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President Donald Todd announces that the fall color hike will be in the new Frozen Head State Park (Morgan State Forest) on Saturday, October 24. We will assemble at the caretaker's residence near the Prison Honor Farm, east of Wartburg, at 9:30 a.m. It will be 7-to-8-mile hike, so carry a canteen of water and a lunch.

The hike will take us to Chimney Top Mountain, where we will climb Chimney Rock. Pres. Todd writes, "This was an outstanding trip last fall. I made it on two different week-ends. The scenery should be splendid from Chimney Rock. The prospect for color is great. We have had an abundance of rain, so the colors should develop from frost action instead of from dry weather." If it rains on the 24th, we'll try again on the 25th. If anyone wishes to call Pres. Todd to check on the weather that day, he may be reached at 346-3113.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. October 24, the day of the hike, at the Wartburg Drive-in Restaurant. If something prevents us from meeting there, Pres. Todd will get word to all on an alternate site. It is important that all directors attend this meeting, as it is time to plan the annual meeting, to be held in December.

John McIntyre, chairman of the upper section of the Cumberland Trail, reports that he has volunteers to complete the section of the trail from the fire tower on Walden's Ridge to Poplar Creek Gap. Boy Scout Troop No. 101 and Girl Scout Troop No. 359, both of Kingston, will tackle that job. The troop leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dunwoody, of Kingston.

There will be a meeting of Boy Scouts interested in working on the Cumberland Trail on Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m. in Oak Ridge. John McIntyre will meet with them, then try to catch up with the fall color hike. The local Boy Scout Council has been contacted about making the Cumberland Trail a conservation project. TTA would coordinate the work on the Trail.

Pres. Todd was slated to participate in a forum on "The Preservation and Development of a Quality Environment" at the U^A Student Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. October 6. The meeting was scheduled by Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning to discuss environmental problems with political candidates. Your editor was on vacation and missed the meeting.

If anyone has news for the November issue of TENNESSEE Trails, please send it to F. W. Means, 200 Butler Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830, not later than Oct. 25. We must get that issue out early because of the Trails Seminar at Montgomery Bell State Park on November 7. We will give full details of the Seminar in the Nov. issue.

As this was written, we still had no word that John McIntyre's new income tax exemption had arrived. John says that if it isn't here by Oct. 15, he will take Susan for a ride across Walden's Ridge in his jeep.