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HOTFLASHES: HOLIMONT HAD A LIFT LINE....JANE GEIER HAS FIRST BIRTHDAY IN TEN YEARS...'67 BABY CROP WILL BE BEST YET...BILL WEIR HAS HIS SPECTACULAR EARLY..DITSIOUS TAKES WINGS....L S D PARTY PLANNED....NEW MEMBERS HIT RECORD PACE...GEORGE ABEL BECOMES COLLECTORS' ITEM...GEORGE DAVIS WAS GI SONG LEADER.....BYRNES AND JACQUES PULL FAST ONE...FEBRUARY EVENTS AMAZING...

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This may develope into an exercise in cage rattling. The cage may be yours, but you were warned that I might have to rattle some cages. Every now and then we must face up to facts. We all like to ignore unpleasant things, but they never go away because we look the other way - they just get bigger.

I don't know where it started, but there is some scuttlebutt rolling down out of the Hills of HoliMont that has a sinister sound. It has come to me from several directions. It consists of two separate statements, which, when run together take on an entirely different meaning. Run together the thought goes something like this: 'the present Board of Directors is going to fill the slopes, no matter how, with as many guests skiers as possible to they can get back their investments'. The implication is, they will then take off for parts unknown. Makes those Directors sound pretty awful, doesn't it!

Now, let's break the statement down into two parts: 'The present Board of Directors is going to fill the slopes, no matter how, with as many guest skiers as possible'. Strike out the words, 'no matter how', and we plead guilty.

There is only one reason for this however, and that is, we have debts to pay and payrolls to meet so you can keep skiing.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued

Figures only confuse and are usually slipped over, so only one sentence, stressing our requirements: We must take in at least \$ 1,000 every Saturday and Sunday we operate to meet our budget. The budget is not a fat one, but we welcome any suggestions that will help us meet it or cut it. Right now with the temperature 68 degrees in Rochester, it looks like we will be washed out the weekend of the 29th, so the ante will go up for the following weekends.

Certainly none of us have been inconvenienced by guest skiers so far. Even when our Tee Bar was down for a time last Saturday and we had the longest line in our history, the longest anyone had to wait in the chair lift line was 3½ minutes. If anyone calls that a lift line, they have a short memory, or have never skied anywhere but Holimont.

The reason for guest skiers is so the Board of Directors can get back their investment, the second part of the statement. In a short time all of the Directors' contracts will have matured. For them not to want their investment out would be a little less than logical. However, none of them are pressing for their money. Although I have no signed statements from them to this effect, my impression is they are willing to wait their turn to be paid off, as Holimont progresses. And, we are progressing.

Here is where the cage rattling comes in - we need more guests, and, the membership has got to get the word around! We all have skiing friends - get them down! Don't let the winter roll away while you hope they will decide to ski with us. Phone them, offer them a ride, quote the reactions of people who have skied it for the first time. Most of us work for a living; organize an office ski party. We all know people who belong to ski clubs, invite a bus load. The point is we've got to work at this as individuals and not wait for someone else to do it. We've got to catch fire, or, is a season-end assessment more appealing?

More important than guests are new members. Have you got yours yet? We started off running and applications are still coming in, but 50 for the season is a minimum, which means we have a long way to go. Some of the new members have come up with new prospects while many of the old guard stand around with hands in pockets. This isn't a job for just a committee it's a membership job. To keep the record straight, let me say that the way some of you are working has been inspiring, I would just like to see everybody working that way.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued

Recently the Board sat down with several of the members to talk over what we have been trying to do along the lines of refinancing. We wanted their thoughts on the subject. They seemed to be in full accord with our efforts to date. No matter the direction taken, the above will still be true until we have a full membership with a waiting list.

As soon as we finalize our situation with the Bank, we will have the general membership meeting. This will be announced by special mailing, and it should be soon.

Now, let's end this on an upbeat. Our slopes have been in great condition, despite the fact that the very best skiing has been during the week. We've been able to rectify even serious breakdowns in short order. We think generally speaking, everything is going along fine. Our hats should be off to our Area Supervisor Al Boylan and the fine group of workers he has assembled. We've also had lots of help from several members, but more about that later.

Now, let's all pray for snow!

Walt Brownell, President

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following names were listed in the December 'Leaf without family detail:

Robert A. Burgart, 1240 Crittenden Blvd. Rochester, N. Y.  
Contractor

Wife: Margaret (Peg); Children: Debbie 12, Steve 10,  
Barbie 9, Greg 6, John 5, Laurie 3

Sponsors: George Davis, Bob Mc Hugh

Bradley Colbert, 112 Ridge Drive, Toronto, Ontario  
General Sales Manager, Caravelle Carpets

Wife: Joan; Children: Laurie Lyn 8, Gregory 6

Sponsors: Jim Fuller, Dutch Roy

Jack C. Stradwick, 554 Deborah Crescent, Burlington, Ontario  
Insurance Executive

Wife: Barbara; Children: Pamela 11, Jay 10, Beth 8, Cindy 6  
Katy 3

Sponsors: Tom Gallagher, Hank Wright

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT continued

The following names are published for the first time:

Frank C. Bonamie, 769 Mosley Road, Fairport, N. Y.

Manager Accoustical business

Wife: Gwen; Children: Dan 15, Sue 13, Pete 7

Sponsors: Bob Mc Hugh, John Mc Hugh

Ernest W. Brunton, 120 St. Margarets St..Ancaster, Ontario  
Lumber Dealer, Acorn Lumber Co.

Wife: Ruth; Children: Norman 17, Jane 15

Sponsors: Wally Jacques, Dr. Mirehouse

Melville K. Jones, 1 Halson Street, Ancaster, Ontario  
Property Manager

Wife: Edna; Children: Wendy 14, Robert 12, Geoffrey 7

Sponsors: Hank Wright, Tom Gallagher

Dr. Angus H. MacMillan, Ancaster, Ontario

Surgeon 68 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton, Ontario

Wife: Eleanor; Children: Anne 9, Sheila 8, Ian 6

Sponsors: Dr. Orville Mirehouse, Hank Wright

Dennis F. O'Leary, 116 Laurier Avenue, Hamilton Ontario  
Barrister

Wife: Betty; Children: Dennis 8, Lisanne 6, Bridget 4  
Sean 1

Sponsors: Paul S. Philp, Norman Byrne

Jack E. Symonds, 205 Dufferin Drive, Rochester, N. Y.

Bakery Owner

Wife: Shirley; Children: Marilyn 17, James 15, Janis 3

Sponsors: Bob Mc Hugh, John Mc Hugh

Family detail for the following will be in next Leaf:

Earl and Eleanor Cochrane, 1101 Wilbert Road, Lakewood Ohio

Robert and Janet Sankey, 30403 Salem Drive, Bay Village, Ohio

If no objections to the above applicants are received within ten days and all other requirements are satisfied, they will be certified to membership. Mr. Sankey's application will be the seventeenth in our campaign, ten of which are from Canada. We are hopeful of doubling that number by our next 'Leaf, and with everybody doing their best we should be able to make it. Remember the watchword: EVERY MEMBER - A NEW MEMBER!

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

It was announced in the last 'Leaf that Art Hilger of Lockport is chairman of this committee, to work with Area Supervisor Al Boylan, in charge of buildings, grounds, lifts and machinery. His committee is made up of Dr. Bob Vaughan, Jack Johnstone, Earl Abel, Dick Walters and Directors Hettich and Ditsious. Art has been busier than a one legged roofer helping Al tie up all the loose ends.

We are fortunate in having Art head up this committee. He built his own Chalet on Holihuts. He is in the building business. Almost single handed he engineered the concrete floor in the Chalet for which so many members are grateful. He's such a quiet fellow few people know him. Few know for instance that he is a former member of the 10th Mountain Division, the Army's Ski Troops, or that he's skied all over the West, Europe and even Chili. At Holimont he rarely stops skiing long enough, or slowly enough for anyone to catch up to him. If there's a song session you might find him, but he won't be still, he's a barbershopper. But if you want something important done, he's your man.

## MACKINNON'S MERRY-GO-ROUND

Starting with a New Year's blast that proved that Ulla (Dr. Bob Vaughan) can tell the same story twice, that Bruce and Irene Stevens are compatible hoofers, that with Doug as a straight man, Ron Raisman is quite an entertainer and raconteur, that Ruth Mellinger missed her calling, that Ollie Hazard is no musician, but he taps beer kegs with a flourish, that Dr. Mirehouse can be a solid rock in a sea of turmoil, that Beth Mc Hugh is quite an osculator when Jack Kirby is around or reasonable facsimile, that the Cleveland group cannot compete with Rogers and Hart, that Grant McPherson can sing and that there is no such thing as instant spaghetti, the machinations of MacKinnon make Holimonters happy. For February he has arranged a reciprocal cocktail and ski-in party with the ESC, Ellicottville Ski Club, a Junior Olympics, flag dedication and dance for the 18th. On quiet Saturday afternoons he will stage MacKinnon Bacchanalia with an assist from Glühwein Scotty Lavtar and Würzburg Wollie Hazard. The Flag Dedication should be an All-Canadian Affair with the flags donated by Tom Gallagher and the poles by new members Dick Waterous and Brad Colbert with the dedication stage-managed by Ron Raisman. Saaay! why don't we have a competition for a design of a Holimont Flag...and maybe the other areas would like to donate decorative flags for Holimont....?



## PROMOTION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

There are still people who come to HoliMont and say they never heard of the place. With the best of skiing ahead of us, perhaps we should all make a concerted effort to get the word around.

Jack Derbyshire, whose picture appears here, because several people have asked, "Who's Derbyshire", has done a tremendous job in promoting HoliMont; with 150 of us working with him could do much better. Let's put one ghost to rest. If there are those who think we are going to 'pack' our slopes with guest skiers, no matter how, or how many, they should rest easy. The stamp on our brochure says "Limited Open Skiing to the Public". The Board has already discussed the cut-off point in numbers of skiers, and is dedicated to the principle of uncrowded slopes, even though we may have a crowded chalet.



You might be interested to know that over 5,000 of our white brochures have almost all been used. Dr. Bibbs used over 500. About 4,000 guest invitations have been dispensed. Complimentary passes have been given out from Buffalo TV and we'd like to do this in other cities as a means of publicizing the area. The person who receives a comp. pass rarely comes by himself but brings others. So we give away \$ 6.00 and get back from \$ 6.00 to \$ 60.00.

Eight thousand blue brochures prepared by Jack were sent to Western N. Y. Skiers. The Membership Committee in the last few weeks has circularized about 50 Ski Clubs and sent over 100 letters to names from the Open House and Ski Fairs. Irv. Germanow got us a column in the Rochester Paper and Walt an article. Jane Geier and Bob Bowers I believe have had us in the Cleveland Papers. Jack had us in the Sunday Supplement in Buffalo and has a feature coming up for the Rotograveur. With an assist from Bill Maloney, Jack may have us on TV.

If the Area Reps will work with Jack, or will appoint someone to do so, Jack has some ideas for getting us in the Society Pages in your area.

As soon as the snow comes back we have a flyer gimmick suggested by Jack Swanson to try in E'ville. We have some "No Lift Lines" signs done by Walt Brownell in the Chalet which you can place in Sports Shops. Shall we get going?

## HOLI HUTS REPORT

In response to the requests of several new members of HoliMont and the lively interest of people considering membership, we have posted an up to date map of the HoliHuts subdivision in the main chalet. Since there are a limited number of lots available, President Dick Walters suggests that any member who has been delaying the selection of a lot, get in touch with him as soon as possible. If any member has reserved a lot and has decided not to build, Dick would appreciate knowing it.

Congratulations are in order to the HoliHutters for the colorful and imaginative lighting arrangements on the Cabins. The enthusiastic comments from members and visitors alike, make it worthwhile. We have been told that people in the area have driven from miles around on weekends just to see the beautiful sight.

## SKI SCHOOL NEWS

You can always teach yourself or your friends to ski. The \$64 question is: Do you give them the right instructions? A skier can develop bad habits which are hard to break (have you noted our editor?). Why not play it smart and refer your friends to the Ski School Staff, or try it yourself. They are trained to teach the accepted American Ski Technique. Have you noticed how much time the Staff spends in checking each other out to be sure that instruction is standardized?

Barbara Steward from Batavia, New York is our newest addition to our Staff. Barbara, a Girl Scout Leader in Batavia, taught in New Hampshire last year. Welcome to HoliMont, Barbara.

Congratulations to our Racing Team, which is doing a tremendous job for their first year in competition. The results are inside the front door of the Chalet. Check them and see.

The Racing Team will meet every Saturday at 1:00 P. M. at Carpenter's Square (near the plaque honoring Ray Carpenter) on the hill for instructions from Coach Scotty. A slalom course will be set up each week for practice.

All students completing a course of instructions from the Ski School will be eligible to compete in a Club Race this year. Groups will be arranged by age as follows: 4-12years, 13-18, 19-35, 36-80. Those over 80 need not race, a trophy will be presented automatically. There will be medals and trophies for each of the other groups.

HOLIKIDS By Chris Oliver, Nanci Walters, Kathi Maloney

Santa couldn't have given us a nicer present than a great week of skiing. Let's hope the Easter Bunny does as well.

HooRay for HoliMont! Under Coach Scotty Lavtar, our Junior Racers comprised of Jim Tarbell, Johnny Germanow, Danny Merk, Kenny Roy, Don Cutler, Mark Fuller and others made a fine showing at Glenwood Acres and Kissing Bridge. Kenny received a third, Jim a fourth and Danny placed Fifth. The others did an outstanding job also. The weekend of Feb. 18, HoliMont is going to be host to many other areas for a day of racing. Prospective racers for that will be Susie and Lorie Davis, Karen Mirehouse, Cindy Scharf, Mike Fuller, Jackie Buell, Karen Merk and Chris Burcher.

HoliMont's junior population is exploding, with Pam Mirehouse Jeff Burcher, Pam Swanson, the Stevens, Mark Davis, Mikey Luthringer, Paul "Lift-line Masher" Cannon, Bobby Vaughan, Jamie Gallagher, Susie and Cheryl Merk and lots of others.

34 - 82 - 45 -- HIKE! That's the way the game went after the lifts shut down one Saturday. Tackles were Greg Dekdebrun and Jeff Gallagher, Quarterback was Billy Kuhn, Ends were George Abel and Danny Merk, Halfback Mike Kuhn, Backfield was crowded with Kathi Maloney, Main Scharf, Larry Davis, Mark Twitchell and Linc Gallagher. Bring on your Super-super-bowl!

Holikids have great ideas - a combo, is one, a social Committee is another. A suggestion box will be placed in the chalet for your ideas. All suggestions are welcome.

HoliMont is your Club too, so let's keep it neat. All those interested in serving on the Clean-Up Committee see George Abel, known now as Kleen Sweep Abel, or Mr. Kleen for short. Our theme song is:

"Georgie, Georgie, if you're able  
Get those bottles off the table!"

WOWIE! Daddy (Oliver) says he has made 64 new name tags for Holikids, for new members. Let's see how fast everybody can get to know everybody else. We would like to have another HoliLeaf correspondent or two, maybe from Canada and Rochester. (Editor's Suggestion: Last year the HoliKids designed some wonderful posters, how about designing the HoliMont Flag. Also how about some Junior Yodellers for our slopes.)



## SKI PATROL NEWS

Al Boylan was talking with some H'Monters and with that mischievous, philosophical twinkle in his eye said, "Well, the Ski Patrol is getting more equipment all the time" What this Time? "A set of Bolt Cutters", says Al. Bolt Cutters? Why? Al said, "So when someone runs a ski pole into themselves you can cut it off". Knowing Al was a farmer once, someone said, "Couldn't you use a de-horning tool?" Al said, "I don't think the Ski Patrol would do that."

That's right; standard procedure should someone get impaled on a ski pole is to cut it off and leave it in until the victim gets to the hospital. So let's not pull any ski poles out of any bodies. That's why Gary Richards and his boys won't let anyone ski without baskets or rings on their poles. Let's hope we never have to use those bolt cutters.

The Ski Patrol is getting more equipment and personnell. Two more tobaggans are going into service - - and let's be patient when the Patrol is taking them up the lift. They will be doing more of this and we hope they will all be practice runs. Unfortunately they're not. Our accident rate in the past was 1/3 the national average, let's keep it that way. There's an interesting article on page 45, Time Magazine Jan. 27th issue on a skier's liability in a collision on the slopes.

It's a comforting sight to see the Patrol rehearsing for the time you may need them. Drill, drill, drill, while the rest of us ski. And then the big review by the National Ski Patrol Inspectors...there's more to ski patrolling than free skiing. Let's let them know we appreciate them.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

It has been suggested that to ease the parking problem, that in coming from town that members double up in cars as much as possible to eliminate as many cars as possible.

In using the lift on busy days, try as much as possible to double up to keep the line moving. Help the children too, even if they're yours.

If you can label all equipment there will be less lost. Also periodically check the Lost and Found box at the back of the Chalet, there is lots of perfectly good equipment, gloves, hats, scarves and what-nots that belonged to somebody sometime and are still in good condition. Nothing fits me!

## MISCELLANEOUS continued

Now that we have flags and poles donated, and almost had a piano, what we really need now is a large bulletin board in the Chalet. And, in our kitchen set-up if someone has a refrigerator that is not doing anything, we could use that too.

Last year we had a used equipment and clothing service. If you have any outgrown items and want to send the details in to the 'Leaf, we'll print it up and post it in the Chalet on the big bulletin board we hope will be donated.

Marge Cornelison has been appointed by Walt Brownell to head up a committee to NAME THE SLOPES, something we've been considering for three years. Last year we had several names submitted and these will be turned over to Marge. Why not get your family working on the idea while you're driving in some weekend.

Do you suppose Shirley Bowers will be organizing Cross Country skiing again this year. Those who participated in it, all thought it was great. When the sun gets a little higher, (perish the thought) it will be breakfast in the Chalet at seven and then off into the hills. If we get good at it, we may have our own Vasaloppet. Wot?

If you want one of those geodetic contour maps of the area showing HoliMont, the 'Leaf will supply them at \$ .70 each.

The Song Fest books, put out by the Intercollegiate Outing Clubs and which has many of the songs we sing in it, can also be had from the 'Leaf. They were \$ 2.00 last year. We have a few sets of the HoliMont Song Sheets too, if you are interested.

When you put your skis on one of the racks, check and see if one side is crowded, then use the other. Three times one afternoon they tipped over because all the skis were on one side.

Any member who knows Latin and has a moment should help our little Gal Laurie Eastman behind the lunch counter. She's boneing up on it and brothers Dan and Don and Tom Stone are no help at all.

Let's get back to "Thinking Snow" real hard and see if we can't get back in shape. It worked once and will again.

## HOLILEAVINGS

If we can ever get Bob Harter, Scotty Lavtar and Bill Merk to coordinate their yodels, the Stratton Mountain Boys won't dare leave Vermont. Then if they can learn that cow milking routine, we have a suggestion for the cow; Penny Pitou was the cow at Buffalo.... Pres. Brownell and Betty appear in Alaskan after ski boots, now everybody is getting them...Even Janie Geier who celebrated her first birthday in ten years and a month early at that...she got a Ski-Doo or Ski-Daddler at a breakfast surprise party...then going all the way Eskimo, she suggests a HoliMont Katimavik for adults only...(that's Esky for 'meeting place')...she said, "We could call it Tree House" and Jess Bell shot back, "Yes, Adult-Tree House". Jess must have picked up some Continental Habits in England too.

The scene was a romantic corner in the Barn in E'ville...Ann Maloney had been playing cards with her Gentleman Friend.... they were closing up and the lights were being turned out when the Gent leaned over the table and came close to Annie.. she was as nervous as a high school girl on her first date, when he whispered in intimate tones to her, "Who takes care of your garbage?" And that's what a half glass of beer will do for Les Fox.

What ever happened to Dick Reese who used to bring down those exotic girls from under the Skylon at Niagara Falls. We have not had a Reese Peanut Butter Dish in so long.

Better not get any frostbite this winter when Dr. Andy Gage, is around...he'll operate on you...they featured him recently in the Buffalo Courier Express for his pioneering work in Cryosurgery...that's surgery by freezing. He says he hopes it does not get too cold at HoliMont, 'cause wife Pat (Kelly) Gage comes down so slowly he's afraid she'll freeze in place and will have to be cut out. Ever hear of a frozen Irish gal?

And speaking of things Irish, arrah now, have ye met that foine brath of a lad Dennis O'Leary from Hamilton? And our bearded Instructor Morris Donaldson is Irish too, but you can't say that about Angus B and Angus H. MacMillan. Now, did you ever see such names as we have in this Club, bejabbers there's Precious, Love, and Virtue, but that's all Wright, because Rochester came up with a Bonamie, who by Indian Law is full blooded Indian, a Cayuga, whose only objection to buying a piece of H'Mont was that he hated to be paying for what was once his. Wait 'til you meet Frank, you'll like him

## HOLILEAVINGS continued

With our Gorgeous Greek Ditsious moving to Detroit our center of gravity will be shifting to Ancaster, Ontario and Wally Jacques and Norm Byrne are doing their best to make it so. The ink was hardly dry on their applications and they signed up Ernie Brunton and Dennis O'Leary. That's fast work.

If you ski Wed. and Thur. when it is best, you'll ski in sunshine when that fine Irish Boy Eddie Gmetowski is patrolling. Ever see such a smile. Al Boylan says he's gotta be Irish.

Millie Forrest and Jim Fuller (not together) have been toting the racing team around. If Les Krampitz ever can keep that Jeep running maybe he can do it. But the best suggestion was that George Davis take them in the Bus.

Would you believe that Davis claims to have been a song leader in the Army, and he blames the loss of his voice and hair and virtue on Kit. Would you believe it?

Speak of Davis and you think of children and among those who have added to our population since last year are the Hazards, Cannons, Dr. McHarg, Gary Clark, Jerry Hilger and before next year we should hear from Johnstones, Ritchies, Logans, Weirs and let's see did I forget somebody... Since Al Boylan stopped surveying the situation, I haven't been so sure.

By the way we are still short about one third of the survey cards giving us your correct name and address and the family names and ages of the children. Please?

Cleveland is beginning to catch on fire. The phone just went off and Bob Bowers says there are two more applications coming in. When will Buffalo start? Lois Fahrner from Cuba is trying in the Southern Tier. She brought Mrs. Van Sannenberg up to look as over last Sunday. And would we like to have Mrs. Van as a member; she's a widow and she owns Cuba Cheese Co., and she's got a gleam in her eye, and you know how we like cheese.

All of which is to say that Holimont is a great Club, worth working for. The finest People and the Finest Skiing and you can make it so. Let's really back the Board and Brownell and shoot for twenty new members to report in the next issue of the Holileaf. Every Member - a New Member!

John Mc Hugh