

THE

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HOT FLASHES: WE DID IT! WE DID IT! WE HAD SNOW FOR SKIING LAST WEEKEND!!!!  
THREE NEW PRO-TEM DIRECTORS APPOINTED TO BOARD. WALTER'S A-FRAME CHALET PASSES  
CRITICAL LOAD TEST....WENDY'S BACK!...TRAVERS AND MALONEY OUT BEAR-RUG BUELL  
AND HOLMES...MACKINNON AND JONES OPEN ELIZABETHAN EXPERIMENT IN AUSTERE LIVING..  
CANADIAN INTERLOPER CRIPPLES HOLILEAF STAFF...SHIRLEY BOWERS BUSHWHACKS THE BOYS  
INPOOP TO HOLILEAF ABOUT AS HEAVY AS SNOW TO DATE.....

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

(Copy did not arrive when this  
went to press)

## BOARD MEETINGS:

Following is not Sec'y Swansons official report, but merely your editor's gleanings from notes of the meetings:  
Meeting of 12/6/65 Ditsious absent 3rd time; Present: Merk, Stevens, Gartner, Oxley Directors, Treasurer Hettich and Walt Brownell Members Committee Rep. Received Treasurer's Report in regard billings, statements, Income Tax and Dopkin audit. Approved snow reporting service to be distributed twice weekly to 101 radio stations, 61 papers and 109 Ski Shops. Approved motion to assemble slides and movies and posters to promote Holimont. Approved policy and purpose statement governing the Holileaf. App. two new members J. Warren Yagle and Vernon Fitzgerald. Approved purchase of weather forecast and storm warning service on trial basis. Racing and special activities program assigned to Dir. B. Stevens. Members not in good standing have no ski privileges; may do so, ski at standard guest rates. New ticket system approved. House Rules to be set up by House Comm. Bruce Stevens, Chairman. Recommendation by Merk to add extra chairs to lift at cost of \$ 2,500 defeated. 3/31/65 statement sent to Dun and Bradstreet. Meeting adjourned 1:45 A. M.  
Meeting of 1/14/66: Absent Ditsious 4th time, Oxley Illness, Brownell off skiing Bowers 24 hour notice, Treas. Hettich Circling over Chicago three hours with bottle of Champagne. Present: Gartner, Stevens, Merk, Raisman, McHugh subbing for Brownell.

## ADDENDUM TO SKI SCHOOL

Hope the Pres. doesn't mind our using his space, but this just came in. Scotty has received entry blanks and rules governing Ski Masters Competition at Mt. Attitash this weekend Jan. 22 - 23. Though it is probably too late, you may want to talk with Scotty about it this weekend, and see what is involved. Good Work Scotty!

Beth Mc Hugh, sometimes referred to as the Holileaf Staff (she's all that supports me) wrote the following. I told her it was personal and we could not use it. She said, "I'll pay for the printing". Being the sport I am, I took her money.

In September the McHughs bought HÜHNERKÄFIG HÜHLUNG, Hencoop Hollow in English a 29 acre farm 2½ miles from Holimont. Since then we have had about two hundred people drop in. They are amazed at what Beth 'throws' together, and herewith her unabridged explanation of how she does it:

#### HOW TO GET AND FEED UNEXPECTED GUESTS ON AN OIL BURNER IN A BATHROOM (written and paid for by Beth Mc Hugh)

One of the things I have most enjoyed about Hencoop Hollow is the fact that we have lots of company - mostly at mealtime. I will be the first to admit that unexpected guests in Rochester throw me for a loss (all except brother-in-law Bobby who is never unexpected and always at a loss, although he does have assets) but something in the air around Ellicottville induces me and my husband to invite everyone for dinner. After four months of feeding undetermined numbers at odd hours, I have worked out a foolproof system, which I pass along to you despite the remark of one member of the Abel family, who said, "If you eat at the McHughs and it doesn't come out of a can, don't eat it".

1. If your husband isn't gregarious, trade him in on a new model. When things are slow at the farm, John stops people walking on the road and invites them in. I used two gallons of cocoa and a large loaf of Irish Bread on a brother-sister hunting team who were very tiredly walking by this fall; but John muttered something about "calling them in from the highways and byways"...I didn't think he'd read the Bible. Rule one then, have a gregarious husband.
2. Think ahead! After one weekend of 19 unexpected guests, I decided to plan economical, attractive, nutritious meals in quantity. I made baked beans for 20, and believe me, this almost paid off. I had 5 pharmaceutical companies bidding on the mold that collected on that pan the next week. # 2 Think Ahead!
3. Try to have unexpected guests who know each other; have them come in bunches. You have no time to run about getting people acquainted while you're cutting paper towels into napkins or trying to remember if you packed the onions with the thermal underwear or the dog food. # 3 Don't have unacquainted unexpected guests.
4. Arrange your kitchen for one person. You! Volunteer help is disastrous, unless you leave the area entirely. You need your wits, and I don't mean people, who will probably remark that 'on Grandmother's farm they had an oven large enough to roast an ox, three goats, a pig and a partridge in a pear tree and you don't even have a small one', or who tell you that it's difficult to master a drink in a five inch glass with a nine inch icicle that nearly put their eye out or froze a nostril. Cheer up folks, under present conditions conventional icecube trays freeze in the cellar way. # 4 make your kitchen just big enough for you...and possibly one man.
5. Under no circumstances have close neighbors. This leads to borrowing, which kills ingenuity. If you run short, throw in another can of something, anything. Sprinkle everything with paprika and schnitlau (chives). Ignore people who pick out the schnitlau. And don't let people serve themselves. I learned that when on the 3rd day of Suki yaki, all the meat had been picked out of the bowl...but we covered up with two cans of mushrooms. Also switch the conversation immediately if asked about ingredients in your creation. I learned that when midway in doing so, we ended up with a retched Abel in the bathroom. # 5 Improve but forget what you throw in.
6. I really do have an oil burner in the bathroom on which I cook, and I learned early not to yell from the kitchen and ask a guest if the peculiar smell is coming from the bathroom. I also have a gas heater in the kitchen, wood stoves in both the dining room and living room and a gas heater and hot plate in the bedroom, and I often use them simultaneously. Well that's the way I do it at Hencoop Hollow and you are welcome to drop in anytime, especially mealtimes which run from 12 noon to 3:30 A. M. when we are not skiing. Come to think of it I'll have to develop a new system now that we have snow, won't I.

*Beth*

#### BOARD MEETINGS CONTINUED:

No Treasurer's report. Merk reported on collateral note situation, Holinotes status of membership. Considered case of member Batt, in Texas for two years with DuPont, and member Oblatz in Viet Nam with the Marines. Approved the writing of a letter to those members who have not signed collateral notes by Feb-1. Approved two new highway signs on approaches to E'ville. App. new sign in E'ville. App. and appointed Walt Brownell to produce screen process road signs to attract guest income. Approved poster contest among Holikids to be used in Ski Shops, Brownell, Poramba and Mackinnon comm. of judges. Approved plan to ask Dr. Vaughan to work up new member prospectus. Meeting adjourned 1:45 A. M. Next meeting Friday February 4th.

#### HOLIHUTS REPORT:

By-laws, budget and assessment statement sent to members. A membership card has been executed and sent out, by Sec'y MacKinnon (the artist: Doug Mackinnon says if you want to reach a quick decision as to what the design is, hold it upright so you can read the printing, then stand on your head). Final deal on Holihuts land awaits only Prendergast signature. Lots are still available on all levels, 12 in all. Hilger (Jerry) and Hettich are in and using their chalets, Les Kram-pitz expects to be in in two weeks. Gas lights have been offered to the sub-division, but Pres. Walters sensitive about having it called the Gaslight district. At the time of the offer, we had a slight californian dew, the mud was 12½ inches deep off the poop deck of the Mirehouse Manor..a smart sailor friend of Dutch Roys said: "Street Lights? You need buoy Lights". With 16 below last week, sub-division is un-mired, with apologies to the good Doctor.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dick Cornelison Chrmn. reports that Bud Logan, Warren Pa. will serve with Dick Turner of Jamestown on Holimont Budget Comm. including Merk, Oxley and Hettich. He also reports check has gone to Wes Serra to buy up Merk's contract, two directorships and secure title to land for Holimont. Dick is still selling Holinotes at 7 % Int. and any members flush after Xmas can join ranks of Holinoters by sending \$500 check to Dick. With the buy-out of Merk and Prendergast

#### MEMBERS COMM. REPORT CONTINUED:

three new pro-tem directors have been appointed to Board, replacing Freda, and Danny Merk and Mr. P. They will serve until elections take place this spring. They are:

For Ontario from Toronto: Ron Raisman, Chartered Accountant (C.P.A. in the States Grad. of U. of Toronto, Comptroller of National Sales Incentives Ltd. of Canada, a six year skiing enthusiast who sampled Europe last year, Salwart member of foreign affairs Comm. last year, a dilettante and gourmet who appreciates Lollabrigettas and Lamellibranchiata and Beaujolais as well as a well-run business, an original member of the Membership Comm. he should be a strong addition to the Bd.

From Cleveland: Bob Bowers, part owner of R. H. Bowers Co. Mfg. Reps. for instruments and controls for Petro-chemicals, after graduation from Penn State, an Air Force C-119 Pilot out of Munich, in the 50's he started sliding down the Alps instead of just looking down on them. As a Civilian he married Cross Country Shirley in '56, and following her, he skied what he calls the Survival Technique (get him Scotty) in Sum Valley, the Laurentians and Holimont. He plays the guitar. Is anxious to see Holimont succeed and willing to work at it.

From Rochester: Walt Brownell who flunked his physical at Vassar, 18 yrs. with Ritter-Pfaudler Equip. Co., now Ass't to Sales Manager Dental Div., erudite, ebullient, mundane, an organizer who won't call a spade a shovel. With wife Betty has skied the East and Europe and feels Holimont is the ultimate answer. A strong member of the Membership Comm. his no-nonsense approach to settling problems augurs well for Holimont. (Don't call him Ernie Ford). These men will officially take their place with the Board at February meeting.

#### SKI SCHOOL:

The Karavanken Kid Scotty Lavtar, Director is like a can of Campbell's soup, just waiting to be opened..or is it Heinz that has the 57 varieties. Scotty's got ideas for Holimont. Hear This: Scotty is in correspondence with Peter Pinkham of New Hampshire who has promoted the new competition taking place this month at Mt. Attitash, based on style and technique rather than speed, which may be introduced to the Olympics. Scotty wants to use it at H'mont, especially among the kids. He has announced his new group program, in which you can combine skiing with your



## SKI SCHOOL CONTINUED:

friends with instruction. Pick out up to ten of your friends who ski at about your level, organize a group, sign up with Scotty for ten lessons at \$ 2.00 a lesson, pick a mutually convenient time and your group will be assigned an instructor who will take your group at that hour and stay with you through ten lessons. If you can't make all ten sessions the fee will be returned for lessons missed. Already we have the following groups started and you may sign up with them, just ask the leader. Special Teenager Class Ldr. Barb Lavtar  
The Little Angels, girls 4 - 13 Pat

Harter

The Little Devils, boys 4 - 13 David Roy  
The Biddy Committee, ages unspeakable, to be led by Jean Oliver

Good Fellows Class, age a pre-requisite to be led by Uncle Earl Abel.

You may work up your own group, and name it..how about The Maple Leafers, The Saw bones, or The Alter Peters, or The Prolifics (we have them). Regular lessons will take place 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. and private lessons by appointment. American technique only. Get the most of the short season by getting in mid-season form through lessons. How about it!

## HOLIKIDS:

(From material submitted by Nanci Walters)  
Watch out coming down trail 8, Cheryl Hilger goes out stalking with an air rifle periodically. Also on trail 8 the Tompkins Ski school is back in session with Mom and Pop putting Barbara, David and Donald through their paces. Penny Abel is at college in Colorado and skiing the big spots..and have you noticed Gus Abel since he got back from being accepted at Denver U, and skiing Vail, Loveland and Arapahoe, whew! My Father, Thumbelino Richard Walters is "Thinking Snow" so hard he's getting gray, the man at the hdwr. store told him if he would use both hands on the saw he would not cut his thumbs. Well Holikids the Bd. of Dir. of Holimont has decided we are good for something. They have asked us to get in a poster contest, for some original posters promoting Holimont memberships. You can use your parents help but they want some real jazzy ones by February 1st. to hang in our chalet where they will be judged by our Art. Comm. The winners will have their names on a plaque for this year. So get going and let's show them what we can do.

Mr. Brownell, Poremba and Mackinnon are the Committee.

## HOLILEAVINGS:

The skiing was excellent last Saturday, everybody was amazed that our groomed slopes were so good with so little snow. At Dick Walter's terrific Jan. 1 open house, the house got loaded..6,000 # of skiers on the first floor, according to Gen'l Cont. Dutch Roy who built it. Helen Buell added her bit, looking real smashing in a red-orange Mumu, looking very p...polynesian, that is. Buell, Ted that is, whose new pointe de vue is the Skylon at Niagara Falls and John Holmes showed up again this year in seal parkas but Dick Travers and Bill Maloney have outdone them with big 3/4 length furry jobs. Are you fellows expectin? And Wendy Travers started right off throwing necks out of joint, watching her slither down six...Doug MacKinnon and Falconer Jones have taken a big house on Elizabeth St., when we visited there were no rugs, no furniture, just wall to wall girls.. and this is austerity? And all this because Barbara is now Mrs. Yahn? At Dick Walter's A-Frame open house, wife Beth was pushed against the roof so long she took on a permanent forward lean. When Canadian Skier Peter Blacklock turned her around to kiss her a Happy New Year she was leaning backwards and he stepped half way up her right shin bone..she's not the same..Shirley Cross Country Bowers took several 'boys' bushwhacking on the fire trails..two hours later she sailed in all smiles and the boys dragged in later... anybody like to try it? Speaking of bushwhackers our foreman Big Al Boylan came out of the bush years ago to play pro-hockey for two years with the Toronto Maple Leafs...it's good to see he has the other bushwhacker Al Blecha back on the job...And up in our own bush, the chalet that looks so pretty with the Christmas lights belongs to Art Hilger, who with Mrs. Hilger is leading the Richards off to Europe this year...we should get him knickers and red socks and nominate him to take Lynn Farnham's place as the man most likely to wear out his skis the fastest...Oxley and Vaughan have been in sick bay, both are home now, Mr. O. should be skiing soon, by Dr. Bob has a five week sit out...send in your used clothing info and used equipment too for posting in Chalet...Club rosters are available from Merks...Next issue first week in Feb. send me some inpoop please..and get gray along with Walters by thinking snow, harder and harder and harder.

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ZZZZZZZZZZzzzzzzzaaaaaaaaaPPPPPP!!! SERENDIPITY IS HERE AGAIN!!! VOILA!!!

-----BOARD ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT-----

OTHER HOT FLASHES: BIBBS BREAKS THE HUT BARRIER.....BUELL'S MONEY TREE PICKED...  
HOLIMONTER DISCOVERED IN WHO'S WHO...HOLIMONTERS PROVEN UNSQUARE...EDITOR TURNS  
DOCKER....MACKINNON GOES OLIVE PICKING....SKI-ABLE FROST HITS E'VILLE...NATIVES  
PREDICT GREAT WINTER....AL BOYLAN FIRED AS STATISTICIAN....THIRTEEN HOLIMONTER  
TELEPHONES IN E'VILLE....STEVENS ARRANGES OPEN HOUSE...OKTOBER-FESTERING....

## BOARD ELECTION:

At a special meeting Friday Sept. 16th in Buffalo, Walter Brownell of Rochester was elected President of Holimont. He replaces W. Merk who had resigned in accordance with a recent decision of the Board to divide the job of President and Manager. Merk will continue as paid manager. Since many members may not know Walt, we had a staff artist sketch him at the moment of realization of his election.

He was a very early member of Holimont, almost a Sooner. He was an original member of the 1965 Members' Investigating Committee. Appointed a pro-tem Director in Jan. 66, he was elected to full Directorship in April. He is in the words of Bill Merk one of our most conscientious members. He is assistant to the Sales Manager, Dental Division of the Ritter-Pfaudler Equipment Company of Rochester. In his position he has had responsibility for organizing and conducting sales seminars and campaigns, organizing and presiding at meetings, large and small. He is reputed to be an excellent Toastmaster at retirement parties. For the last several years he has taught Sunday School at his Church. Yes, he skis. He has done Europe and many of the Eastern areas. He makes an annual pilgrimage to the Laurentians. Among his assets is his charming wife Betty who does interviewing in the Personnel Dept. of the Main Office of Eastman Kodak, and was for two years President of the Assoc. of Personnel Women. Walt has been termed an organizer, an erudite, ebullient all round good fellow. Holimont is fortunate to have such a man as President. He is convinced that Holimont is the answer for the skiing family, and as such is bound to succeed. Let's get behind him and his programs to put Holimont over the top this year. His personal message to you is attached.



HOLIMONT SKI CLUB INC.  
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September 22, 1966

Dear Holimont Member:

So he can devote all his time and energy to his job as Holimont's General Manager Director, your Board of Directors has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bill Merk as President at their September 16th meeting. The Board wants it they feel Bill should be given a resounding vote of thanks for his great job in the conceiving of Holimont; for his fantastic juggling job in keeping the Club on its new-born feet; for the endless hours of just plain "bullwork"; for some of the sleepless nights he must have spent trying to solve our early problems. We all recognize his efforts as a great job well done. His managerial abilities will continue to be important to us.

In recent months the Board recognized two things:

1. Our plans for putting Holimont in financially solvent position would require more time of Bill, the Board and members.
2. Since we are heading towards a half-million dollar business and a full membership we should put our house in business like order.

It was decided the jobs of President and General Manager should be held by two different people to allow for a division of the combined responsibilities. The Board felt this would enable us to reach these goals most quickly.

As your new President I hope you will not expect miracles to be performed, for I am not a prophet out of the East. There will be work. Work for all of you if you are really serious about putting the finishing touches on Holimont as the best "fun" ski area in this part of the world.

Many of you don't know me but you will. Since the President's job is primarily administrative it may be necessary from time to time that I bug, harass, push, step on toes, snarl at anyone or any committee that isn't performing at top level. If such steps are necessary, and I hope they are not, they will be taken only to insure Holimont's survival and success. I like people and like to get along with them. However, this is not a popularity contest, results are what we need right now.

This coming season can be a turning point for HoliMont. The ultimate success of our ski area is predicated on one thing - new members. If every member will be responsible for a new member by the end of the coming ski season we will be able to see our own "Patch of Blue". So you see brother skier - and sister - you already have a job; the most important one in the club - new members.

Although we plan to increase our promotional efforts for new members we cannot leave the whole job to a committee. You are responsible for final success. You cannot leave it up to the Board of Directors for these men literally wrest time out of busy personal schedules to take care of the business of HoliMont. You are the final answer.

In this, my first communication to you, I give you my promise to do my best to put HoliMont out in front but think it only fair that I expect the same effort from you.

Although I expect to see many of you before snow flies, it's a nice thought to be able to say - see you on the slopes.

Walter R. Brownell



## HOLIHUTS REPORT:

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"The Holi-Hutters high on the hill urge all skiers to get their legs in shape: climb up and see the latest additions--from Doc Vaughan's honest-to-goodness barn panelling on the East to the Bibbs' brand new Alpine Chalet on the West. Evergreens are sprouting and landscaping appearing as happy hill-dwellers cut ski trails to and from their front doors. All bid you a hearty welcome and will happily give you a guided tour through the new additions and improvements. And, by the way, there are still a few choice lots available" Thus endeth the light hearted, happy report of Pres. Dick Walters of Holihuts, Inc. What does not appear and should, is the evidence of a yeoman's job of organizing the Holihuts Corporation, buying the property from Holimont, getting approval on the layout, getting deeds for owners, filing same, successfully meeting with the Town Assessors and in all respects running a tight ship. Holihuts are in good hands.

## SKI SCHOOL:

The Karavanken Kid Scotty Lavtar, Director of Holimont's Ski School has been too busy finishing up his beautiful Alpine Home on Poverty Hill Road where he now lives with his wife Barbara, to get out a ski school report. When last seen away from his work long enough to talk, he said he is in good shape for instructors for this year and will be ready and anxious to go. How about a complete report in the next 'Leaf Scotty.

## MACKINNON'S REPORT:

Doug Mackinnon Grand Master of Holimont Socials, reports as follows: The first annual Holimont Dinner Dance hosted by our Royal Canadian Members, took place May 27 at the Skylon, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Members and guests were in formal attire, men in white, blue and paisley jackets, and the women, well.. they were just great, just great. They graced the food, wine, view, atmosphere AND the Skylon. Gordon Precious, H'monts personal Blackstone put on a very professional magician's act. Helen Buell entertained the group at Hacienda Buell on the River after the Skylon closed, until dawn, yet. The Central Tier Culture festival took place Sept. 10 beginning with a noon day party at the Lake Chataugua Yacht Club hosted by Lois and Lyd Hough and Charlie and Mabel Ludwig, and ending up with a lake cruise on Bob Buchan's boat the African Queen.

Following this auspicious start the next phase took place in Hencoop Hollow E'ville in McHugh's barn, hosted by the McHughs, Earl and Jean Abel and perennial friend of H'mont Les Fox. After a dinner prepared by Beth and Jean supplemented by some exciting dishes brought by members, the group moved to the Barn Loft where a hoedown orchestra played for square dancing. It was a great party and everybody wants to do it again. Next Holimont Social Special: The Third Annual Oktoberfest scheduled at the Holimont Chalet for October 29th. We gain an hour that night. Get your Bier Steins polished up and your Lederhosen and Dirndel dresses ready, we have some surprises in store for you.

## HOLIKIDS REPORT:

Nanci Walters, Kathi Maloney and Chris Oliver, our H'Kids correspondents are off and running. They are compiling an up-dated survey sheet which will be in the next 'Leaf to determine what should be included in our 'Kids' program for this year. They are looking for H'Kids representatives in the different areas; why not volunteer and organize the H'Kids in your area.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

A Treasurer's Report is forthcoming and should reach you by the end of the month. Make the Treas. Happy by paying dues now or making suitable arrangements with him. Reports of Board meetings will begin in the next issue of the 'Leaf. Ways and Means Committee under Earl Watson met this summer and came up with solid recommendations to the Board. These resulted in the new initiation fee sched. for \$ 875 Cash or a four year deferred pay plan \$ 300, \$ 250, \$ 250 and \$ 200. A guest invitation plan has been proposed. They propose we operate Wed. thru Sunday. A vigorous membership campaign proposed. Ski Patrol under Gary Richards is in good shape. We can still use some patrollers. Any member or any skier known by a member who has had standard and advanced Red Cross First Aid, Gary would like to talk to. We will be especially hard pressed for weekday operation and your help is earnestly sought in this regard. Our slopes are in great shape. Planting and fertilization paid off and we have excellent cover. Slopes have been mowed within the month so conditioning with minimal snow will be a snap. Chair lift slats are being refinished and chairs are painted. Al says he'll be ready.

## MEMBERSHIP:

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Typical of action minded President Brownell, his first efforts are directed to our most pressing problem: Membership. He forthwith has asked Dir. Bruce Stevens, our Canny Scot, to devote his full efforts to this responsibility. Canny Scot immediately says, "Let's show the merchandise the way we got members in the beginning, let's have an open house Saturday and Sunday October 8 - 9. we'll take people up the lift, and show the grounds and give a free bottle of pop with each membership". So, all you members who know skiers, bring them to Holimont that weekend, the lift will run from one to five...plan a picnic...the countryside will be beautiful...one look from the top of # 2 is worth a hundred brochures. (The sheet, which, if the printer got it done on time is bound to your Holileaf will help interest people.) We'll try and have pictures, to show what a fun gang we have, and music and maybe wine, and if we can swing it, a hayride for the kids. We'll subpoena the directors and have them there to meet and talk with your prospective members. We'll try and have the Holihutters show their hutuses. Let's do it up brown and get a flock of new members. Oh yes, Canny Scot with the help of Pres. Brownell, appointed J. J. Mc Hugh as chairman of the committee, and the next voice you will hear is his, calling HELP!! We need active enthusiastic volunteers in all areas to serve on the membership committee if we are going to get the job done. I've thought about it so much, that last night I even had a dream meeting with my committee, and there they were: Pat Beck, Annie Maloney, Lou Kirby, Sue Cannon, Marge Cornelison, Ruth Mellinger, Norma Krampitz, Jeanie Oliver, Kit Davis, Lynn Fuller, Ginny Walters, Jane Geier, Barb Wright, Joan Weir, Marty Hendershott, Lynn Watson, Aileen Love, Jeanne Precious, Betty Rhoads, Joanne Travers, Joyce Philp, Freida Mirehouse, Ann Body and about that time I woke up in a cold sweat..and then it hit me: why not? Why not give the gals a chance. The guys have been trying it for three years, why not give the gals a chance to show what can be done. Well Gals, what do you say....will you volunteer to take on the membership job and do what has to be done if our wonderful Holimont is going to succeed. Seriously, I earnestly solicit your help your suggestions and ideas to double our membership this year..on top of which you'll be doing some skiing family a real favor.

## HOLILEAVINGS:

Dr. Bibbs breaks the Hut barrier this year putting up the only addition to Holihuts, a beautiful Alpine Chalet supplied by member Franz Elsigan...and on Jefferson Street opposite Dutch Roy's Phil Geier bought Jane a nice little house now called "Jane's Pout House" which she promptly had sterilized because she heard the former occupant was the artificial inseminator for the area. Jane reportedly said "I'm taking no chances"...Ted Buell's not taking any more chances, his money tree, the Skylon was robbed of \$ 50,000 Labor Day..but 50 H'monters were taking chances in the Loft at Hencoop Hollow trying to square dance...Les Fox said it was the most unsquare square dancers he ever saw...Joan Weir collided head-on with another head in the duck and dive set and her theme song now is "When You Dance Through A Storm, Keep Your Head Up High" and it was a storm what with the Hilgers, Merks Emersons, Abels and Olivers trying to break the floor down...that Lockport Legion is something else again.....Al Boylan, usually reliable, failed to report Marcia and Ollie Hazard's baby girl or what has happened to Lois Hilger and is forthwith fired as Connubial Statistician...he didn't even tell us that Ollie lives next to a Kazoo factory...and he failed to dock the tails of Beth's pups and your editor had to do it..have you ever cut off a tail with a knife and a hammer...ugh! I'm a full fledged Cocker-Docker...while looking up names of Irish origin in Who's Who, came across O'Krampitz, Lester, some Irish name, and it turned out to be Dr. Les Krampitz, Prof. Micro-Biology Western Reserve U. But as a square dancer, he's amoebic...Amoebic MacKinnon took off for Spain this week, Olive picking, he says...hm? Mmbr. Dick Grainger announced his Ski Fair, at Leisure Land Hamburg, Nov.4,5,6 also reported he married Mabel Baron of Hamilton who used to work with Gordon Precious...Dick would like to run a ski trip to Jackson Hole for Holimonters if enough are interested...Sad news Dept: Lou Poremba designer of our Patch is still ailing from his accident..Good News Dept: Karl Fahrner who had another Godfrey hip installed in his undercarriage is doing great...Also good news: Jack and Lou Kirby will run the Oktoberfest...See you at the Open House 10/8-9 with your prospective members, so we can show them where, as Bill Merk says, we have the finest skiing with the finest people....at Holimont!

John Mc Hugh



HOLIMONT MEMBERS:

In the urgency of getting out the latest Holileaf and trying to bring you up to the minute facts from the slopes our phone wires got crossed, consequently, the "President's Corner" is enclosed along with an updated membership roster, a brochure, and a windshield sticker (just wet the printed side and apply).

HOLIMONT, INC.  
Ellicottville, N.Y.

Dear Members:

This letter is primarily to bring you up to date on some decisions made at the last Board meeting held on December 13. But, first it is felt some of you deserve an explanation as to why we haven't operated on certain days when there was enough snow to do so. First, we decided we would not operate during the week until after December 13 because those wanting to ski would be few in number and would not make starting the lift profitable -- week day operation is a loser at the best of times. Also, ski patrol members are hard to get so early in the season -- really pre season. We did not ski one Saturday when there was snow, but it was raining. It was a judgment decision in the hope Sunday would be better. Boiler plate was the result making the decision a poor one, but who wins them all in this category? We hope you will try to understand we are trying to run Holimont for the benefit of the majority. We may pull a bad one now and then, but we are trying.

Now, the decisions. Bear in mind these are for the benefit of the majority also. Personally, I feel we have finally come of age in our thinking. Your Board wants to put behind us the juggling act whereby the "financial balls" were kept in the air by sleight of hand. No more looking to the future with "starry eyed" hope that everything will work out alright. No more anything that doesn't smack of good business practice. The time to start is now.

Four points for now, perhaps more later:

1. No one will be permitted to ski this season who is in arrears with his dues and will not be permitted to do so until they are paid up plus the \$10.00 penalty for being late. The effective date is NOW. This does not include the \$20.00 Assessment which was billed late -- but please pay it as quickly as possible.

2. NO ONE, members included, will be permitted to ski without a ticket. Please don't give the attendants any static when they won't let you load on the lifts if you don't have a ticket. The reason for this is simple; we are a business and we estimate our losses in this area may be more than we can afford.

3. We are going to have to balance our books at the end of each season. If we don't make it financially on the slopes and with our dues and new members' initiation fees, then an Assessment is our only answer. If we were to assess you right now, it would probably take the better part of \$100.00. I'm sure you all have better use for that amount, so there is only one answer; an all-out effort by every member to bring in new members and guests.

4. Many of you have been asking for a financial statement and rightly so for we are late, but, not for want of some long hours being put in by the Executive Committee. A Preliminary Report can be had on request. On January 20 there will be a Members' Meeting in the Chalet when the Budget and up-to-date Financial Report will be presented. Please save the date.

See you on the slopes.

Walt B  
President