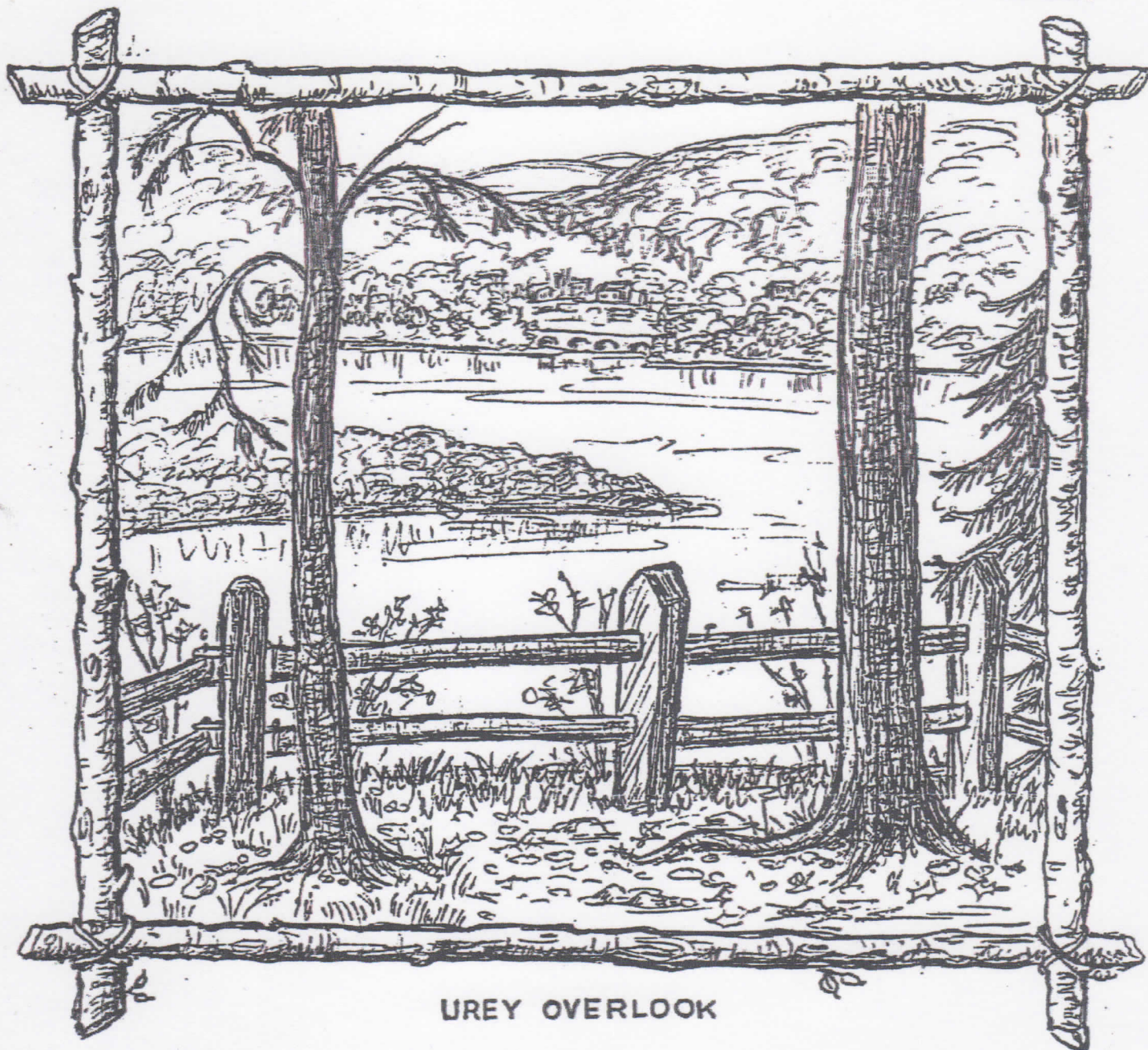


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NOTE ON COVER ARTWORK

The front page artwork is reproduced with the permission of Betty Shaffer and the York Hiking Club. The artist is the wife of Dan Shaffer who contributed much to the planning and building of the western end of the MDT. This artwork was initially used on the cover of the York Hiking Club's Annual Log. The MDT passes through this overlook which is located about one mile upstream from Otter Creek and is a favorite spot for John Paul Jones (JPJ) Hikers. The JPJ is the York Hiking Club's "Lodge".

This newsletter is published four times a year as a service to its members by the MDT System, Inc. New members are welcome. Yearly dues are \$4.00 and new members are requested to add a one time application payment of \$3.00 to cover their first year application fee. For this \$7.00; however, new members receive a MDT Trail Guide and Maps, now selling for \$4.50. Send dues to:

Mason-Dixon Trail System
Membership Secretary

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This newsletter is the result of a suggestion to Kay Way by Warren Raab that the MDT System, Inc. prepare such a publication quarterly. As is usual in such matters the suggestor ended up by "VOLUNTEERING" to edit this newsletter on a trial basis (say one year) and then have the club officials review this effort and decide if it should be continued, what changes to it are necessary, etc. My original suggestion stated that items for publication could include:

- * a regular (or occasional) "LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT"
- * articles of general interest from the newsletters of hiking clubs or the KIA. A listing of "Trailcare" dates and locations might be a worthwhile candidate.
- * any noteworthy experiences (maybe a good restaurant stop near the trail might be of interest) of trail hikers.
- * reports from trail maintainers (after informing appropriate trail supervisors), describing trail conditions, problems that have been solved, whether help is needed, etc.
- * highlights of minutes of meetings, of course.

Since your editor lives near Pinchot State Park, his contacts and hiking experiences for the Eastern part of the Trail have been rather limited and, as a result, this newsletter will be primarily news of the Western part of the Trail.

It is hoped that members will contribute reports & news items from all sections of the trail so that future newsletters will provide a more balanced coverage of trail happenings. Your comments, both constructive as well as destructive are encouraged. Postcards are perfectly acceptable. Any nasty comments may receive minor editing prior to publication.

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*          DEADLINE                  *
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*   FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE *
*   SPRING ISSUE OF THE MDT NEWSLETTER *
*   IS MARCH 15, 1987. PLEASE SEND YOUR *
*   MATERIAL TO THE EDITOR.            *
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MAINTENANCE INFORMATION/UPDATE

Quite a few good things have been happening recently in regard to the maintenance of the MDT:

* The stretch between Greenbranch and Cuff's Run has finally been cleared. After efforts by the York Hiking Club and various individuals, Ron Gray and Charles Crouse recently finished the job of sawing through the blowdowns. This has been a very troublesome stretch that has never been cleared previously and has presented quite a problem as it is very rocky and has been obstructed by numerous large blowdowns.

* Bill Bryan, a Boy Scout from Port Deposit, MD. will be rebuilding the switchbacks from Mill Creek (near Lock 12) to where the Trail crests to overlook the River below Holtwood Dam. This work is in connection with Bill's efforts to become an Eagle Scout.

* John and Marion Schultz, [REDACTED] - Phone [REDACTED] are the new maintainers for the loop from River Road up along Mill Creek, under the power lines below Holtwood Dam and ending at River Road again near the Holtwood Dam Breast.

* Ken Foster, [REDACTED], Phone [REDACTED] is assuming maintenance responsibilities for the trail through Apollo Park, a York County Park. Ken is a very capable maintainer and has been mentioned in previous minutes as having hiked the MDT from end to end.

* Ron Gray has recently signed agreements with PP&L representatives and Paul Dellinger, a Wrightsville Real Estate Broker, to permit relocation of the Trail near Accomac Inn North of Wrightsville. This relocation will make a camping site with water supply available. Assisting in this relocation will be Ronald Whitman, [REDACTED]. Ron has agreed to assume some maintenance responsibilities for the Trail for some distance North of Wrightsville. Negotiations on the extent of the distance are now in progress.

* As a final item, all readers of this newsletter are urged to contribute to the Trail maintenance effort. Ron Gray or Turner Darden will be glad to hear from you.

* NEXT MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM MEETING TO *
* BE HELD SATURDAY MARCH 7, 1987 AT THE *
* HOME OF CLAIR PIERSOL, [REDACTED] *
* [REDACTED] *
* AT 10:00 AM. BRING YOUR LUNCH; DESSERT *
* AND BEVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED. FOLLOWING *
* THE MEETING WE WILL HIKE AND/OR MAINTAIN *
* TRAIL ON THE NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY *
* SECTION. TENTATIVE HIKE LOCATION IS *
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* ALL ARE WELCOME *

The 36 mile walk will begin at the Horseshoe Trail near Ludwigs Corner, Pa. and will end at Hagley Museum, just north of Wilmington, Del. There are options for ending the hike at the 12, 22, or 28 mile check points where shuttle service back to your car parked at Hagley Museum will be offered. Food and drink will also be available at these check points.

Buses will leave Hagley Museum at 5:00 AM, and trail information will be given to hikers on the bus. Cost, including bus and food, is \$5.00 for WIC members, \$6.00 for others. Those completing the hike can purchase a special patch for \$1.00.

Registration by March 10 is required. Send check, payable to "Wilmington Trail Club", to (Mr.) Pat Boyle, [REDACTED]. If you need travel or hotel information, let Pat know by March 1.

SCOTLAND & WALES HIKING TRIP JUNE 13-27, 1987

Dick Terwilliger, a veteran leader of multi-day hiking events for the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Sierra Club and an avid, experienced hiker of European mountain trails, will lead a FREE-LANCE hiking trip to Loch Leven in the Central Highlands of Scotland and to Conwy in Wales' Snowdonia region, two of Great Britain's most spectacular walking areas. For one week in each location, a variety of interesting day-hikes will be offered to satisfy group members' different preferences and capabilities.

Cost will be 60% (or less) of a comparable Sierra Club Foreign Trip's price. For details in the form of a trip prospectus, send a business size SASE to the leader, [REDACTED].

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Much credit for getting this newsletter off the ground is due RON GRAY who, with his word-processor, prepared and formatted the information in a fast and accurate manner.