

At the present writing (in the spring of 1924) the club-house committee has acquired and is fitting for occupancy a one-room log house near Balsam Gap in the Mt. Mitchell area, accessible by automobile in fair weather, and has under advisement other available houses in different sections.

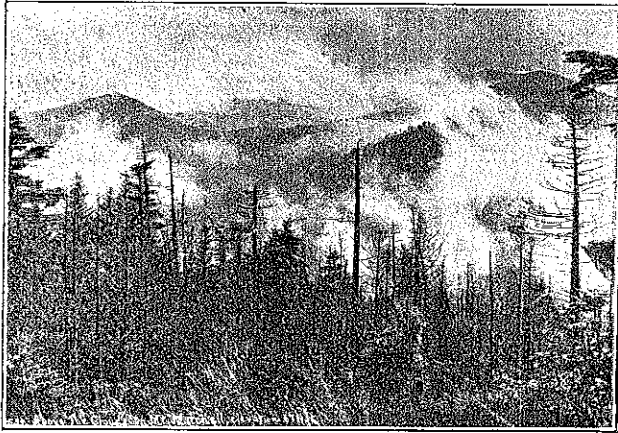
It is the purpose of the Club to develop its various activities through the medium of committees who will have charge of club-houses, walking parties, excursions, nature study, etc.

### MEMBERSHIP

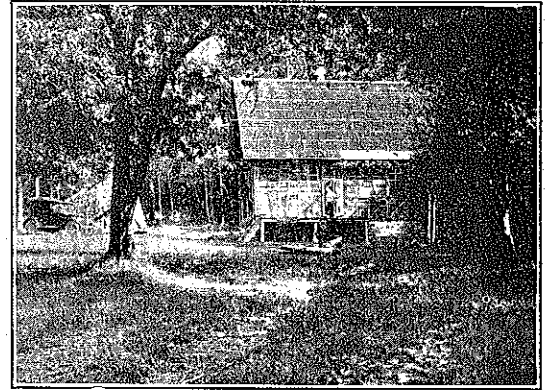
The Club invites applications for membership from all who are interested in out-door life along the lines indicated above, whether in the active pursuit of pastimes or in the more serious phases of the problems.

The applicant must be endorsed by two members of the Club, who must each write a letter of recommendation to accompany the application.

The invitation is particularly extended to those living in the mountain region and in the region whence it draws its numerous visitors.



# CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB



### ORIGIN

In the summer of 1920 a southern chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club of Boston was organized in Asheville, it being understood that all members of the parent club living south of Pennsylvania and the Ohio river were to be considered members of the southern chapter. From the nucleus thus formed there sprang the present Carolina Mountain Club, connection with the older club having been severed by mutual consent in July, 1923.

### PURPOSE

Broadly speaking the purpose of the organization is to create and stimulate interest in the out-of-doors. This is

an objective so wide that it will allow the currents of activity of the club to flow in varying directions to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the Southern Appalachian mountain region, and keep in close touch with the passing tastes of the public.

More specifically it is the ideas of the founders to strive to foster in its members and others the primal tastes for camping, walking, mountain climbing, fishing, hunting and winter sports, as well as the tastes that may be termed secondary for motoring, horse-back riding, photography, nature study and kindred pastimes.

## THE CALL OF THE PIONEER BLOOD

There is a reverential regard in most of us for our hardy forbears who hewed their way through the wilderness. In early youth this shows itself in the instinctive desire to emulate the example of these doughty pathfinders. In response to this call of the blood it is the endeavor of the Club to offer modest opportunity to keep alive the desire, not only during, but particularly beyond the period of youth.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Here in the land of broad wildernesses, of flashing waters, of ferny dales, of sunny slopes and cold, dark wastes of spruce and fir lie close at hand the opportunities for indulging the wholesome tastes for the joys of pioneer days.

Here the passing seasons offer unstinted variety to tastes more cultured. Artist with brush or camera may be surfeited with color and atmosphere. Enthusiasts in nature study may find the flora of south and north intermingled. Sportsmen may be tempted by trout and bass, and hunters may come in touch with the problem of rapidly disappearing game and lend their aid to the task of checking its destruction.

## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THESE PRICELESS POSSESSIONS?

This is a question that the Club in its infancy cannot answer. But, it is in answer to this question that the Club exists.

The rapid development of commercialism in the region is going to offer some of the strangest problems of our age. It is going to threaten along new lines what it is fast accomplishing in the timber industry. It is going to commercialize some of our valleys while it will beautify others by vast water-power developments.

These are mere suggestions of what the future holds and hints at the responsibility that lays on the conscientious public—opportunities for an organization to exert a moral influence interwoven with fascinating possibilities for development.

In the system of forest reserves being developed by the Federal Government taken in connection with the state's wonderful highway system we have valuable allies in settling the question. Curiously enough these great allies link together the serious features of conservation and the lighter personal opportunities for wholesome recreation. In a short time none of our vast reaches of wilderness and none of our great mountain ranges will be inaccessible.

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## DEFINITE AIMS

It is the definite purpose of the Club to provide shelters, huts and lodges in various suitable locations for the use of members in hiking, touring or exploring the mountain region. To conduct walks, mountain climbing and other excursions and tours. To open and mark trails. To offer information and other facilities for mountain climbing, nature study, fishing, etc.

## FIRST RESULTS

The first concrete result of these efforts at the beginning of the Club's existence is the lodge on the Pisgah scenic highway in the Pink Beds. It is a comfortable four-room house equipped with cots, cooking outfit and tableware to accommodate a party of eight. This house is for the use of club members and their guests who have only to supply blankets and food.

Application for reservation and the keys are to be made to the chairman of the club-house committee, Mr. H. Taylor Rogers, Asheville, N. C.