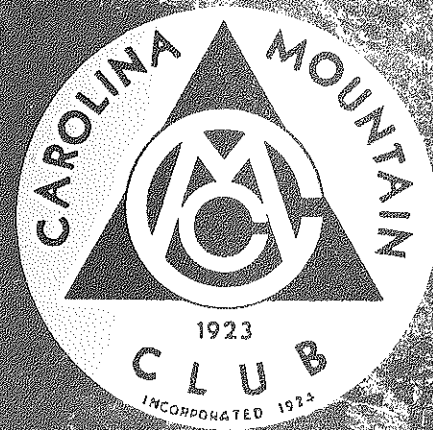


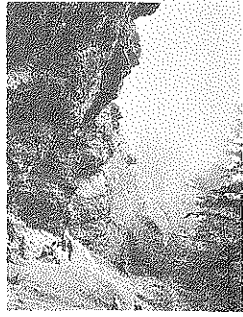
Beautiful landmarks and healthful exercise often afford hikers the only reasons they need to make weekly treks into the wilderness.



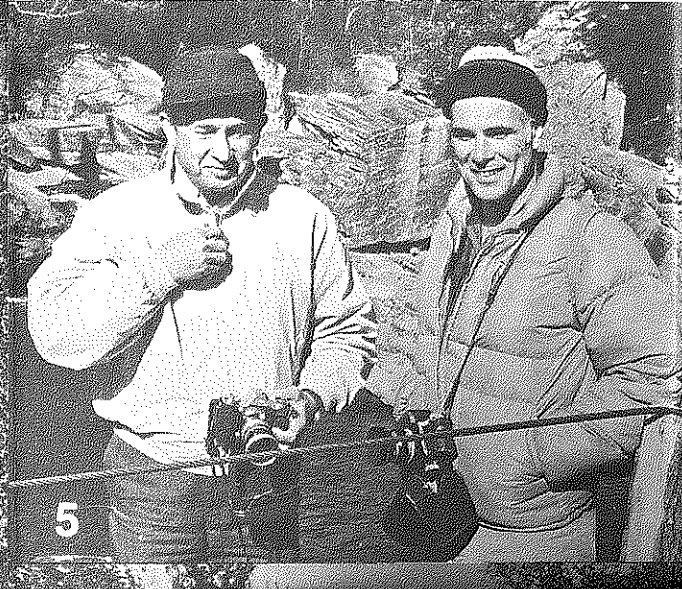
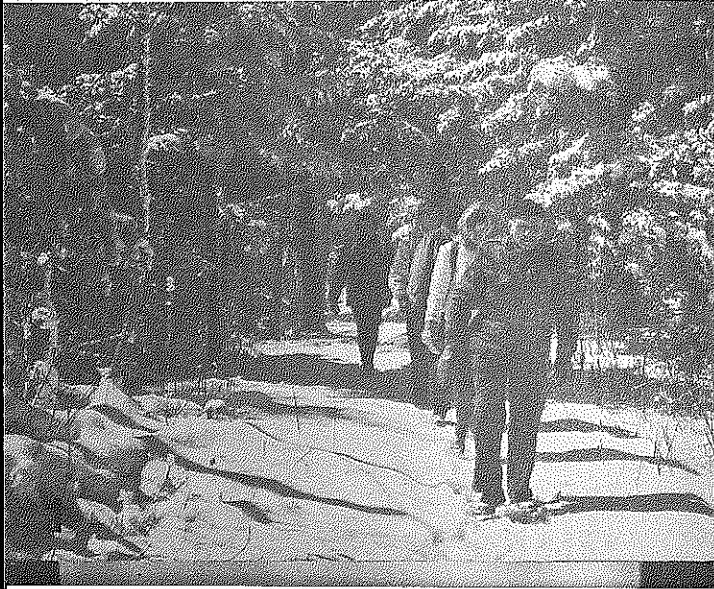
One of the club's major responsibilities is to maintain and mark an 80-mile section of the famous 2000-mile Appalachian Trail that winds its way along the North Carolina/Tennessee border north of Asheville. The club is a member of The Appalachian Trail Conference.

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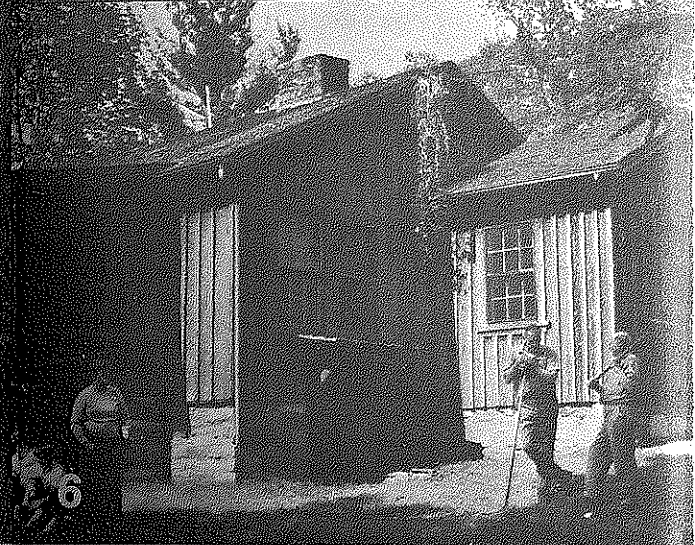
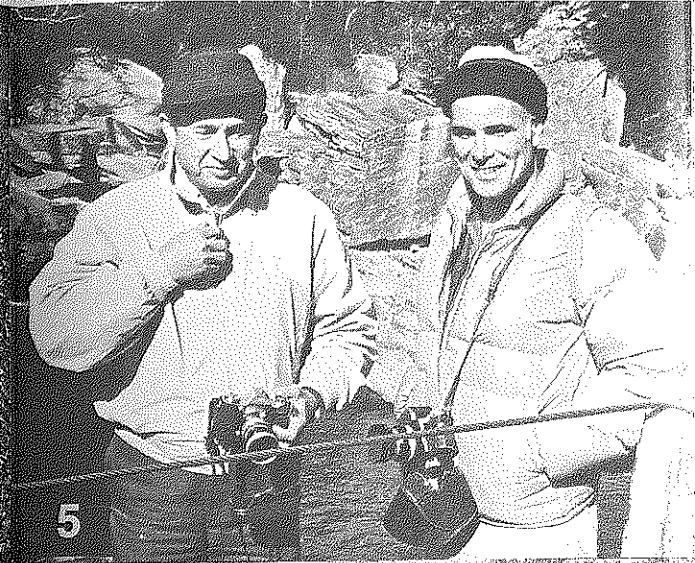
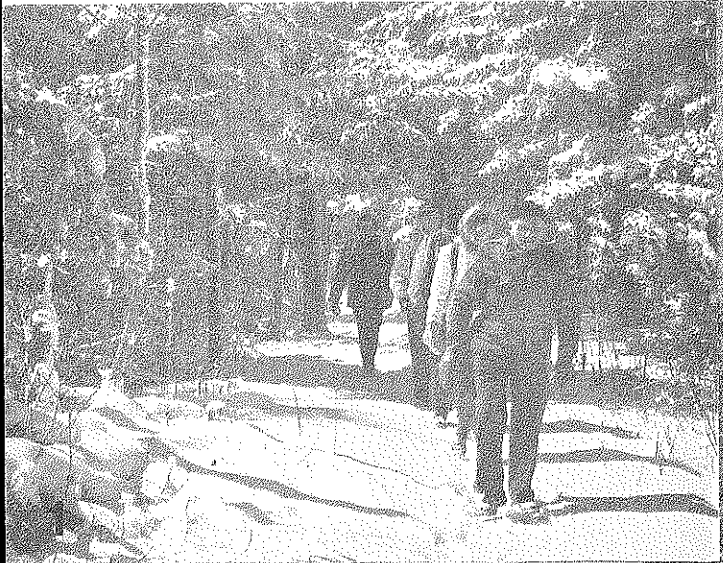


**COVER** — One of the club's favorite trips in the Smokies is by Alum Cave Bluffs. The route to this spot is described in "100 Favorite Trails", a map which Carolina Mountain Club helped in compiling.



## 50 Years of Outdoorsmanship.

This publication celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Carolina Mountain Club. The club was formed in 1923 by a group of Asheville naturalists who enjoyed the mountainous regions of North Carolina and wanted to foster in its members and others a "primal taste" for camping, hiking and mountain climbing. Today, nearly 300 members continue an interest in the outdoors with one of the most active hiking programs in the east. A schedule of this activity is issued to members quarterly.



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- 1 The club maintains an active year-round schedule of over 3 hikes a week. A half-day hike and all-day on Sundays, plus one trip on Wednesdays.
- 2 Club members are also active in conservation efforts. Here several members are attending a meeting on the wilderness status of our Joyce Kilmer — Slick Rock Creek section. Their aim is to protect the beauty of our mountains against the devastation of unreasonable development.

- 3 Spring and Summer afford many opportunities for the study of area wildflowers. The abundant moisture and long growing season make this region one of the richest in varieties of species.
- 4 Occasional trips to the most remote areas of our forest require over night back packing technique. Pictured here is a member enjoying a cup of coffee before setting up camp along the Appalachian Trail.

- 5 Photography is one pursuit that can be carried on with rich awards during all of our changing seasons.
- 6 One of the privileges of membership is the use of the club cabin on U. S. Forest Service land near Dillingham, North Carolina. Anyone can apply to join the club by getting a club member to sponsor the application. All applications are processed by the club's governing council.