended for those who have canoed rivers of at least class II before. We will meet at Pobiddy Road—US 19 intersection (second right turn south of Thomaston) at 9:30 A.M. Those arriving in Thomaston later than 9:30 A.M. should take State Route 36 west 8 or 9 miles to the bridge over the Flint, where we will put in (see Texaco map). For reservations call Trip Leader, Claude Terry at 874-7494 or Co-Leader John Kennedy at 457-1362.

THE NANTAHALA WHITE WATER RACE. Your club is sponsoring a white water race and possible slalom on the Nantahala River N. C., the 4th and 5th of July. Although there may be a co-sponsor, the burden of organizing, publicizing and conducting this race rests with our club. Your officers are confident that each member will want to contribute their time and ideas in some manner. We are making plans for an organizational meeting (with white water runs) for the Easter weekend. The Hemlock Inn at Bryson City, N. C. is considering opening their facilities to our group. We will advise you of the exact details. In the meantime please be on the look-out for possible sponsors or advertisers in our brochure. Your officers feel that this race will promote the sport in the southeast as well as advance the cause for wild rivers. It is not being promoted for profit but funds will be needed for publicity, prizes and equipment such as contestant numbers, slalom rental etc. Race chairman—Horace Holden 993-6601, Rules Chairman Payson Kennedy 457-1362, Safety—Ben Fahnen 874-1601, Publicity—Bill Crawford 993-2940, Art and photography—Bill Close 373-3945, Advertising—Claude Grizzard 938-1609, Bill Crawford reporting.

MAPS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE. At the recent meeting of the Club Executive Board, a Maps and Information Committee consisting of Payson and Aurelia Kennedy and Claude Terry was appointed. This committee will be responsible for compiling and disseminating information on rivers of this area. We are asking all trip

Leaders to assist in this objective by including in their trip reports for the NEWS-LETTER, a write up of the action of the trip transferred similar to the write-ups in Randy Carter's CANOEING WHITE WATER. Instructions and a sample write-up from this book are available from the Cruise Master, Clyde Woolsey. Additional comments on events and Paddlers of that particular trip are, of course, also appropriate in the write-up. If trip leaders will cooperate in this effort, all members will be able to build up a personal file of river descriptions from the NEWSLETTER accounts. The committee will attempt to consolidate, edit, verify and fill in these accounts for eventual publication in a guidebook.

A second function of the committee will be the development of a library of books and journals on canoeing and pricerlist and catalogs of canoes, accessories and related gear. Don Shedd has contributed a number of catalogs and we have several books on canoeing as well as current subscriptions to four canoeing magazines. We will appreciate receiving similar materials from any members willing to make contributions. In return, we encourage members to call on us for sources and prices for gear or for other information. We would also like to hear from any members willing to assist in these efforts as a member of the committee. Payson Kennedy reporting.

WE EXTEND SYMPATHY to the family of Margaret Drummond, in the loss of her mother, and to the family of Don Shedd, in the loss of his father.

THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY, INC. has extended an invitation to our membership to visit with them on a guided tour of their exciting project at Panola Mountain, Sunday, February 16, 1969, from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Lets take this opportunity to learn more about the conservancy.

THE ULTIMATE FUTURE OF OUR STREAMS AND SHORES may depend largely on the support which you give to members of the General Assembly for two bills. The Scenic Rivers Bill of 1969, introduced by Senator Jay Carroll Cox of Swainsboro, which authorizes a survey of the states rivers in order to identify those streams to be protected and the Georgia Coastal Wetlands conservation act of 1969, introduced by Representative Reid Harris of Glynn County, creating a control Board which would review all proposed drainage, dredging, pollution, or other disturbances of the coastline. You are urged to give your full support to these two bills now. Anyone, having run the Toxaway realizes the immediate danger in apathy and procrastination concerning these bills.

A STATEMENT IS ENCLOSED AND DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW. Please mail your check to Linton W. McKnight, 306-9th St., N.E., Apartment 3, Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

AN ACTIVITIES SHEET IS ENCLOSED please complete and return to the address indicated on the sheet.

MAIL ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER to Roy F. Adams, Box 7, Tucker, Ga. 30084.