

## THE SCRAP BOOKS AND PICTURE BOOKS



When the club was launched, we weren't much interested in publicity. We were having fun and going on hikes. However, we had what you might call a built-in publicity man, William Schactel who was a reporter with the Utica Daily Press. Being out on many of the hikes himself, he wrote them up for the newspaper and we enjoyed reading about our outings in the paper. As the Tramp & Trail Club developed, the early write-ups of hikes, as well as items about various members, were clipped from the newspapers. These were pasted into a scrapbook by the Secretary.

Eventually, we lost our write-up man and for a while went without one. Then in 1933 Dave Beetle joined the club and again we had a publicity man. His "We Get Around" column was read with interest by fellow members. When Dave moved from the area we were without a representative of the press and from time to time a write-up appeared about the doings of the club.

The picture book is handled by a committee of one. The books are brought to the annual meeting and are on display for members to see. At one time there was a prize offered for the best prints submitted.

Since the collection of scrap and picture books has become unwieldy for those in charge of them, it was decided to turn them over to the Utica Public Library, for preservation. This was done on April 10, 1965.

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