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Idaho

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521 FIFTH AVE. - NEW YORK CITY

February 21, 1940
File: 892-SV

Mr. Lowell Thomas
150 West 59th St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Some friends of mine, who know you, have told me that at some time you might be interested in seeing, or having shown to some of the ski groups with which you come in contact, the new, sound and color, Sun Valley movies. I am in charge of these movies, and have a sound projector with which I show the films, free of charge, to various groups and private parties. The new films include pictures of the Sun Valley Open Meet, national, four-event, combined championships, held at Sun Valley, last Spring, plus the pictures of skiing technique, entitled, "Ski Skill", which is a demonstration of ski technique by Friedl Pfeiffer, head of the Sun Valley ski school. This picture has some of the finest, slow-motion shots of slalom and downhill skiing that have been taken.

During my travels to the various ski resorts of the East, I have just missed you, several times, and I am hoping that our paths may cross soon.

Very truly yours,

A. G. Grant, Jr.

A. G. Grant, Jr.
Sun Valley Representative

AGG:m

Mary - please remind me to round up this chap and his wife for a ski jaunt, early next season -- perhaps when we go to Mont Tremblant. We also ought to get Father Phelan to join the party. Here is his letter.

L.T.

Just gave it to you.
E.

THE INSTITUTE OF MEDIAEVAL STUDIES
QUEEN'S PARK CRESCENT
TORONTO, CANADA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 14th,1940.

Dear Mr Thomas,

I wish I could join you at Mont Tremblant Lodge next week. Unfortunately I have made arrangements to indulge another of my weaknesses - neither history nor skiing this time - by skipping over to Rochester N.Y., across the lake,to hear the Metropolitan Company sing Die Walküre on Easter Monday.

Tom Wheeler didn't see me ski. Else he would have reported keen interest coupled with utter lack of proficiency. I can get by in discussing history but skiing has got me down...and I don't mean only figuratively.

I think we were in the same car going up to the Laurentians from Montreal last January. I thought I recognized you on the train and when I heard that you were broadcasting from Mont Tremblant,I felt sure it was you.

Sometime when I am in N.Y., - I go there from time to time, - maybe I could call you up at the studio and we could get together for a little chat about history.

Sincerely yours

Gerald B Phelan

Gerald B.Phelan.

THE INSTITUTE OF MEDIAEVAL STUDIES
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TORONTO, CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rome 14th,1960.

Dear Mr Thomas,

I wish I could join you at Mont Tremblant Lodge next week. Unfortunately I have made arrangements to indulge another of my weaknesses - neither history nor writing this time - by retiring over to Rochester N.Y., across the lake, to hear the Metropolitan Company sing Die Walkure on Easter Monday.

The Wheeler didn't see me at all. Also he would have reported back interest coupled with utter lack of profiteering. I am not by in discussing history but writing has got me down...and I don't mean only literatively.

I think we were in the same car going up to the Immortalist from Montreal last January. I think I really-- what? -- the train and when I heard what you were doing-- writing Mont Tremblant, I felt sure it was you.

Meeting when I am in N.Y.... I go there from time to time -- maybe I could call you up at the studio and we can look together for a little while at some history.

Yours sincerely

Gerald B. Phelan.

Gerald B. Phelan.

84-49 168th Street
Jamaica, N.Y.C.
March 17, 1940

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your note and for your kind invitation to join your skiing party. Tom Wheeler guessed correctly; we are the couple who were in the club car with you, coming down from Montreal in January.

We are really sorry that we could not make the trip to North Conway this week end. Nothing would have pleased us more than to go along with you but, unfortunately, we had made other plans. As things look now we probably won't be able to get away again this season. We intend, however, to take a more active interest in skiing next winter. May we look forward to joining you on some of your trips at that time?

We sincerely appreciate your interest

and shall be delighted when we have the opportunity to see you again.

Cordially yours,

William J. Neary

Mary - another ski list prospect.

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J. BEVERLEY ROBINSON

TELEPHONE
BEEKMAN 3-0377

110 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

And his niece, Wendy.

18th March, 1940.

Dear Mr. Lowell Thomas:

I must send you a word of thanks for your kindness in allowing Wendy and me to join your party at North Conway. I never had a pleasanter week-end. It was Wendy's first experience of skiing in this country, and she was so thrilled with everything that I believe she has already started a long descriptive letter to her parents in France.

I am sending you a copy of "The Escaping Club" on the improbable change that you haven't read it. If you have, your son may enjoy it. It is about the best of the escaping books, and, having had the luck to get out of Germany myself, I know it to be absolutely accurate and true to conditions as they existed in the German prison camps. In fact, I knew intimately a number of the officers mentioned by Evans, especially Medlicott, the greatest of all escapers.

With renewed thanks from us both and kindest personal regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Beverley Robinson

Lowell Thomas, Esq.,
New York, N. Y.

JBR:S

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74 Dana Place
Englewood, N.J.
March 25, 1940

Dear Mr. Thomas.—

The North Conway weekend certainly was excellent in every way. I, for one, enjoyed it a great deal

and want to thank you very much for having included me in the party.

Please remember me to Mrs. Thomas. I hope she is feeling better.

Thanks again for the good time.

Sincerely,

Emily Lyman

WENDELIN O. HILTY, Ski Master
U. S. E. A. S. A. CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

TELEPHONE 301

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PLYMOUTH SWISS SKI SCHOOL

PLYMOUTH, N. H.

December 6, 1940

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Station WJZ
New York City

Dear Lowell:-

It was nice to see you again at the recent New York Amateur Ski Club meeting. I only regret that we had so little time to talk.

The thought occured to me that you will be visiting in New Hampshire this winter and might find time to spend a day or so in Plymouth, Mr. Horrocks, the manager of the Pemigewasset Hotel, has asked me to invite you and your family to stop here at any time for a few days. We are on the direct route to Cannon Mt., only 30 miles South, and we have some excellent skiing right here.

If you can come I can tell you a bit more about the summer skiing in Chile which I know you will find very interesting.

Hoping to see you and with best regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Wendy Hilty

Wendelin O. Hilty

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New Hampshire

Plymouth

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By Train

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By Air

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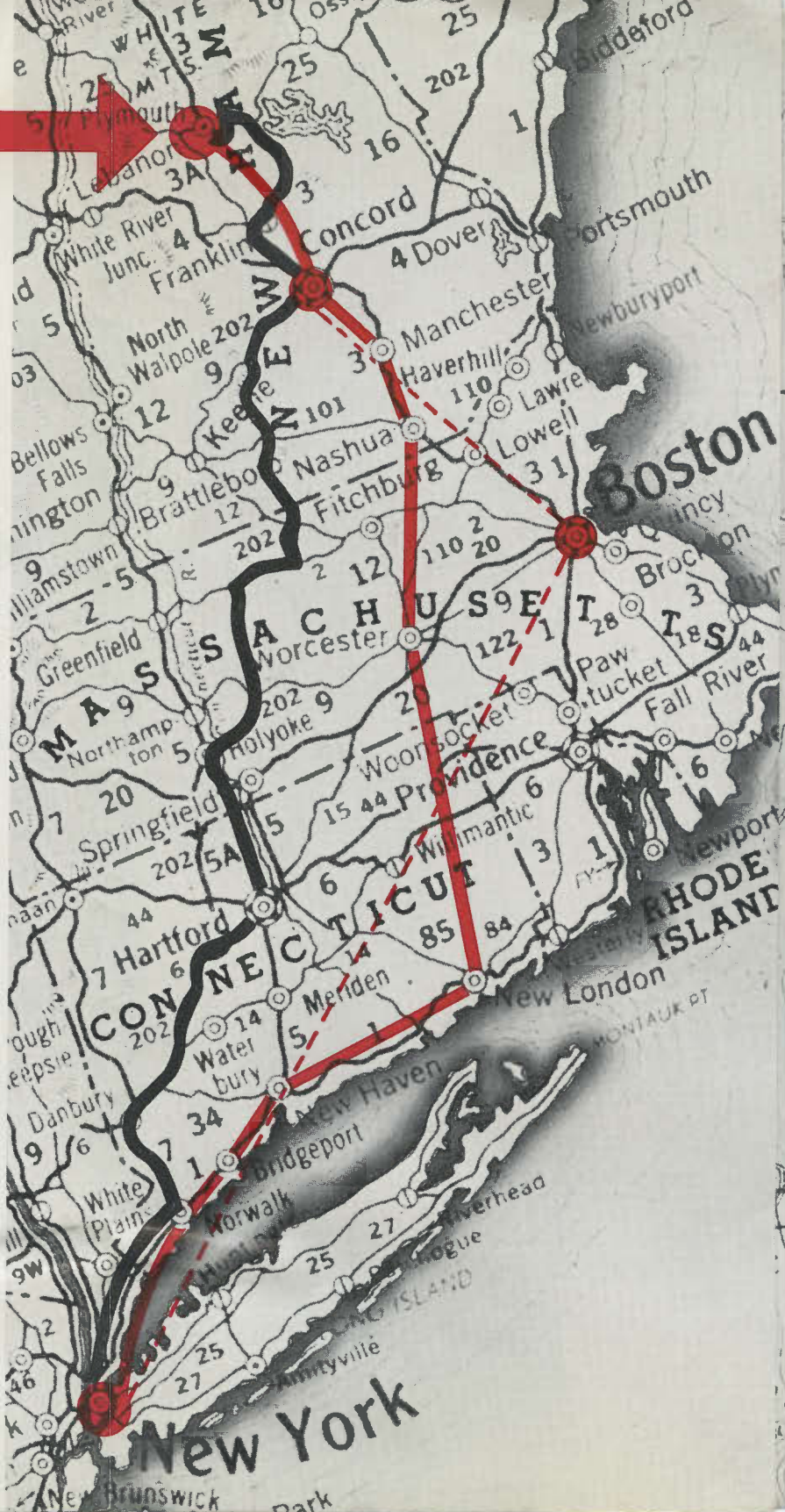

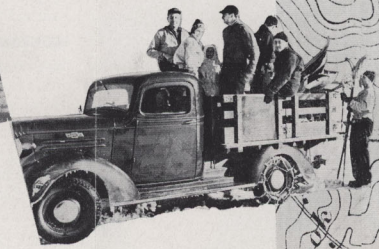

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Home of Swiss Ski School—
Ski Tow—Club House

5 **To Cannon Mt.**
and Aerial Tramway

File Ski

Mr. Lowell Thomas

Radio City

New York City.

March 2, 41.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In the attached envelope you will find prints of the picture that I took of you on the Thunderbolt Ski Trail Sunday, I would appreciate a note of thanks from you for my scrap book.

Very Truly Yours

Randolph Trabold

Randolph Trabold

North Adams Transcript

North Adams Mass.

Mary - If Mr. T. decides to go to Mt. Marcy he wants to take this gent.

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383 Washington Avenue,
Albany, New York
April 3, 1941

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I was very pleased and greatly honored in hearing from you. I feel as if I have known you quite sometime. What, with hearing your radio broadcasts and finishing your most recent book, A Pageant of Adventure.

I want to let you know that I appreciated you interest concerning the snowshoeing brigade at Mt. Mansfield. I wrote to Mr Palmedo as you suggested. That was about a month ago. As yet I have received no reply. My letter has probably become lost in mailing. I didn't want you to think that I haven't written.

You honor me Sir, when you say that you would like to go on a jaunt with me sometime. I'm sure I wouldn't object. Just say the word. So die close saying good skiing as long as it lasts.

Cordially yours,
Willard J. Marchman

file Ski

ROBERT W. KESLER SOULE HALL EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

October 26, 1941

Dear Howell,

Thanks very much for your letter. We're of course sorry that you can't make it; I was very interested, however, in the idea of Sonny's coming up. On talking with Mr. Gass, who arranges our lectures, I unfortunately found that he already has scheduled one program on Alaska by Bob Bates, of our faculty, who was there this summer as an Army civilian expert on winter equipment. He says also that he has more or less committed himself to John Gray for a lecture on skiing and winter activity. He therefore feels that he couldn't take Sonny this year, but he was much impressed and hopes, as I do, that it might be arranged another year.

Please convey to Sonny my congratulations on his obviously successful program; you can tell him, too, that I still wish he had come to Exeter.

Our very best to you and Mrs. Thomas

Sincerely

Robert W. Kesler

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December 2, 1941

Dear Friend Thomas:

Thanks for your letter of November 28, and the grand invitation for my family to join your family and others at the Lake Placid Club between Christmas and New Year's. As far as I am concerned, I know skiing is off my list until after the 20th of January on account of my broken arm, and even at best I'm afraid I'd rate in the Class Z variety.

I have written Carolyn, who is at Smith, and my seventeen-year-old boy, Bud, who is at Andover, about your invitation, for they are the real skiers of the family and might love to accept your good offer, which I hope extends to the children as well as to ourselves. I should hear promptly from them if they are interested, but meanwhile if the table fills up don't save a place for us.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

Scott

S. Spencer Scott

Phone him

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Hampshire House
Central Park South
New York, N. Y.

RAYMOND LOEWY
FIVE EIGHTY - FIFTH AVENUE - NEW YORK
CHICAGO LONDON

December 5, 1941

Mr. Lowell Thomas
819 Associated Press Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Mr. T. -

Thanks so much for your acknowledgment of my ancient anecdote. After sending it to you I had come to the conclusion that you wouldn't find it especially funny even if you hadn't heard it before - but I enjoyed reading your flattering comments about my method of presentation (shure an' I'm thinkin' ye've a bit of the Irish in ye!).

Yes, he's a very nice young man, and I think the ski idea is superb - please don't forget it.

Regards,

Marjorie

Mary: Please put her name on my ski list -

Lake Placid Club

In the Adirondacks

Samuel H. Packer
Vice-President and General Manager

Postoffice Address
Lake Placid Club, Essex County, N. Y.

December 10, 1941

Mary

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thanks for your very cordial letter with respect to your holiday visit.

We are definitely reserving two rooms, on the sixth floor of Agora for yourself and family, including Mrs. Thomas, your son, and two other boys. I assume from our conversation while you were here that your arrival date will be December twenty-sixth and we are adjusting our records accordingly unless you inform us otherwise.

I am sending word to the dining room with respect to your wishes for a large table and later when we know the exact number we shall make these arrangements in accordance with your wishes.

I hope Miss Davis will advise us promptly regarding additional reservations since the Club house is quite crowded, but we still have comfortable cottage accommodations. We have already made arrangements for Mr. Dann, Eddie Eagan and his family, and Mrs. Hobart E. Ford. Perhaps Miss Davis will tell us of any others you wish seated with your group in the dining room.

Looking forward to having you and your family with us again, I am

Mrs. Grant & Betty
Fred Quayles
& The Sanborns.

Very cordially yours,

Joseph M. Cowley
Reservation Manager

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Mr. Lowell Thomas,
Rockefeller Center,
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New York, N.Y.

Mary - I want to go here.

ROBERT TRENT JONES
GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT
20 VESEY STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Cont. 7 = 1668
Montclair — 3033

December 15, 1941

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Radio City
New York, New York

Dear Lowell:

A couple of weeks ago I had dinner in Albany with Abbott Moffett, the Chairman of the Senate's Ways and Means Committee, and James F. Evans, a close friend of mine and Director of Parks for the State of New York. During dinner they discussed the new trails at Whiteface, and both want to make a topnotch ski center out of this development.

As Moffett of course will have a great deal to say about the money approved for this project, the fact that he and his wife are ski enthusiasts should be an asset. I believe you could offer him some suggestions that would be helpful. I imagine that he and his wife would greatly enjoy going on one of your ski trips.

Both these men give your radio talk the night before election the credit for passing this ski bill. I personally can confirm that to some extent as I have talked to various people on my different jobs upstate and they say they voted for it due to your talk on the radio, not having thought one way or the other about it before.

I am enclosing a bill for the balance due on the golf course, and I should appreciate it very much if you could take care of it at this time.

Regards,

Bob

Robert Trent Jones

RTJ/td

Mr. Jones phoning the Moffetts.
The Moffetts are skiers,
but the Evans
are not

On Ski List

2 Wall Street
New York

January 29, 1942

Dear Lowell:

You were very kind to tell me about your tow line on Quaker Hill and I appreciate more than I can tell you your kind invitation. Mrs. Hall and I have made no plans for our skiing vacation this winter although I hope to be able to get away before spring comes. In the meantime, if we are able to avail ourselves of your kindness we shall certainly do so.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Perry E. Hall

Lowell Thomas, Esq.,
Rockefeller Center,
New York, N. Y.

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MISS ELIZABETH WOOLSEY
242 PROSPECT STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Feb 5th 1942

Dear Mrs Thomas

Thanks for your cordial letter.

It is an answer to prayer! Herman and I are often caught in N.Y. of a weekend, and if there is enough snow, we will have a good time at your tow.

Thanks for thinking of us

Cordially

Alice Damrosch Kiaer

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Post Office Address:
Lake Placid Club,
Essex County, N. Y.

Office of Secretary

February 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Holt:

The chaplain who introduced Sunny Thomas on the occasion of his lecture at the Club was Mr. MacKnight Crawfurd Cowper, whose address is Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

H. W. Hicks

H. W. Hicks

Mr. C. W. Holt
Care Lake Placid Club
299 Park Avenue
New York City

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February 23, 1942

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Radio City
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On February 8th at Pico Peak I had the pleasure of shooting several pictures in Kodachrome of yourself skiing down 'B' slope. In spite of the dull day they came out fairly well. However, I would like to get some really good ones on a perfect day. If you could post me as to where you will be skiing, I feel sure we could take some worthwhile shots.

I intend to use those pictures taken on the 8th in my film "Singing Skis" which will be shown at the Long Trail Lodge on February 28th. If you are in that vicinity I would be pleased to have you see the film.

Sincerely yours

John W. Roberts

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March 2, 1942.

MR. LOWELL THOMAS,
50 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City.

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Dear Lowell:-

Of course you have seen how "Life" shows up a man and makes him look just what he thought he was not. There were several "outs" which would have prevented the accident, but as each one developed, some force kept me heading for it - and I broke my outside leg bone just above the ankle - was practically standing still - had purposely stopped - turning sharply on the Big Ben Trail - broke through a double crust and fell in a hole - my own weight did the trick because my ski was immovable.

I am not surprised Marcy was disturbed and dismayed. Where's this guy who ran up and down the old mountain under all kinds of conditions without a single mishap and then goes out like any old lady on a golf course and folds up - that's exactly it. After following Toni around for days with every opportunity to hit trees or pile up, it happened just as simply as I tell you. Do you wonder I am humbled?

However, it has been a grand experience - particularly the six days in Doctor Shedd's little hospital. I really got a big kick out of it. He is the "real stuff" and works like a Trojan. You should have seen my picture show in the main corridor one evening. They wheeled out all the beds and stretchers for every patient who wanted to come.

Have never rested in 40 years and this enforced let down has been a blessing. After swelling subsided, Doctor Shedd fixed me up with a cast and iron and sent me forth. He called me old "John Silver". I drove back to New York and am now sticking to business - no more skiing this year - but damn thankful it isn't worse.

Thanks Lowell for your splendid letter and what it conveys. It is strange Miss G. was trying to get your office before it came to inquire about "Sonny". Someone told me he had a fall and was hurt, but since you do not mention it, I assume it has no foundation.

Sincerely,

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A. D. DAVIS & SON

INSURANCE COUNSELORS AND AGENTS

NORTH CONWAY, N. H.

Telephone 80

April 8,
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Lumberman's
Ravine.

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York

Dear Lowell:

Snow conditions in the Ravine are reported to be the best in several years, plenty of snow. This condition should hold through the rest of the month and still be very good the last week in April. Of course the condition of the Sherburne Trail will be somewhat dependent on the weather conditions between now and then.

If you do come up the last week in April I am sure that many of the boys will be interested in seeing your movies.

Cordially yours,

Bob

~~ROBERT N. DAVIS~~

RND:s

TELEPHONE, MAIN 4-9331

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DET NORSKE SELSKAB NEW YORK

THE NORWEGIAN CLUB, INC.
117 COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

April 17. 1942.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you very much for your kind letter.

I should be very glad to come along to Tuckerman's Ravine, and should appreciate it very much if you would inform me, how and when we are going.

Cordially
Sigurd Wiesnes.

I took the phone number.
M.

April 21, 1942

Dear Sepp:

After a lot of palaver, this is the way it works out:- The Pullman to Concord will do us no good because the drive by auto from there is too long. Also, if we take the Montrealer as far as White River Junction and get in there at 3:30 a.m., and drive on to Mt. Washington, we'll have such a short night on the train that we are likely to be worn out and in no condition for climbing to the Ravine. But, if we stay on the Montrealer and go on through to Montpelier Junction that will give us a longer night, another two and a half hours to sleep. And, it's a little nearer to Mt. Washington from Montpelier Junction than it is from White River.

There probably will be at least five or six of us, arriving at Montpelier Junction Saturday morning at 6:18. If you and Erling, or anyone else who comes with you, could meet us at Montpelier Junction, what would it cost if you lined up a Montpelier taxi or a Stowe taxi to drive us over? There wouldn't be room in your car, so we would have to have a taxi of some sort, one with tires that will not let us down. But, the taxi could immediately return to Vermont, because we'll be making the trip back to New York by way of North Conway and Boston. The train connections for the return trip are not too bad. The awkward problem is getting from New York to the Mountain.

Upon receipt of this letter, if you can wire me what a taxi will cost, just for the one-way trip from Montpelier Junction to Pinkham Notch, by then we may be able to send you a wire and let you know exactly how many will be in the party.

Cordially,

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 22, 1942

MR. HUBERT STEVENS
LAKE PLACID New York

INSTEAD OF BARRE, PLEASE MEET LOWELL THOMAS MONTPELIER JUNCTION at six-eighteen Saturday morning. UNABLE [redacted] PHONE TONIGHT, OUT OF TOWN.

Mary Davis, Secretary

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I WILL MEET YOU AT BARRE FIVE SEVENTEEN SATURDAY MORNING.
PHONE ME TONIGHT=

HUBERT.

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LT

April 23, 1942

Dear Sepp:

Many thanks for your wire. That's fine! Hubert Stevens, out of a blue sky, wired that he intended to drive from Placid to Mt. Washington by way of Montpelier Junction.

Perhaps Hubert Stevens and Rolf Monsen could either spend the night at Strom's or at the Toll House with you, so we can all start off together. I hope I'm not imposing on anybody. To begin with, I don't know that Erling can get away at all. He may have other plans.

It looks as though there will only be three of us in all, Erling's friend, Mr. Sigurd Winsnes, and possibly Lorenz Logan.

At any rate, you and Otto will not need more than one car, and we will see you bright and early Saturday morning.

Cordially,

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
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SUGGEST STATE OF MAINE TO PORTLAND INSTEAD OF CONCORD STOP BOB DAVIS CAN ARRANGE TWO BEACH WAGONS MEET YOU IF CONFIRMED TO HIM BY WIRE STOP RAVINE SKIING EXCELLENT STOP ARRANGE PROJECTOR AND SCREEN FOR MOVIE HERE OKAY FOR 400 FOOT REEL=

=JOE DODGE.

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April 24, 1942

Mr. Joe Dodge
Appalachian Lodge
Gorham, New Hampshire (Pinkham Notch)

WE ARE COMING VIA MONTPELIER JUNCTION where OTHER SKIERS ARE PICKING US UP. XXXXX ARRIVING PINKHAM NOTCH AROUND NINE O'CLOCK, SEVEN OR EIGHT IN PARTY.

Lowell Thomas

CHARGE LOWELL THOMAS

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Hannes Schneider and
Beno Rybiska
Eastern Slopes Inn
North Conway, N.Hampshire

A GROUP OF US WILL BE TAKING MOTION PICTURES TOMORROW IN TUCKERMAN'S RAVINE. WE HOPE TO REACH PINKHAM NOTCH AROUND NINE-FIFTEEN A.M. COMING UP ON THE MONTREALER AND DRIVING EITHER FROM WHITE RIVER JUNCTION OR MONTPELIER JUNCTION. SEPP, ROLF MONSEN, ERLING AND OTHERS MAY JOIN THE CARAVAN. IF BOTH OF YOU AND TONI, HERBERT, HERMAN, SHIRLEY AND THE REST ARE NOT TOO BUSY IT WOULD BE MARVELOUS IF YOU COULD MEET US AT JOE DODGES. BEST REGARDS

LOWELL THOMAS

LOWELL THOMAS

1942?

Mary -

There is a young physician in New York named Marshal Hoag. He was more or less raised on Quaker Hill - at least spent a great deal of his childhood up there. He is also a member of the Q.H. Country Club. When Mr. T. is inviting people to ski at Pawling, he might want to include him, although I'm not sure whether he skis or not. However, he might be willing to try. All this explanation - you're probably not interested in - but I thought it would make the whole thing clear. As a matter of fact, he might be a good prospect for L.T. sooner or later.

e

Fine

L.T.

STOWE - Jan. 25 and 26 and ~~Week of Jan.27 at No.Conway~~

The Paul Garretts

Beverly Robinson 55 Liberty

Bill Schwartz big 4-5300

The Eagans get company or 2 flowers

Tom Lamont

Chris Young

Jane Watson

Joe Moran

Carl Ray Let 2-7000

Jackson Chambers

The Robert Trent Jones Mu 5-4614

Nina and Stanley Washburn

Gene Tunney

Robert McBride 519-2929 in Fla.

Wm. Patty Wo 4-7400 — Dear Willie & Bill.

Pat Weaver S. Weaver, Jr. Amer. Tobacco

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan of Maryland (Glyndon)

Henry Lee Munson (57 E. 72nd St.)

Richard Borden

~~Jack Tappin (Wi.2-5134)~~

Munro Leaf — has new baby - Med. Center

The Shanes

Paul Webb

Alexander Grant

Jules Andre

Col. Stoopnagle

Robert Gwinn (no, he said no skiing until Feb.)

Stuart Chase

Kitty Barton

Lanny Ross

Wm. Van Dusen (Mu 6-7100)

/. THE CHRISTOPHER YOUNGS

/. THE VAN DUSENS 9 Van

HERMANN OSTERMEIR Pinham Notch, Gorham, N.H.

Lake Placid Club -- Any of its officials?

Mr.
Wm. J. Neary
84-49 - 168th St.
Jamaica N.Y.

no
phone Mr. B. W. Glover
Eq 9 Eq 7 Dick Chemical Co.
122 E 42nd St.

Lex 2-9680

anyone to go somewhere

Tom Sunderland

Chas. Murphy

ADD TO SKI LIST

~~THE DEWITT WALLACES~~

phoned 1. FORD BOND (Bay side 9-7416) return Sat. night

1. HUGH JAMES

~~CHAS. A. FEDERER, Jr. (Hayden Planetarium, 81st St. & Cent.P.W.)~~

1. Mr. + Mrs. Richard Borden

Reg. 4-2831 (home)

Noel Busch of Life

ROUGH, FULL Ski List

~~Eric R. Neville (Yoc Club) Hanover Stable. Lisbonway~~

1. JULES ANDRE sent

1. Hal Burton

~~MARJORIE BUNDY~~

1. MAC BARCLAY

1. KITTY BARTON

~~WHITNEY BOURNE GRIFFITHS~~

— ~~GEORGE BIJUR~~

~~CONNIE BERTSCHMAN~~

~~KENNETH D. CUDDEBACK, Pittsfield~~

1. STUART CHASE

~~THE WHITNEY CARPENTERS~~

1. DALE CARNEGIE

~~HOMER CROY~~

— DR. CHAS. CARROLL LUND, Boston

THE ARTHUR CUSHMANS

~~THE JACKSON CHAMBERS~~
Jackson Chambers

~~THE CRUIKSHANKS~~
wrote Paul Cruikshanks

MISS TERESA CROWLEY

~~THE JOHN CHAPMANS~~

~~THE~~ FRED CLARKS

~~HANS CLASING~~

~~ELEANOR J. CUSHMAN, Sec'y. Grenfell Ass'n. of America~~

~~THE~~ TOM CABOTS

~~THE FRED CLARKS~~

HALLIE CARTER + Her Family

— ~~PAUL DIEDERT~~

— ~~BUCK DUMAINE~~

~~BETTY DUMAINE~~

Phoned 1. MATTHEW DANNS

Sch 4=115 v

~~GENE DAVIS (Art Editor, Good Housekeeping)~~

~~Elizabeth DUVAL~~

GEORGE DENNY (Town Hall)

THE TOM DEWEYS

/. THE EDDIE EAGANS

JOHN EMISON

FRANK ELKINS

HENRY ECKHARDT (Kenyon & Eckhardt,Inc. -- he had made all arrangements for your b.c. from Chateau Front., which we had to cancel because of flu)

/, CHAS K FEDERER (Am.Institute)

SEPP FROELICK

~~JOS. FROEHLICH~~

/. BOB GWINN ✓

"alec!!" 521 - 5th ave. N.Y.C.?

/, A.G. GRANT, Jr. (Sun Valley Representative, Union Pacific),

~~MR. GARDNER (Schroeder Banking (friend of Bill Schwartz)~~

HARVEY GIBSON

~~THE KENNETH HOGATES~~

~~EDW. G. HERENDEEN~~

~~THE STUART HEDINS OF RYE (friends of Eagans)~~

A. RUSSELL HEATON (Poughkeepsie)

~~MR. AND MRS. C. R. HOGAN~~

~~THE K.C. HOGATES~~

THE ROBERT TRENT JONES Bob

/. THE BOB JOHNSONS

✓ Phone BOB KEHOE VA6-3818

~~MR. KENWORTHY, RCA Bldg.~~

TERRY KEEP

✓ /. DAVID LANGMUIR

HESTER LARNER

LORENS F. LOGAN

THE STUART LUDLUMS

~~EMILY LYMAN~~

1. THE RALPH LANKLERS (wife's name?)

JOHN LOGAN AND DAUGHTERS

1. THOS. S. LAMONT, ~~Jr.~~

~~NICHOLAS MORANT Quebec~~

ALICE MORRIS

~~MARGARET MALLORY (daughter of Clifford Mallory)~~

THE DONALD MACMILLANS

1. JOE MORAN

~~RAGNAR D. NAESS~~

~~THE WM. J. NEARYS~~

~~KAARE NANSEN~~

Keith Officer
F. R. PEVERLY Qebec

RENE PERRAULT Montreal

ROLAND PEABODY

~~GERALD B. PHELAN Toronto~~

1. William A. Patty and wife Bill 63 Wall ST.

THE SAM PRYORS

~~THE WALTER PEWS~~

~~FRED QUANGER~~

~~WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER~~

~~EDW. ROBERTS, Villa Nova, Pa.~~

~~RALPH REINHOLD AND PAUL~~

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J. BEVERLY ROBINSON

~~THE JOE RYANS~~

1. Ted Shane

— DICK STIEGLER

1. BILL SCHWARTZ

1. JOHN Sterling STILLMAN — yale Law School - (45E.75) Bet 8-834

GALE H. SHAW Stowe

THE ERLING STROMS

VIRGINIA SINCLAIR

1. THE STOOPNAGLES

~~THE ELMER SPERRYS~~

~~RALPH E. SETHNESS Chairman, Skiing Group (N.Y. Ath.Club)~~

MRS. TOBEY

SANFORD TREAT AND SON

LUCIA TURNER & Morgan

THE GENE TUNNEYS

1. JACK TAPPIN Brooks Bros.

~~Elizabeth Trask, Harcourt Brace~~

Hans Utsch

~~MR. WINSLOW (Her.Trib.), and daughter~~

The Gene Vidals

~~FRANCIS J. WALSH, Chestnut Hill, Pa. and Miss Bulkley of Vassar~~

~~MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS WEED~~

~~THE WARRICKS~~

1. PAUL WEBB

~~THE CRAIG WHITNEYS Bedford Village~~

1. JANE WATSON

~~ALBERT WOODLEY~~

1. ~~THE~~ BRAD WASHBURNS

1. PAT WEAVER (S. Weaver, Jr., Am. Tobacco, 111-5th ave.

~~THE JOHN WATTS (friends of Mr. Lamont)~~

~~THE ARTHUR G. WHITES Montreal~~

File in Ski Folder

Montreal.
Oct 31st

Hello Chief.-

Nice hearing your voice again after an absence of about three months. Have been handling traffic and staff for thesummer with an evening trick as the penalty. However,will be standing by from now on I guess with the exception of a couple of weeks in November.

Just got thru laughing with you and Hugh at your "dog in the 'two by two kennel'story" when in burst Marilyn with her Halloween booty which she promptly dumped on the living room carpet and I know you'd agree that should the $ Dental Association" look in they would laugh with glee as there's more toothache makers in that mound of nuts and candy than I've seen for some time. There's a royal battle going on right now between she and her dog for possession of the juiciest tidbits which keeps the doggy story in the fore. (Marilyn is my ten year old daughter and her pooch is a five month old smooth fox terrier so there you have a combination which rather makes my wife's flare for "good housekeeping" look bad at times). No! I'm no help as I get quite a kick outof it, takes me back a few years. By the way please excuse the rum together at times for between the little Miss and her dog about the only place I haven't found the keys of this mill is under the roll.

Our war effort is vast but according to the papers the US aren't getting any propaganda. Looks as if our bunch in Ottawa are modest. Oh yeah! You have the connections Chief, why not make yourself a hunk of dough by spreading the gospel for them. Have had that in mind for the past year so you see you havent beennforgotten in this corner but I guess this idea has been explored, or if not, could it be done either from NY or Canada as you have such a doggoned good following.

Of course I don't mean the old hooey but the plain facts about what we are actually doing etc wouldn't hurt your rep and would do us a lot of good because sometimes these "dough on the barrelhead" outbursts from even Mistah Wheeler give people wrong ideas don't you think.

Would like to have gone up to Tom Wheeler's place in September as that is the time theyput the fingerlings in the lakes by plane. He mentioned it when I was up with you last winter but damn it all my vacation was put back a month so all I got in October was a couple of games of golf and a cold.

Good thing I only write you once or twice a year as I only wanted to let you know about listening toyour dog story instead i've worn out my welcome long ago but will let it ride and in future cut down to 25 words or so.

Bye for now. Best regards to Mrs Thomas and yourself.

Doug Hattray (CPR)

DDR

8220 Bloomfield Av.

Conspiracies with you are my meat, just give a holler. Be seeing you I hope.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Of course I don't mean the old hoosy but the rest of the stuff about what we are actually doing etc. wouldn't hurt your red and would do a lot of good because sometimes these "hoosy on the barrelhead" outburts from every Wisten Wheeler give people wrong ideas don't you think.

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Bye for now. Best regards to Mrs Thomas and yourself.

Yours truly (GHM)

Dan

2230 Woomislaid Av.

Congratulations with you are my meat. Just give a holler. He seems to you I hope.

THE AMATEUR STATUS OF SKIING

by Dr. H. C. Bradley

Dr. Harold C. Bradley is a Professor, head of the Department of Physiological Chemistry of the Medical School, University of Wisconsin. He was born in Oakland, California in 1878, and graduated from the University of California in 1900. He undertook graduate studies at Yale University where he received his Ph.D. degree. During the first World War he was a Major in Chemical Warfare Service. He married Josephine Crane in 1908 and they have had eight children of whom seven survive, all boys. He early became a ski enthusiast and introduced his boys to the sport as early as possible. Dr. Bradley is present Central Editor of the *American Ski Annual.*

ELIGIBILITY for competition in skiing rests primarily on the amateur status, as it does in other sports. It may be that this is the most expedient screen by which the undesirables can be kept out of organized competition. It may be that by detailing the specific acts which constitute "professionalism" we can exclude those influences and those skiers who would injure the sport, more effectively than in any other way. I confess I sometimes doubt it. I feel also that our present rules exclude excellent men for no really good reason. An open discussion of the problem may at least lead us all to a clearer understanding of what we wish to achieve by eligibility rules, and a respect therefore for the objectives sought which will be strong enough and clear enough to eliminate any tendency or desire to evade them. In the last analysis it is the sincere convictions of the skiers which will determine the character of the sport, and will determine also those who are eligible or not for competition. It is this same weight of public opinion within the sport which will determine the decisions of the Rules Committee in individual cases. We cannot elevate the character of a sport by rules alone, imposed from above. To be effective, the rules must be based on the solid foundation of conviction and ideals of the skiers themselves. Our experiment with prohibition is an illustration of the correctness of this statement.

In the following paragraphs I hope to stimulate thought on the whole problem of eligibility, as though we were approaching it for the first time. If it leads us to the conviction that our present rules do actually achieve the ends desired, and are wholly satisfactory, that will be a worth while conclusion in itself. If it leads to modifications small or great which will in the end benefit the sport, that too will be worth while. Whatever the outcome, I believe it is good reli-

gion to test the tenets of one's faith now and then, if only to reaffirm them.

No competitive sport in America is characterized by such a high level of sportsmanship as is to be found in skiing. One reason is the tradition built up by the skiers themselves in competition. But a more fundamental one is to be found in the nature of the sport itself. There are none of the elements of battle or personal combat in it. There is no possibility of interference between one competitor and another. Competition consists of a series of solo exhibitions which are graded as to distance, form and time by expert judges. And because this is the case, there is neither temptation nor opportunity for foul tactics; for bickerings between contestants or between contestants and judges; for interference by partisans in the audience, — features which so often mar competition in hockey, boxing, football and occasionally even tennis. In only one event, — the cross country run — does there exist the possibility of interference. And be it said to the credit of the skiers, so thorough has been the indoctrination of the runners that, so far as I know, there has never been a complaint registered that a runner has refused to yield the track to an overtaking competitor. I believe ski competition is unique among all sports in being completely and invariably clean.

This introductory statement should be kept in mind, as we proceed to examine our present rules defining eligibility. Since skiing is essentially different from boxing or hockey, it is possible that its definitions of eligibility may also be different, to the advantage of the sport. It is with this in mind that I propose to examine our criteria of eligibility and ineligibility. And in order that we may start from some common point I shall make a few general statements that I think we can all agree to, as though they were axiomatic.

First. I assume that the main objective of competition — aside from the color and excitement of it — is to determine the relative rank of skiers. Local stars compete for divisional honors. Divisional winners determine through competition the national champions. Now and then the top ranking skiers in the nation compete with similarly selected representatives of other nations to determine who stands supreme in the world. Competition constructs a pyramid, at the pinnacle of which should emerge the best there is at that moment.

Second. To have the figure at the top of the pyramid actually the best there is, we must make the base as broad as is consistent with soundness, dignity, and the high ideals of sportsmanship which characterize skiing.

Third. To insure the broadest possible base from which to build the competitive pyramid, only those should be excluded who clearly will weaken the solidity of the competing group, lessen its dignity or lower its ideals.

In brief, *anyone* should be eligible to compete who does not dim the lustre of the sport of skiing. I believe this statement is sound, and I am sure our present rules are intended to accomplish exactly that objective.

Fourth. Rules for competition should be such that the competition is kept fair between competitors; that the sport continues to attract to itself new participants from the younger group; that the grounds for disqualification be clear, understood and sincerely approved by the great majority of the competitors themselves and by the public in general.

As to the first objective of the rules, our present system of classification has evolved just for the purpose of providing competition in groups of approximately the same age or ability. If the necessity arises the classification can be altered to meet it. The plan is an excellent one because it maintains interest, stimulates the will to improve and does attract potential competitors into the base of the pyramid. On the other hand I believe our eligibility rules fall somewhat short of accomplishing their objective.

In making eligibility contingent on the amateur status, the organized ski sport has simply taken over a formula which has long applied in the combat sports. The distinction between amateur and professional standing in these sports is a sound one because based on fundamental differences between the two. But in skiing, there is no difference between the amateurs and most of the professionals. Their ideals and procedures are identical. A relatively small group of professionals, who should be excluded are kept out by the rule, and with them a much larger number who would only strengthen our competing group without in any way lowering its standards or changing its character. And because the rule narrows our eligibility list on an artificial basis, without counterbalancing advantage, we have come to follow the letter of the rule scrupulously, while actually getting around its intent. I suspect we lose some of the finer points in sportsmanship by resorting to subterfuge within the rules. I doubt whether any considerable number of our active skiers have strong convictions about the ethics of amateurism versus professionalism in skiing, because I doubt if there is any ethical basis for the distinction. All skiers know that there are certain rules which have been set up for competition. The skiers abide by them because they have to if they wish to compete. But there is no burning conviction that the man who loses his amateur status has done anything more serious than to break an artificial rule. His fellow skiers are sorry for him. They are glad to accept him back when he gets reinstated. On the other hand, by this rule we do keep out from competition quite a large and a growing group of excellent skiers and fine sportsmen. These men I know are hurt by it. They resent the implication that they have done something to dim the lustre of the sport they love. Too proud to openly fight the ruling, they are nevertheless deeply hurt by what to them is a punishment for the crime of having to earn their living. There can be no doubt but disqualification is a bitter punishment to any young man who has grown up in competition, and now finds himself an outcast — no longer admitted among the group that are his friends. He accepts his medicine like a good sport of course, but don't assume he isn't deeply hurt. In many instances I am satisfied the punishment serves no good end.

I said that the amateur-professional rules were taken over bodily into skiing from other sports where they do serve good purpose. Take for example the situation in boxing. The colleges today are cautiously experimenting with intercollegiate boxing as part of their sports program. College authorities know that the experiment can only succeed if it retains the highest ideals of sportsmanship among both the contestants and the audience. This involves acceptance of the concepts of chivalrous behavior

always, the refusal to take advantage of certain situations, the complete control of emotions and reactions even under the stress of excitement and in the heat of combat. Amateur boxing acceptable to college authorities has nothing in common with the professional game except that both involve personal combat, in a ring, with gloves. The two cannot be mixed without bringing the amateur sport down to the level of the professional. They must therefore be kept apart. They are for practical purposes two different sports. The intercollegiate amateur is boxing for the glory of it and the fun. His rewards are public esteem and token prizes of absolutely no intrinsic value. The professional fights for his living, and the kind of living will depend on his success in winning fights. His wage is considerable if he wins. It may indeed be colossal now and then. But even if he loses, he receives enough money to provide his living. He works constantly at his profession. He learns every foul trick in the book by which to injure his opponent and not get caught. His philosophy is to win at all costs short of being declared loser on foul tactics. And the referee is usually fairly blind to infractions of the rules and he has to be. The audience pays to see blood, injuries, evidence of combat at its toughest and he knows it. The audience participates vocally in the battle. "Kill him! Kill him!" is a common ringside slogan. Seldom is the spirit of real sportsmanship seen in the professional ring, and indeed it would prove a handicap to the fighter. There is little demand for it from the great majority on the benches, who pay the bill and support the professionals and their promoters.

Something of the same spirit pervades the professional games of hockey, football and baseball in varying degrees, and sets them apart from the amateur games. Professional and amateur status have real significance in these sports. But in turning to skiing we must again recall its unique character — a sport where the element of combat does not exist — where there is no possibility and no temptation for one contestant to injure another. A skier may discard all counsels of safety for himself if he chooses. At most he is gambling his own life or limbs. He is never trying to injure or interfere with his competitor.

I have said that our present rules are there to insure fair competition, maintain the highest traditions of sportsmanship and to protect the sport from influences which would cheapen it in the eyes of competitors or of the public at large. I have also indicated that I believe they have not been entirely successful, and have at the same time excluded many fine men and skiers for no good reason. I shall offer some of the evidence which makes me come to these conclusions, and leads me to suggest that we might modify, or even drop the amateur-professional status in determining eligibility, and experiment with rules more clearly directed to the ethical principles, which we call sportsmanship, and which we all wish to maintain.

The present rule defines an amateur in these terms: —

"An amateur skier is one who engages in sport solely for the pleasure and physical and mental benefits he derives therefrom and to whom skiing is nothing more than an avocation." Anyone who does not fit this mold is a professional.

This rules out men who make a living, or derive any financial gain, from any aspect of the sport. It rules out the ski instructors, the manufacturers of ski equipment of all kinds, and those who provide skiers with necessary or desired services. It excludes the man who gives an exhibition performance for a fee. It debars the man who capitalizes his skiing success by making a public endorsement of some product for pay if his skiing titles are mentioned. It is probable that a strict interpretation of the rule would disqualify all our young men who were selected to serve in the Mountain Infantry on the basis of their skiing ability — though it is certain that no such interpretation will be sought or given.

It is clear that these various categories of "professionalism" are very different. Some of the ways of earning money mentioned appear to me to be wholly ethical and honorable. Some are not. I see no good reason for excluding a ski instructor. On the other hand, I would exclude any man who is paid for publicly endorsing anything — because on the face of it such a transaction involves a fraud, or the probability of a fraud. The rule throws out everyone who secures anything more than personal pleasure from the sport — good and bad alike. And this is the reason for my objections to it.

The justification for excluding "professionals" is usually stated in some such terms as these: — 1) they bring in the taint of commercialism; 2) some of them spend all their time on skis and therefore can develop an unfair advantage; 3) they will lower the ideals of sportsmanship, camaraderie and mutual respect among the competitors — and ultimately cheapen the sport in the eyes of the public.

Let us examine the excluded "professionals." First comes the *ski instructor*. He was to begin with an outstanding skier, competing with the best. He elects finally to make his living by helping others less gifted or less experienced to become better skiers. He undoubtedly does spend long hours on his skis — while he is patiently trying to inculcate the rudiments of the techniques of which he has long been a master. He is often teaching children or young men and women just beginning. He is definitely leading them toward competence, appreciation of the sport, and eventually membership in local ski clubs. Some of his pupils will eventually appear in competition because of his help. The ski instructor therefore is making a notable contribution to the sport as a whole. He deserves to be welcomed as a benefactor, not excluded as an Esau who has sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. It seems to me altogether a sad result, — the automatic working of a rule which has not the power to discriminate between friends and foes.

There is another group which the rule eliminates. The *men who manufacture ski equipment* of all sorts. There can of course be no thought of unfair advantage in competition for the man who spends his time operating a business such as manufacturing skis. Is it then that in this business we have discovered a commercial "taint" — which makes him undesirable on the jumping scaffold or the downhill trail? The man who manufactures snowshoes or golf clubs is eligible, although his business is almost identical. The son of the man who makes skis, living on a subsidy of ski-tainted money, is of course eligible.

In the days when it contaminated the "gentleman" to associate with anyone engaged in gainful work, in trade, manufacture or service, it was consistent to enforce

the professional taint against all who did not have a private subsidy from somewhere. But today it seems artificial and affected. It certainly is obsolete. We no longer look down on the man who is working at some useful profession. It is the normal pattern of our lives in fact — and every increase in the income, gift and estate taxes makes it more certain that it will be the universal pattern in the near future. The small number who today can live without work on an inherited income will be gone tomorrow, and the only subsidized group will be those under age. Broadly speaking too we agree that one profession is as good as another, since all are needed to make our community life complete. I would open the bars to the ski manufacturer too, so long as he conducts his business honorably.

By the same argument, I should not exclude the men and women who carry on the *necessary and desired services for the sport of skiing.* The managing of a ski lodge, the installation of ski tows, the retailing or repair of ski equipment — none of these occupations are of themselves degrading. None of them imply unfair advantage. They are professions which minister directly to the sport. We need the services; we associate with those who provide them freely and comfortably in every social way. Why in the name of common sense may we not also play with them in the competitive game?

My argument thus far is intended to establish the point that our eligibility rules debar a considerable number of valuable skiers from competition for no more cogent reason than that they earn their living by making worth while contributions to the sport in general. The vague argument that these skiers may somehow introduce degrading influences into competition can be met with the suggestion that specific acts of this nature can be provided for under the rules and the undesirable individual and his influence deleted, without as we do now throwing out the whole group. In the Central Constitution we have long had a clause which reads — "It shall be within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors to suspend from competition for such time as it may deem proper any person guilty of unfair dealings in connection with any meeting or tournament, ungentlemanly conduct, or violation of any rules of this Association." Way back in 1927 we recognized that there are matters of conduct which supersede all the other rules pertaining to eligibility. My feeling is that matters of conduct might very well be the only basis for eligibility.

I would not give the impression that our present rule does not have its values. It does — wherever a skier adopts the cynical tactics of unethical business and does so for a price, the rule debars him, as it should. There are many other unethical procedures which the present rules control, or attempt to control. At these points I am all for strengthening them by being clear and specific. But I would make the ethical objective the final criterion in each case, rather than a dictionary definition. I would stress the spirit of the rule rather than its letter. And I would seek agreement on the spirit, so that it would carry the full weight and force of public approval back of it.

Our present rule which excludes the ethically "good" professional and the ethically "bad" alike, — is not always effective, because of this very fact. The skiers themselves have no strong desire to exclude the thoroughly honorable type of "professional." They do not recognize the evidence of a difference that actually is nonexistent except on paper. When Birger and Sigmund Ruud came to this country some years ago they were welcomed every where. Tournaments were declared "open" wherever they went. Yet these men were known as "professionals." As a matter of fact they proved to be two fine and modest sportsmen, in addition to being outstanding jumpers. Every top ranking skier in the country was eager to compete with them on even terms. Could one ask for a clearer demonstration of the fact that there is no real difference between these two young men and our own "amateurs"? They contributed neither commercial taint nor any other form of degeneration to the sport. Rather they were an inspiration and a joy. Why not make all our competition "open," all the time, to the group which these brothers represent — men who earn an honorable living by making a worth while and desired contribution to the sport itself?

There is another kind of evidence that skiers are quite cold to a rule which makes no clear cut appeal to an ethical principle. This is the tendency to follow implicitly the letter of the rule, while its purpose is forgotten, or overlooked. This sort of evasion is common enough in skiing and in the other sports. It clearly comes from the fact that none of us really thinks there is anything dishonorable in getting paid for a service. And since there is nothing dishonorable in accepting pay we are inclined to do so whenever we can. The really bad part of this is that it may lead us to tolerate subterfuge and deceit. I shall cite a few instances that have come under my own observation in skiing and in other sports, to illustrate the point. All of you know of many similar situations.

A few years ago I tried to find and employ a good tennis coach for some boys who were working up to tournament form in that sport. A young man applied for the job whom I knew ranked high in midwest competition. I assumed of course that he was giving up his amateur status in order to earn the money necessary for his stay in school. Our understanding was complete as to hours, transportation and the remuneration involved. When I pulled out my check book to write him a retainer he said: — "Make that out to Mrs. So and So — she is my landlady." When I asked him what the idea was, he replied — "If you wrote the check out to me and it was discovered, I would lose my amateur standing. Make it out to her and she will cash it for me." I told the young man I was not prepared to enter into that kind of a deal, — that I supposed he was giving up amateur play, when he applied for the job. No — I was informed — he was expecting to enter the State tournaments as usual during the summer, but he did need the money, and this was a very usual procedure anyway. No rule was being broken because the check would go to his landlady. He was quite earnest about it and quite put out that I was not willing to go along with the arrangement. This kind of thing was done all the time, he said. He cited the case of one of the country's top ranking amateurs, who was offered $20,000.00 to join a well known professional organization of players for the year. The player turned down the offer because he said he could not afford to take it. The implication was that the perquisites that come to a top ranking tennis amateur are worth more to him in cold cash

than the figure offered. I do not vouch for the accuracy of this story, but that is the way it was told me by this young man, who claimed to have personal knowledge of the incident, and who was himself a fairly high ranking "amateur," in good standing.

Whether or not the story is true, my experience with this tennis player suggests that the meticulous rules for amateur status in one of the very cleanest of our sports do no more than challenge ingenuity to evade the rule by subterfuge and deceit. Personally I think it would be better to admit to competition tennis players who teach the game for pay, than to tempt them to remain within the letter of the law while the intent is circumvented. I have known similar situations in the ski sport. You all have. Any situation which leads a young man to believe that it is better to be "smart" than to be honest, is bad for the ideals of sportsmanship.

One of the absurdities which can come from the rigid interpretation of the rule that one may not profit financially from a sport and still remain eligible to compete, was illustrated also in the tennis field some years ago. If my memory serves me correctly, Bill Tilden was at his peak as a tennis player. He was also an excellent writer and newspaper reporter, covering tennis tournaments. His understanding of the fine points of play and strategy made his news stories of the matches he covered by far the best in the country. But it was ruled that employment to cover the sport of tennis, would constitute professionalism, and he would either have to give it up or become ineligible for amateur competition. He could cover football, baseball, — any other sport except tennis without penalty, but to cover the one field in which he was most competent would eliminate him. To me this ruling simply does not make any real sense, though it is obviously correct from the wording of the rule. Shall we continue indefinitely to enforce a rule that does not make sense, or shall we modify it till it does?

In the mid-west region ski-jumping has always been the major field of competition. Since we have no mountains, this is readily understood. The jumping tournaments are colorful and very popular. They attract large crowds, and the "gate" may be substantial. Most of our clubs provide for their continued existence by the gate receipts from an annual tournament. Traditionally, merchandise prizes have been presented the successful contestants, and in the larger communities these are often of some intrinsic value. The skiers like to receive these prize packages, in addition to their medals and honors. The club that is able to offer the most attractive prizes is naturally the one whose tournaments are most popular with the skiers. Since too this custom does not in any way violate the rule — which specifies in our Central Constitution that an amateur may not receive "cash money" for his prize, — the custom has become firmly established as a regular feature of our tournaments. However, now and then a winner received a merchandise prize that he did not need or want, and the host club was always glad to exchange it for something more appropriate. This entailed some inconvenience of course, both to the winner and to the host club. And so, in order to make everything more convenient and simple, the idea of the "purchase order" was developed. To begin with, the purchase order allowed the winner to pick his merchandise at some designated local store, of value equal to the order. This seemed to be an improvement, but since skiers often come from long distances to compete, and the tournaments are held on Sunday when stores are closed, and the jumper may have to be at work early Monday morning, it still proved to be quite a nuisance. Consequently, in their sincere desire to please the contestants, host clubs might arrange a purchase order which would be honored anywhere. And this was done. No rule had been broken — because the rule states "cash money" and by definition the two are not identical. But obviously the intent of the rule had been completely forgotten and violated. It seems to show that there is no strong conviction in the minds of our skiers that there is any loss to the quality of the sport if monetary rewards do go to the winners. And if public opinion is not clearly against the practice, there will always be found ways of circumventing the rule. You simply drive the practice underground — and this I think is definitely less desirable than the cash prize, openly presented.

One reason the substance of the rule has grown dim, is because in many of the cases I have cited, there is no ethical substance there. And another reason is that we have ourselves introduced a good many exceptions to the rule. We start clearly enough — and affirm that the eligible skier shall receive *no return for his efforts other than the pleasure and well being it gives him*. And then we hedge. We permit the merchandise prize. Merchandise costs money of course, so we compromise the rule right there by allowing it to be used. Further we allow the skier to accept transportation money, housing, and food incidental to his attendance at a tournament. Indeed we expect the host club to take care of these items — and it seems reasonable enough that in a country where every man works for his living, he should not be required to pay out-of-pocket funds of his own earning in order to compete in a tournament from which the host club expects to take in enough to pay expenses and finance its non-paying program for the year in addition. But obviously every such concession renders the original concept less clear. It is easy to go one step further, and then another — while following strictly the letter of the law. The purchase order prize is merely a logical and convenient extension of the merchandise prize. If one is sound, so is the other. And if a purchase order is sound, so is a check or coin of the realm.

This sort of analysis eventually produces a sense of bewilderment in my own mind. I have to check myself and ask, "What is it we are trying to do with *any* rule defining eligibility." But the answer to that question is perfectly clear. "We are trying to maintain the sport of skiing on the highest ethical level." Under the present rules, and with their elaboration as proposed for the Ski Union, I think this objective can be maintained, — if we are content to continue to eliminate a large group of fine skiers from our competitions, and are satisfied that the evasions are not important. If we feel that it is important to include these forgotten skiers in our competitive pyramid, then it will be necessary to set up our eligibility definitions in different terms. In the following paragraphs I shall attempt to make such a definition. It is simply a first draft, prepared single handed and with little or no experience back of it. If the idea itself has merit, I am convinced the same able group

of men who have written the proposed rules for the Ski Union of the Americas, could whip it into a practical working formula. It will be easy to find flaws in the details of this proposal, just as it is easy to find flaws in the operation of the old rule. The proposal does include the desirable group of our present "professionals," and I believe it does away with some of the temptation to evade the rules by keeping the fundamental intent before the skiers rather than the letter. If the proposal is of any value as a substitute for the present rule it must be found at those two points.

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Eligibility

Competitive skiing stands preeminent among sports for the high quality of its sportsmanship. It is the duty of this Association to safeguard these standards among its members and to demonstrate them publicly in its tournaments.

The privilege of competing implies the responsibility of bringing nothing but respect and honor to the sport. The higher the rank of the competitor, the greater is his responsibility. Eligibility must be restricted to those who prove worthy of the honor of representing the sport of skiing.

The following specific items shall be considered typical of acts which we propose to eliminate from competitive skiing. It is not to be assumed that the list is a complete one.

1) No skier may remain eligible whose conduct in a tournament does not conform to the accepted behavior of the gentleman and the sportsman.

2) No skier shall participate in a wager or be in any way connected with the business of making wagers in connection with competitive skiing.

3) No skier shall make a public endorsement of any article or commodity for compensation.

4) No skier shall accept, and no club shall offer, prizes which exceed in value the sum of $25.00, except with the sanction of the Executive Committee of the National Association. Violation of this rule shall warrant a fine for the club, and loss of eligibility for the skier should the evidence indicate he was a knowing party to the infraction. The fine and the term of suspension shall be determined by the Rules Committee.

5) No skier shall accept and no club shall offer, travel funds and maintenance in excess of what may reasonably be required to meet the legitimate expenses of a skier invited to participate in a tournament. The fine and the term of suspension shall be determined by the Rules Committee.

6) No skier shall remain eligible who in the conduct of his business shall take advantage of his eligibility or his success in competitive skiing in any way which may bring discredit to the sport of organized skiing.

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The Rules Committee

It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to investigate and make decisions on cases of alleged violation of the ethics of competitive skiing, brought to its attention.

It may dismiss the case, warn, suspend for stated term, or impose an appropriate fine in case a club is at fault.

Its decisions shall be final, unless an appeal of the case is made to the President of the Association. If an appeal is made, the President shall appoint an Appeals Committee to review the findings and the decision of the Rules Committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall then be final.

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The sixth situation is purposely left vague, until evidence of some practice inimical to the best interests of the sport comes to light. It is hoped that it will eliminate those practices which we recognize as "sharp" business as contrasted to business done on the basis of the Golden Rule.

In closing let me repeat that the details suggested for eligibility are of much less importance than the intent. Details can always be modified. The intent is to include all good skiers in the country who are also ethically sound. It intends to eliminate some of the evasions that have grown up over the years in connection with the amateur status. If it will work — it increases our list of eligibles, and at the same time offers less temptation to evade the intent by following the letter of a rule. It stresses the fundamental objective, — which is to keep our sport clean and honorable always.

REBUTTALS

In the two preceding articles Lieut. Commander Palmedo and Doctor Harold Bradley have presented opposing views in regard to amateur eligibility rules for skiing. In the following Dr. Bradley presents his rebuttal to statements in Lieut. Commander Palmedo's article. This is followed by Lieut C. Palmedo's rebuttal.

Dr. Bradley's Rebuttal

Commander Palmedo has presented a strong argument for wider participation in our national sports, based on the really shocking evidence of physical deterioration in our draft-age youth. The problem he raises is of far more importance than the topic of this debate, and the temptation is great to discuss it at length. I believe every thinking reader will be in agreement with the Commander that this is a problem which America must solve. It cannot be solved however by merely reaffirming the amateur rule, because it is clear that the deterioration of our youth and the growth of the spectator sports have both occurred while these rules were being rigidly enforced in all our sports. To make us again a nation of players, we shall have to introduce a well planned and adequately implemented campaign of physical education from kindergarten through High School level, with a year of universal military training at the end, — much as was done in Germany to achieve the same result.

It is quite correct to assert that the "red headed school teachers or the Baptist bank clerks" can limit their field of competition to their own kind if they wish. And so of course can the "amateur" skiers. But the question at issue here is whether the skiers wish to limit their competition in the present terms of the amateur status. It is my impression — based on the kind of evidence which has been presented — that they really do not. And if they do not it is quite within their power to change the formula for eligibility.

It is true that the skiers have adopted by vote the present rules. Those rules were taken over bodily from the combat sports. They reflect a prejudice toward the "professional" sportsman which has a solid foundation and with which we have all grown up. No alternative basis for eligibility has been presented or considered by our membership. To me it seems significant that while we have voted for the amateur basis of eligibility,

in practice we have proceeded to nullify the vote by making exceptions, open tournaments and numberless evasions. It is because of these situations that I am suggesting we attempt to define without prejudice the real basis we desire for eligibility in ski competition.

The fact that the Navy limits the number and extent of trips which its teams may take for exhibition games seems to me entirely reasonable but to have no bearing on the rules of eligibility for skiers. The colleges have done the same thing and for the same reason – the games are after all side issues, and cannot be permitted to interfere with the more important business of the institution. The fact that the Navy permits play with professional teams on Naval reservations seems to indicate that the factor of importance is the time involved rather than the status of the opposing players.

It is probably true that the incentives to win in the case of the ski teacher are mixed. However the desire to win is a burning one in any competitor and is inherent in all good competition. It is doubtful whether additional motives can influence the performance of the individual.

In concluding, I must repeat that the formula advocated by Commander Palmedo for curing the trend toward the spectator sports and away from participation, is a pure delusion. The amateur rule has not checked that trend in the past – as his article makes clear. There is not the slightest reason to suppose it will do so in the future; still less reason to suppose it will reverse that trend. Our problem here is merely to decide with whom we wish to compete in the tournaments of the National Ski Association.

Rebuttal by Roland Palmedo

Wherever a deep-rooted tradition or rule of behavior is found in our country it is almost invariably based on the lessons of experience, and therefore has good reason for being.

The chief flaw that I find in Prof. Bradley's eloquent argument is that he sets up a straw man and then fires a lot of right pretty tracer ammunition at him until he is demolished. I believe he should have tried to find out first what the amateur rule is intended to and does accomplish from somebody who is thoroughly familiar with the subject, such as Avery Brundage, President of the American Olympic Committee, and then to refute this purpose and performance if he still disbelieved in their validity after understanding them.

Instead Prof. Bradley sets up his conception of what the amateur rule is for and then by emotive rather than factual words and arguments discredits this purpose. Without trying to find out the reason for our American amateur tradition, he barges right in at the beginning with the false assumption that the amateur rule "is the most expedient screen by which the undesirables can be kept out of organized competition."

Nor can I agree with Dr. Bradley that an understanding of the objectives sought will be enough to eliminate any tendency to evade the rules, whatever they may be, any more than an understanding of the traffic laws will eliminate any tendency toward speeding or improper parking. The reason we have to have laws and rules is precisely to translate the general objective into a specific guide for conduct, with a minimum of individual interpretation. If the directive "Love thy neighbor" were enough, we would have no use for most of our laws and precedents.

As a matter of fact, Dr. Bradley elsewhere refutes this faith that human nature needs only an appreciation of the objective in order that all actions may be uniformly in accord with it. At professional boxing, he maintains, there is little demand for "the spirit of real sportsmanship" and something of the same spirit pervades professional games of hockey, football and baseball. In tennis he cites the "subterfuge and deceit" used to evade the rules. How then does he expect a high standard of conduct without specific rules, but with only an understanding of the objectives?

In one matter Prof. Bradley works up considerable righteous indignation, but I believe on false premises. The manufacturer of ski equipment, the manager of a ski lodge, the retailer or repairer of ski equipment, he says, are rated professionals. This, I think, is not correct, as these occupations, in the absence of the exploitation of names or titles, do not constitute professional activities.

Dr. Bradley occasionally falls into an embarrassing contradiction: e.g., he maintains at great length that the man who is in skiing professionally is as likely to be as honest a fellow and as good a citizen as the next, with which we all agree without argument. But then he explains that the "foul tactics" which prevail in practically every other sport in which professionals compete are absent from skiing chiefly because "there is neither temptation nor opportunity for foul tactics." With this reflection on the sportsmanship of ski professionals in particular, and indictment of all professionals in sports in general, few will agree.

Dr. Bradley proposes a set of eligibility rules based on ethical considerations, and designed to supplant the amateur rules. Among these proposed rules is one forbidding any skier to make a public endorsement of any article for compensation, because Prof. Bradley regards any such endorsements as unethical. Why, then, if the eligibility of a skier to compete depends on his ethics and honesty, did he not ban also the individual who breaks into houses, or murders others without a legal excuse, or cheats at cards, or evades the rationing laws? Or is the endorsement of Feather-Sleep Mattresses or Flor de Cabbagio Cigars so extra unethical that it merits especial attention?

Also, according to one of the proposed rules, the making of a wager on a ski race, regardless of amount, puts you in the kennel, though there is no ban on running away with the cash box, gas tickets, and any prizes worth melting down.

Why prizes worth more than $25 should be forbidden is not clear, for though such prizes, along with many other things, may have a bearing on professionalism, the proposed rules supposedly have a purely ethical basis, and the value of a prize, even if it is a large purse, has nothing to do with ethics. If Prof. Bradley believes it has, then he has failed to explore many other aspects that open up the whole question under discussion all over again.

While it is of course apparent that amateur rules have an entirely different purpose than promoting ethical conduct, the above is sufficient to show the utter confusion, bewilderment and inconsistency that would prevail if any such impractical code of rules were adopted.

The most important objective

of competition is not to raise the "competitive pyramid" as high as possible, so that the champions at the pinnacle may be the most expert producible. This is unimportant compared to the mission of bringing the benefits of competition to the greatest possible number, particularly of our youth, by giving every encouragement to competition, and preserving and increasing the incentives to compete.

Prof. Bradley goes on the assumption that the existence of an amateur rule makes it necessary to be amateur to compete at all. This, too, is an unwarranted assumption, for it is proposed not to eliminate, but merely limit open competition. Moreover, a natural development of such limitation would be the holding of professional events, as is done in all other sports. In golf, for instance, the professional tournaments attract by far the greatest attention.

Being classified as a professional is not a "punishment for a crime," as Prof. Bradley calls it, any more than being classified as a junior or veteran when age requires it. It simply means that the competitor in question is in a special category, and should compete primarily within that category.

Because the "letter" of a law does not express the intent, and thus allows the intent to be circumvented, is not a good reason for abolishing the law entirely. It is rather a reason to correct the bad draftsmanship, so that the intent is clearly expressed in the letter.

The player-writer rule makes sense when it is appreciated that it is intended to prevent an amateur from exploiting his fame as a competitor and his titles for pay. To make amateurism mean anything, the upward spiral of exploitation — the more the fame, the more the pay — must necessarily be ruled out. This is certainly logical, no "absurdity."

Dr. Bradley further gets snarled up when he maintains that the professional in sport competes for his living, not "for the glory of it and for the fun." "His kind of living will depend on his success in winning," he says. "His wage is considerable if he wins, but even if he loses he receives enough money to provide his living. He works constantly at his profession. He learns every foul trick in the book by which to injure his opponent and not get caught. His philosophy is to win at all costs short of being declared loser on foul tactics." These are the words Prof. Bradley applies to professional boxing, but he adds that something of the same spirit pervades the professional games of hockey, football and baseball, and sets them apart from the amateur games.

Although Prof. Bradley holds this pessimistic view of what the mercenary motive does to the sportsmanship and ethics of the professional competitor in general, he still maintains that the professional ski competitor is the exception, though apparently only because skiing, being a non-combat sport, there is nothing to gain by foul tactics.

Although this view of professional competition surely does not prevail, it furnishes the clue to Prof. Bradley's assumption as to the reason for the amateur rule.

Throughout his article he refers to the "ethics of amateurism," the "bitter punishment" of being classified as a professional skier, who is "an outcast — no longer admitted among the group that are his friends," etc. "What," asks Prof. B., "is it we are trying to do with *any* rule defining eligibility?" The answer, he says, is perfectly clear — "Maintain the sport on the highest ethical level." This answer, I believe, is not correct; in fact, it is a misconception which is likely to cause much mischief if not corrected.

He assumes that the reason for a separate amateur group is because professionals in other sports generally being unethical and introducers of "degrading influences," they are also segregated in skiing, although unjustly so, he maintains, for in skiing they are perforce ethical.

This assumption, based on the Professor's low esteem of the non-skiing professional, is, I believe, where he goes astray. The amateur rule is not an ethical dividing line, nor is it an attempt to draw a social distinction, or to segregate those who earn their living "honorably" from those who do not. These matters are not in question in any way, shape or form. As Prof. Bradley nevertheless constructs his whole thesis on them, I respectfully suggest that the structure of his argument collapses.

Bear in mind that *in no sport* (except possibly polo) do amateurs stand a ghost of a show with professionals: baseball, hockey, football, golf, squash, skating, boxing, tennis, racquets. Unless the amateurs maintain the integrity of their own important amateur events, the latter will be completely overshadowed by the open events, which will sooner or later be completely dominated by professionals. Amateur competition will exist only in the marginal areas which do not warrant exploitation.

This is not a matter of ethics, it is merely a matter of preserving the encouragements and incentives for amateur participation. No drastic change in our American amateur rules is needed; only a slight change in emphasis and direction.

dear Stu

Stuart Ludlum

dear Larry

Lawrence Loman (I'm not sure of the spelling. He is a vice-Pres of Columbia in case you don't know)

ski letters re Pawling.

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From the desk of
LOWELL THOMAS

Mary - Please put
Albert Woodley
and the Lanklers on the
ski list for next season.

L.T.

Albert Woodley

Sepp Lanz – Lanz of Salzburg

to get ski letters.

1400 - 29th St. N.W.
Wash. DC

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

Mary --Here is a young lady who might want to round up a bunch of her ski friends and bring them along with us next winter. Her name is Miss Margaret Mallory, daughter of Clifford D. Mallory. I met her just for a moment at the opening of the American Merchant Marine Library Association book week at Sloans through Mr. Herbert Howe, the librarian. Mr. Mallory is one of the heads of the A.M.M.L. A.

L.T.

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Wendy

524 Riverside Drive ~~Cath 8-3640~~

Mary Draper

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Olive Gidney

c/o altmans MU9-7000

Rodna Allen

Drake Hotel

Rod:

Sent one to

George Bijur

Dear Charles Federer

Dear Russell Heaton

Dear "Alec"

Dear Bob

Dear Bob

Dear Terry

Dear David

Dear Lorens

Dear Stuart

Dear John

Dear Alice

Dear Dick

Dear Lucia and Morgan

Dear Miss Margaret Mallory

Dear Larry

Dear Albert

Dear Sepp

Dear Tom

Dear Perry Hall

Dear Bill

Dear Jane

Dear Tommy

Dear Kitty

Dear Marjorie

Dear Geannette

Dear Mat

Dear Paul

Dear Beverly Robinson

Dear Joe

Dear Bob

Dear Bob

Dear Pat

Dear Mr. Munson

Dear Munro

Dear Alex

Dear Stuart

Dear Mr. Neary

Dear Mr. Glover

Dear Ford

Dear Noel Busch

Dear George

Dear Frank

(LET SEPP RUSCHP KNOW HOW MANY - for TAXI)

SKIING THIS WEEKEND - Mt. Washington - Headwall
Lowers 9+10 Car 126 Mr. Fitch (buy by noon Thurs.)
11+12
lv. 9.15 to Montpelier Junction, arriving there at 6:18 a.m.
Penn.
lv 10.15 from Stamford

coach
lv. 4.46 p.m Sun. — ar. 8.38 p.m
Return via North Conway to Boston, and then midnight sleeper "Owl"
lowers 7, 8, 9, 10
Car 153

1 lower L. T.

no Thomas D. Lamont

no Joe Moran White 3-5787 next weekend

Yes Lorenz Logan, and anyone else with him?
Han. 2-0450

Eddie Thurber (some elevator repair firm in Brooklyn)
Home Blvd. 3-1583 or 15-85-??

no Serge Gagarian (friend ~~of Thurber or~~ Lorenz Logan)
Aeronautics Hav. 9-6600

no Ski Andre: And have you any people in mind who want to go?
Ed 5-3354

(2) ~~Compers~~ no Eddie Eagan ~~& Mrs. Eagan~~

no ~~Chris Young~~ Stuart Chase

Bill him

1 lower
yes - meet L.T. at 9 p.m. at train gate

Yes Sigurd Winsnes (Norwegian Club, 17 Columbia Heights Brooklyn)
Main 4-9331

no Jane Watson + friends? (Bill in bed.)

no Bill Schwartz
Bar. 7-0100

LT

LIST OF PEOPLE INVITED TO USE SKI TOW

Perry Walsh
Clayton Going
Morden Murphy
George Bijur
Mary Draper
Wendy Robinson
Olive Gidney
Rodney Aller
Margaret Mallory
Paul Garrett
J. Beverley Robinson
Edward Eagan
Thomas Lamont
Joe Moran
Robert Trent Jones
Robert McBride
Pat Weaver
Henry Lee Munson
Munro Leaf
Ted Shane
Paul Webb
Alexander Grant
Stuart Chase
Wm. J. Reary
Carl Ray

B. W. Glover
Ford Bond
Noel Busch
George Denny
Frank Elkins
Chas. A. Federer, Jr.
A. Russell Neaton
Robert Kehoe
Terry Keep
David Langmuir
Lorens F. Logan
Stuart Ludlum
John Logan and daughters
Alice Morris
Wm. A. Patty
Dick Stiegler
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Ryan
Marjorie Bundy
Jeannette Gallagher
Paul Sanborne
Arthur Cushman
FredQuanjer
Sanford Treat
H.D. Carter
McClelland Barclay

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

Thomas S. Lamont
Perry Hall
Bill Schwartz
Jane Watson
Thomas Hitchcock, Jr.
Kitty Barton
Matthew Dann
Albert Woodley
Sepp Lanz
Lawrence Lowman
Frank Soden
Charles W. Holt
Lowell Wadmond
Alice Damrosch Klaer (Mrs. Herman)
Julia O'Neill (in J. Morden Murphy's office)

ROUGH SKI LIST

✓ THE PAUL GARRETTS

✓ BEVERLY ROBINSON

✓ BILL SCHWARTZ

~~THE EDDIE EAGANS~~

✓ TOM LAMONT

✓ JANE WATSON

~~JOE MORAN~~

✓ CARL RAY

JACKSON CHAMBERS

✓ THE ROBT. TRENT JONES

~~NINA AND STANLEY WASHBURN~~

~~GENE TUNNEY~~

✓ ROBERT MCBRIDE

✓ WM. PATTY

✓ PAT WEAVER

MR. AND MRS. WM. MCMILLAN OF MARYLAND

HENRY LEE MUNSON

✓ RICHARD BORDEN

~~JACK TAPPIN (Washington)~~

✓ MUNRO LEAF

~~THE TED SHANES~~

✓ PAUL WEBB

ALEXANDER GRANT

~~JULES ANDRE~~

~~COL. STOOPNAGLE~~

ROBERT GWINN

STUART CHASE

KITTY BARTON

LANNY ROSS

WM. VAN DUSEN

~~HERMANN OSTERMEIR~~ Pinkham Notch, Gorham. N.H.

WM. J. NEARY Jamaica, N.Y.

B. W. GLOVER

TOM SUNDERLAND

~~CHARLIE MURPHY~~

~~FORD BOND~~

~~HUGH JAMES~~

~~HAL BURTON~~

MAC BARCLAY

~~DALE CARNEGIE~~

~~DR. CHAS. CARROLL LUND Boston~~

THE ARTHUR CUSHMANS

THE PAUL CRUIKSHANKS

MISS TERESA CROWLEY

FRED CLARK

TOM CABOT

HALLIE CARTER and her family

MATTHEW DANN

GEORGE DENNY

~~THE TOM DEWEYS~~

JOHN EMISON

~~FRANK ELKINS~~

HENRY ECKHARDT (of Kenyon & Eckhardt)

CHAS. A. FEDERER, Jr.

~~SEPP FROELICK~~

~~HARVEY GIBSON~~

A. RUSSELL HEATON (poughkeepsie)

BOB JOHNSON

~~BOB & BOB~~

BOB KEHOE

TERRY KEEP

DAVID LANGMUIR

HESTER LARNER

~~JACQUES CHARMOZ~~

LORENS F. LOGAN

~~RALPH LANKLER~~

JOHN LOGAN AND DAUGHTERS

ALICE MORRIS

THE DONALD MCMILLANS

KEITH OFFICER

F. R. PEVERLY Quebec

ROLAND PEABODY

SAM PRYOR

DICK STIEGLER

JOHN S. STILLMAN

GALE H. SHAW

~~ERLING STROM~~

VIRGINIA SINCLAIR

MRS. TOBEY

SANFORD TREAT AND SON

LUCIA TURNER AND MORGAN RYAN

~~THE GENE TUNNEYS~~

HANS UTSCH

THE GENE VIDALS

~~BRAD WASHBURNS~~

THE JACK YANDELLS

NOEL BUSCH (Life)

Mr. J. Morden Murphy

HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

150 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH

Put on ski list

MANAGEMENT OF DOUGLAS L. ELLIMAN & CO., INC.

Mary - was A. Russell Heaton

Waterman & ~~Mrs~~ Heaton
51 Market St.
Poughkeepsie
New York

put on the ski
list for next year?

L.T.

Spring next time

A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dr. Curt and Beatie Richter

c/o Johns Hopkins

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Mary

TO SKI AT PAWLING

Arthur Cushmans — Patterson, N.Y.
Eddie Hagans
Fred Quanjers
Murphys
Pawling School
Miss Bennett School
Dr. Hume - Canterbury
Kent School
Major Shons
Sanford Treat
Mr. H.D. Carter
Hogates
Timber Trails
Mac Merclay
David Langmuir
Carl Ray
Lanklers
Shanes
Paul Webbs
Chris Youngs
Paul Sanborn — 155 E 41st / 108 E 38 Home

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Mary -

Here are a few people whom I ~~my~~ may want to invite on a ski jaunt before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagan
Mr. and Mrs. Hobey Ford
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lamont
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schwartz
Miss Jane Watson
Mr. McClelland Barclay
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford P. Yandell
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bell
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Powell
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Palmedo
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hitchcock

Morgan Stanley

~~Emily Lyman, Englewood N.J.~~

Kitty Barton

Marjorie Bundy

Jeannette Gallagher

Norman Bel Geddes

Grants ?

Sanborns ?

Mrs Dann

Telephone everyone about Pullmans

Noel Busch

Sanborn

Bud + Mrs

Matt Damm

Dec. 26 will drive

How expensive is Joe Ryan's place? He might

~~NBC~~ News

$11. each in house or College

Call at 5.30

1-3.30

Mrs Grant + Betsy

28 to the 30 ½

John [illegible]

Mg. 7, 26.

Eg. P. 2. (8 p.m.

[illegible]

2/-

Grant + Betsy

& train

Williams

T. S. Lamont

Xmas

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FILE SKIING

Bob Svare

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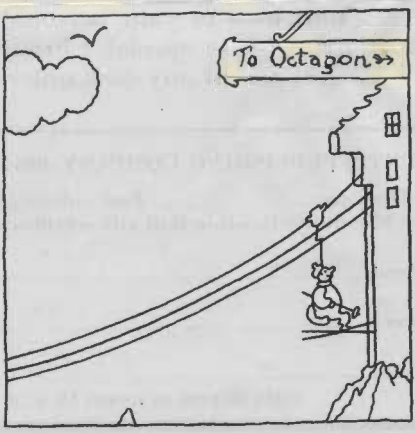
To Octagon»


TEA

Does this mean these two people have received our ski letter? Because I never sent them one.

m.

Mary -

Have you got her name on the list of people who got the long ski letter re Pawling? no

Also Miss Julia O'Neill of Mr. J. Morden Murphy's office.

e.

no

SKI PARTY

Call the following and tell them we hope we will cross their trail during the Christmas holidays, and want to let them know where the L.T.s are going, in the hope we can all be together somewhere, ~~the~~ at least part of the time.

Planning first to go to Placid for 5 or 6 days, provided snow ~~cons~~ conditions are really good, just to be there for ~~tx~~ college week when there are six or seven hundred ~~xxxxxx~~ college and prep school young people at the Club. Then plan on leaving after the Lake Placid New Year's party for another 5 or 6 days, either in the Laurentians or the Green Mountains or White Mountains, depending on where the snow is best.

~~BILL SCHWARTZ & WIFE~~

EDDIE EAGANS AND CHILDREN

~~TOM LAMONT AND WIFE AND CHILDREN~~

JANE WATSON

~~JOE MORAN~~

~~THE WILLIAM PATTYS~~

~~MUNRO LEAF AND WIFE AND FAMILY~~

~~THE VAN DUSENS~~

~~THE CHARLIE MURPHYS~~

~~THE MIKE SANFORDS (PAUL)~~

~~MATTHEW DANN~~

~~LUCIA TURNER & MORGAN RYAN~~

~~JACK YANDELL~~

NOEL BUSCH OF LIFE

JOHN STILLMAN

In the case of the Murphys, the Lamonts, Eagans and Pattys, say L.T. hoping we could all be together part of the time, with all the kids and everybody. Also Jacques and Hester and her boy. Tell them if we are all together we will try and get our rooms all in one corridor and our table together, and L.T. will make the arrangements with Mr. Holt if you'll let me know.

Call Jacques separately and invite him to go as L.T.'s guest.

Call John Logan, Cent Han. downtown, and tell him we're planning on getting Jacques and a crowd of others to spend a little time during the Christmas holidays. Can have more fun at Placid than anywhere else because of large number of young people from

colleges and prep schools, but only if snow conditions are good. Getting the Lamonts and a few more.

X Tell Yandell who some of the people are we're phoning to: Tom Lamont, Eddie Eagan, etc., JacquesCharmoz of Pan Am., and Van Dusen; also Joe Moran; and the party will be made up of good skiers, intermediate skieers and others. Won't go until CHRISTMAS NIGHT from New York, after everybody will have had their Xmas eve and Xmas day at home.