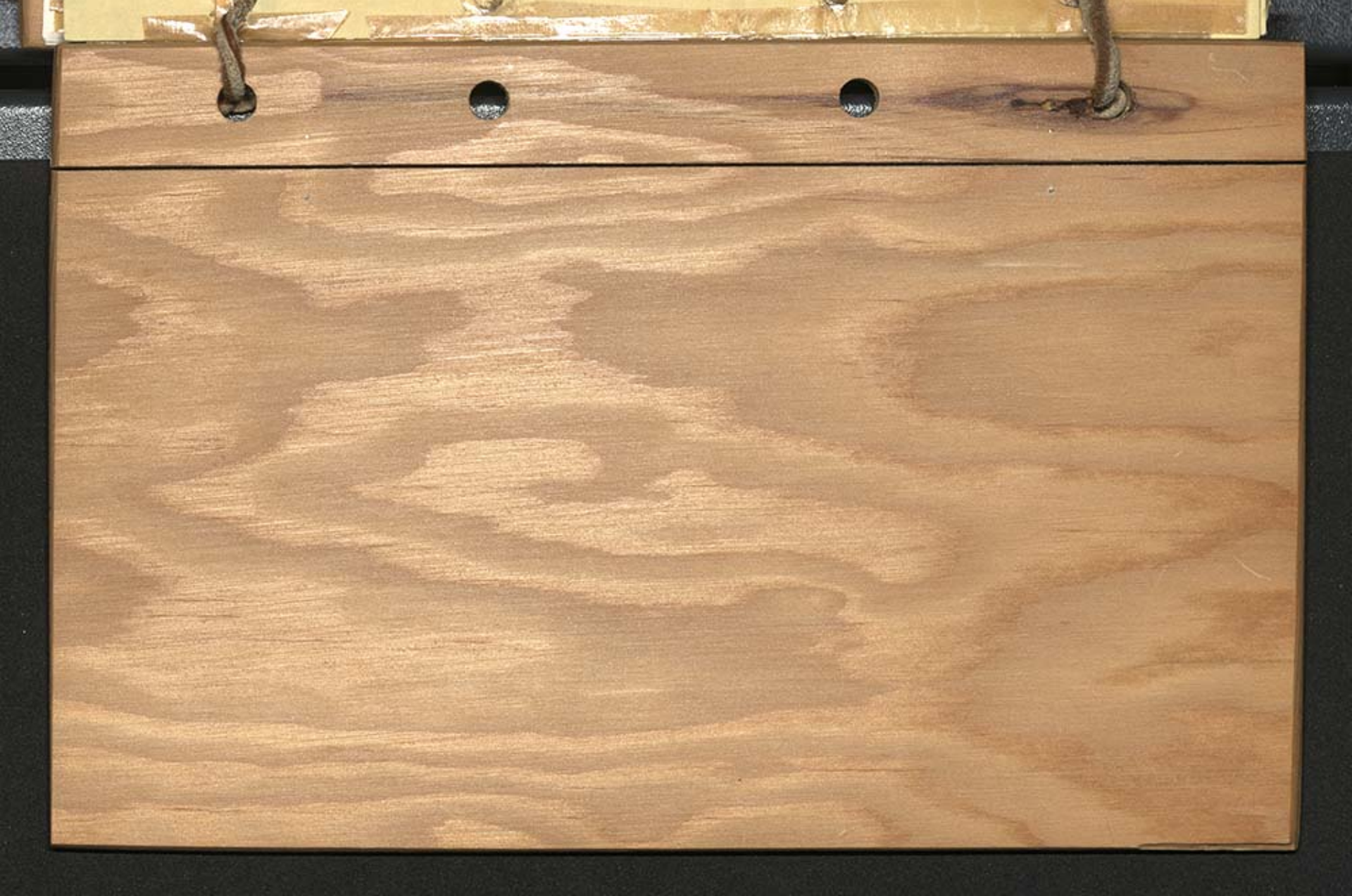
1973.

NOTICE

Horse Traders pay in advance
Four bits a night for Bed
Six bits with supper
No More than 5 to a bunk
No spurs to be worn in bed
No horses allowed upstairs
No Poker Games in kitchen
Prospectors to sleep in Wash House
Shootin' Irons to be checked with bartender
No Rustlers or Vigilantes taken in.

Guest Log



Friends of Ours

Date 3/18/73
To 3-23-73

Jennie McDonald & Mrs McDonald

Name Laramie, Wyo.

First time at Arapahoe Basin. Climbed Ellie's dome - Rugged peaks - A long way down. - Looking forward to skiing out to Banff by way of Brewster Creek.

Address

Met Tissi, Al, Butch Wilson, Pat Brewster Brad & Still looking for Ken (last week Jones)

Weather has been mostly warm and sunny except for a few days of snow and clouds. skiing is good

Remarks

Date 3-19-73

To 3-23-73

Name Sam Evans

Laramie, Wyo.

Texas Cowboy

Address

skied in From Sunshine, Spent the night under 2 spruce trees in the valley of the Rocks

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date Mar 18-23, 73

John Evans

Rt 1 Laramie, Wyo

Name David Evans Laramie, Wyo.

Sure wish the guide would get his compass needle straightened.

Address

Remarks

Date

Name

Address

Remarks

March 22/73

1ST Pilatus landing in winter on Magog lake

Friends of Ours

Date

MARCH 22. '73.

"Pat" Bannister

Name

Bill McCusker

BANFF

Address

Susan B. Davies, Banff.

Remarks

Tom McCusker Date Mar. 22/73

BANFF.

Name BOB AMBROSE

108 AIRWAYS

INUKJUAK P.Q. Address

Remarks

Friends of Ours

March 22/73 Date

Name Vreij Tiesmahi.

Address

Banff.

Steph. Boswell Fabulous Banff

Remarks

Date

Jan Burks, Banff -

A real delight to finally get in here!

Name

Address

Remarks

Friends of Ours

LARRY LARSEN Date MARCH 25-73

THIS IS "THE ALPINE EXPERIENCE"

Name

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - U.S.A. Address

Remarks

25 March 1973 Date

Name Leif-Eirik Nygårds

Evanston Ill. - USA Address

Remarks

Friends of Ours

March 25/73 Date

Name Bernie Schiesser
Banff.

Hubert Ortzl Address
Banff Springs

Remarks

Date

Name Elizabeth M Callister
2 Dorothy Rd London
England Address

Remarks Spectacular
Fantastic: leaves even me

Friends of Ours

Mars 28, 73 Date

Name Gertie Hartefeld

Kauff Address

Remarks As beautiful as ever!

March 25th - 28th 1973. Date

Name Hilary Achenbach -

5224, Montalban Avenue Address

Calgary.

Remarks Even more thrilling than I thought it could be -

Friends of Ours

Mar. 25-Mar. 29/73 Date

Name Linda M. Buehler

Box 1295, Banff. Address

Remarks So glad I came - now I can spread the word!

Date

Name Fred Stritter (Mrs. Edw. E.)

486 North Ave Address

Weston, Mass 02193

Remarks The realization of a long-held dream. Fantastic

Friends of Ours

Date: March 25-29

Name: Wolfe Kramer

Address: 36 Sotelo Ave
San Francisco, Ca. U.S.A.

Remarks: what beautiful country!

Date: MARCH 25 - 29

Name: HANS GMOSER

Address: BOX 1660 BANFF

Remarks: AFTER 20 YEAR IT IS STILL A PRIVILEGE TO COME - ESPECIALLY WITH YOU HERE LIZZIE.

Friends of Ours

Mar 25/29 1973 — Date

Name

DANIEL FORD

DURHAM PT RD — Address

DURHAM, N.H.

Remarks THANK YOU, LIZZIE - RUTH - AL - BRAD

26 March 73 — Date

Name JIM & RITA ROSS

15112 - 76A Avenue

Edmonton — Address

Remarks many thanks for a superb week - will be back!

Friends of Ours

Date 30.8.73

Name John Pettit.

#312-4516 Valiant Dr. N.W. Address
Calgary. T3A 0Y1

Remarks

Date

Name David Rapport

26821 116th Ave

WHONNOCK, B.C. Address

Remarks Thanks Lizzie, Al, Ruth, Brad for making the lodge such a cheerful place. It is a memorable part of the trip!

Friends of Ours

Date March 30/73.

Name Margaret Grosen.
Banff

Address

Remarks Great to visit each year and a real treat this yr. Hans sleeping in till 7AM

Date Mar 31/73.

Name Arthur Hoole.
Rocky Canada - Calgary.

Address

Remarks Wonderful Church!

Friends of Ours

Mar. 31/73 Date

Name Bruce E. Leeson

Address
10011 5th St. S.E.,
Calgary, Alberta

Remarks

Date

Name Jim Rouse

Address
128 MAPLEBURN DRIVE
CALGARY.

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date Mar 30/73

(14) (12) (8)
John, Peter and Helen.

Name Bob + Doreen Purves.

115 Handsart Blvd - Winnipeg

Address

So nice to be back in Assiniboine with Hizzy after 15 years.

Remarks Went over to see Hizzie's cabin. Snow & sunshine

Date April 4-5th 73

Name Jim + Sue Davies and "Muffer"

Address

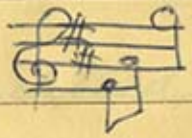
Banff.

Remarks My relaxing - "Muffer's" first cross country trip.

Friends of Ours

Date: April 8/73 Thanks for a wonderful two days!

Name: Lonette Barrington
Ben Barrington



Address: 2216-7 St S.W. Calgary 3 Alberta

Remarks:

Date: APRIL-9/73

Name: TWO OF THE BEST DAYS EVER EXPERIENCED IN THE MOUNTAINS - GREAT FOOD + WONDERFUL WEATHER AS WELL AS EXCELLENT COMPANY.

DOUG & RUTH HILLAND

Address: 6919 LEFROY COURT S.W.,
CALGARY, ALBERTA.

Remarks: ALSO - GOOD PICK UP ORCHESTRA SATURDAY NIGHT.

Friends of Ours

Thank you Lizzie, Ruth Al, Brad, Ken Jim + Sue for a fantastic three days - delicious food + great skiing

Date April 9/73

Name Leo + Marion Berchtold

Banff.

So liebe Bergfreunde werden wir nie vergessen! Wünsche Euch allen eine gute Ski saison und nochmals herzlichen Dank zur Liz - Ruth Ken - Al BRAD, Jim + Sue auch zu meinem Freund "TOPI"

Address

Remarks

Date April 9-13

Name Peggy Wylie

10 Glenwood Manor 904

Address Memorial Dr., Calgary

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date April 9 - 13/73.

First experience in a helicopter! Lovely trip in. Good company, good food, good weather. So good at Christmas.

Name Rhoda M. Rouse

Address 234 Crescent Road N.W. Calgary, Alberta

JAN ELBE
BOW HELICOPTERS
CALGARY / ALTA
JUST A SHORT VISIT Jan Elbe

Remarks

Date april 14 72

RON TEKANO
apt 12 - 4501 - 37ST NW
CALGARY ALTA. JUST DROPPED
BOW HELICOPTERS IN FOR A VISIT.
Name - VERY PLEASANT COMPANY.

Address

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date Apr. 14th, 15th

Name Rosalind Davis

15 Bluejay St. Halifax, N.S.
(Mineral Springs Hosp Banff)

Address

we came to cross-country ski & we left "mountain climbers" - Comp. of Paul!"
Many thanks for the beautiful time!

Remarks

Date April 15/73.

Part of the first Airplane breakfast crew

Name Jane Crapper

52 Concession St. W. Bowmanville Ontario

Address

Thanks for a wonderful weekend; fantastic food. fun skiing &

Remarks

good company!

Friends of Ours

Date Apr. 15/73.

Name Pat & Ron Duke

Address 513 Buffalo St, Banff.

Remarks Though I haven't as "accomplished" as the rest of the group enjoyed everything so much. Many thanks to all for a beautiful weekend

Date April 15/73

Name Mary Ann McKnight.

Address Liverpool, Nova Scotia (Min. Sp. Hosp Barrs)

Remarks A super week-end; fine skiing, friends, food. Many thanks!

Friends of Ours

Date April 14-15 1973.

First plane breakfast.

Name Karine M. MacAulay

Address

Banff Alberta.

Remarks Such a lovely time and such hospitality! Thank you everyone.

Date April 14/15-73

First plane breakfast

Name Margaret M. Boyle.

Banff, Alta.

Address

Remarks a most enjoyable trip - good food, good company & lots of energy spent ski-mountaineering instead of cross-country skiing. Thank you all.

Friends of Ours

Date April 15/73

Name Mary Ann Taylor "used to be Gardner"

Address Calgary.

Remarks Thank you again Lizzie for a lovely time.

Date April 15/73

Name Don Gardner

Address Thanks very much for breakfast. Seeing you here is worth many more miles than this

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date April 17

Name Chris Shank

Calgary Address

Remarks A fantastic breakfast!

Date April 17

Name Larry Mason

Calgary Address

Remarks Great trip & hospitality

Friends of Ours

Easter 73. Date Apr 20/73

Name Ellen Hurst

1311 Downing St
Winnipeg Address

Remarks A perfect weekend!!

Date Apr 20/73

Name Janis Kaminsky

1311 Downing ST

Winnipeg Man Address
R3E 2R8

Remarks The best Easter I've ever had!

Friends of Ours

Date Ap 20/73

Name Valerie Swann.

406- 10635-83 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta. Address

Remarks. Beautiful!.

Date Ap 20/73

Name Yvonne Woodman.

7130-119 St.
Edmonton, Alberta Address

Remarks A great weekend

Friends of Ours

Date April 20, 73

Stefanie Hedemark

Name

Apt 124 - 8735 - 165 ST.
EDMONTON,

Address

Remarks SKI HEIL and vielen Dank Lizzie, Ruth, Al and Brad.

Date Apr. 13/73

Name MONICA KLAAS
Paul Kraus

Address
BOX 1563
BANFF ALBERTA

Remarks THANK you very much for everything. First helicopter trip. THANK YOU AL, BRAD, LIZZIE, RUTH,

Friends of Ours

Date Apr. 20/73.

Name FRANCOISE VOGELZANG

139 - 26 AV. S.W. Address

CALGARY ALBERTA.

Remarks

Date Apr. 20/73.

Name BRUCE W FERGUSON

1219 9 ST SW Address

CALGARY ALTA

Remarks a most relaxing time

Friends of Ours

Date April 20 - 22/73

Name Jan Chapman

Address 12606 - 104 Ave,
Edmonton. Alta.

Remarks Warm hospitality and magnificent scenery!

Date APRIL 20-22

Name DONNA INGWERSEN.

Address 912 - Rideau Rd. S.W.
CALGARY.

Remarks ASSINIBOINE AT LAST.
A MARVELOUS EASTER WEEKEND
THANK YOU ALL!

Friends of Ours

Date

APRIL 20-22, 1973

Fran Kitchingham

Name

FRAN E. KITCHINGHAM

P.S. UNABLE TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY - DONNA + FRAN SO PLEASED TO STAY AN EXTRA DAY.
THANK YOU LIZZIE, RUTH, BRAD + AL

Address

#705, 725 - 12 AVE. S.W.

CALGARY. ALTA. T2R 0H9

Remarks

EXCELLENT FOOD, GUIDING, HOSPITALITY, GUITAR PLAYING. THE WEEKEND WAS EVERYTHING I HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE.

Date

April 22

Name

Ken & Agnes Bell

Radium

Address

Jenny & Roger Madden 342-6494

Radium B.C

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date April 23/73

The fishing was poor but the skiing, food & company were the best.

Name Art Patterson

Address

Philippe GONON 38 avenue Hoche

Paris 8 - FRANCE. just au poil.

Remarks As Phil would say: It was HUGE!!

Harry Patterson

Date April 22 - April 25, 1973

Name Frank Weichmen

and family

Address 11240 - 78 ave, Edmonton, Alta

Remarks We have enjoyed our stay very much. It's wonderful to talk with the old-timers again.

Friends of Ours

Date April 69/73

Name Mike R. Harry

Planner, Prov. Parks Branch

Victoria, B.C.

Address

Fabulous place

great people.

Remarks

Date April 19-30/73

Chris Sadler

Prov. Parks Branch. Wasa B.C.

A most enjoyable time meeting you & your other guest

Name

Address April 2025

Clair Graham.

Warden Service, Banff.

Remarks

Friends of Ours

Date Apr. 28.73

Name Dr Clara Hensch

Address P.O. Box 3010. North Bay Ont.

Arrived on Apr. 14. Spent 2 wonderful weeks. Excellent skiing. (Thate to leave)

Remarks

Date April 28/73

Name Neil & Germaine German and Peter and Richard

Address 167 Cardiff Dr. N.W. Calgary T2K1S1

Remarks a wonderful restful holiday

Friends of Ours

Date April 29/73

Name Mawney Boyd & Christie Boyd

Mossburn Ranch Address

Longview, Alberta

Remarks Arrived on the 26th — it snowed the whole time but had a fantastic time even tho' we didn't make it up country.

Date April 29/73

Name Jim Thorsell

Address

Remarks Somewhere.

FRIENDS OF OURS

Date: APRIL 26-29/73

Name: Ryan Gillis

Address: Banff

Remarks: poor weather; but good company + food — enjoyable skiing + holiday.

Date: April 30/73

Name: Doug. + Carmen Robenion

Address Banff.

Remarks Beautiful clear day!

FRIENDS OF OURS

Date: April 30

Name: David & Marilyn Howell

Address: Sunshine Village

Remarks: couldn't ask for better.
Thanks for a rest
and a lift!!
Beautiful!

Date: APRIL 30

Name: ROBERT ASHBURNER

Address: LAKE LOUISE

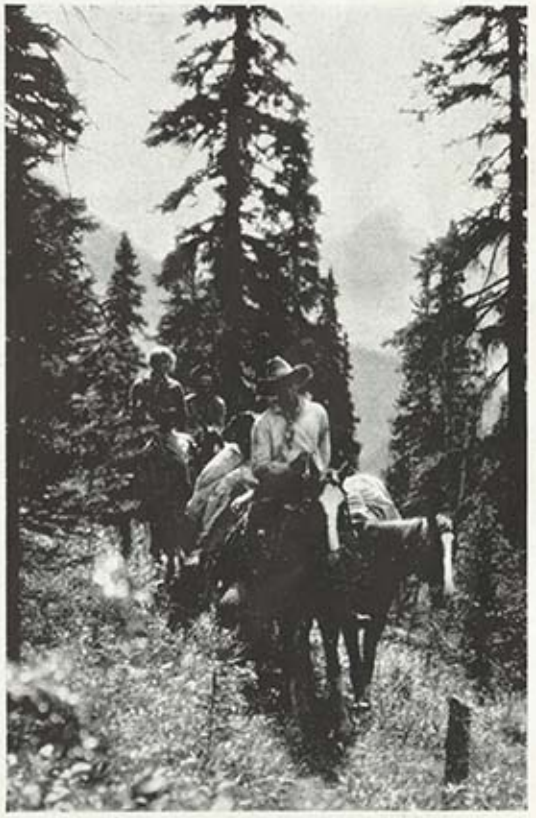
Remarks: HAD A HARD TIME IN
BOTTOMLESS SNOW IN
GOLDEN VALLEY + VALLEY OF THE ROCKS ON
THE 28TH SO AM FLYING OUT TODAY

Aside from being on the shores of Lake Magog, within rifleshot of Sunburst and Cerulean Lakes, and at the foot of Assiniboine itself, we are just around the corner from Marvel and Gloria Lakes. Approached from more than thousand feet above, one lake turquois green, the other deep blue, the two together present one of the most astonishing sights in the world. Even Lake Louise may have to take a back seat when some future day a road is built to the end of Marvel Lake.

We are right at timberline, practically on the Continental Divide, which also forms the borderline between Alberta and British Columbia. In other words we are in wild country, in the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

TRANSPORTATION

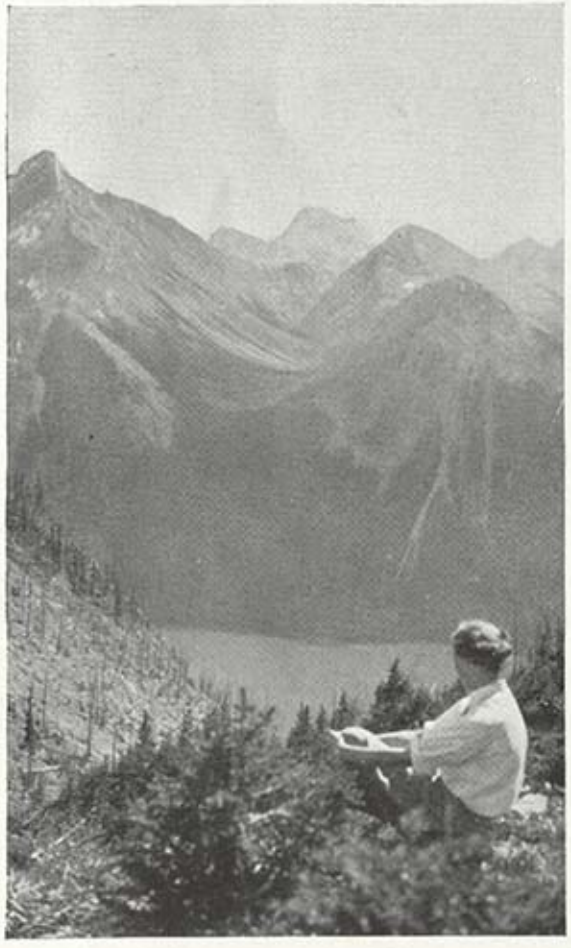
Thirty-two miles from Banff with no road in our direction, we depend entirely upon horses for transportation of both guests and supplies. It is therefore advisable to make arrangements before hand, although not always necessary. We are in town from camp every Thursday during the summer season, (July 1st to Oct. 15th), and can then be located through the information desk at the Banff Springs Hotel. Providing the camp is not filled, your trip can be arranged right then and there. Our packtrain leaves Banff every Friday morning and returns to town on the following Wednesday. The shortest possible visit will therefore make a trip of six days. Two days for going out, two full days there and two days for returning. Our half way cabin is well built and almost as beautifully located as Assiniboine Camp itself. A different route may be chosen for the return trip.



RATES

The six day round trip costs $60.—horse, guide, transportation of duffel and everything else included. Extra luggage can be left at your hotel in Banff. By foot the same trip is made for $35. Hikers start an hour or two ahead of the horses each morning. The common thing is of course to spend weeks, even months in camp, and return with one of the later packtrains. Additional weeks in camp cost $45. without horse, and $60. with horse included. Horses may also be rented by the day. Family rates may be obtained over longer periods.

A deposit of 20% is expected when reservation is made.



CAMP ITSELF

The largest of our twelve log cabins consists of a combined sitting and dining room with kitchen attached. The smallest has two bathrooms and two waterclosets, sometime in working order. The remaining ten cabins are equipped with two or three good beds with flannelette sheets and Hudson Bay blankets, a small stove and other log cabin furniture. The food is excellent and the cook agreeable.

GOINGS ON

Whether one spends two days or two months at Assiniboine the time will always seem too short. Most every day we get together for some kind of a trip. Whether it be climbing, riding or fishing, someone always goes along to show the way.

HUNTING

The season for Mountain Goat opens on September 1st. Most other big game may be hunted from September 15th and on. We therefore keep camp open until the middle of October. Incidentally that is the month we get our best weather at Assiniboine. One year we shot Moose within six hundred yards of camp. Mountain Goat we can positively guarantee. Chances are also very good for getting Deer, Elk, Moose and Grizzly Bear. For Mountain Sheep or Black Bear it is necessary to go a bit further away, but with tents and camping equipment ready we can get going on short order. Hunters must make arrangements in ample time so license can be obtained.

SKIING

Summer skiing can always be found on the glaciers. We usually bring two or three pair of skis up to the nearest one, where we leave them all summer, to be used by ski enthusiasts whenever they like.

While speaking of skiing I want to mention that Assiniboine Camp is open for real skiing during March and April. Snow conditions are as nearly ideal as can be found anywhere in the world. Ten distinctly different downhill runs, as steep and sporty as one wants to make them, with vertical drops of from two to three thousand feet provide an unbelievable variety. Most of our skiing is above timberline, and is so dependable that we have not yet missed one single day of it since we opened in 1928.

Climbing

Climbing has unlimited possibilities. Anything from plain hiking to difficult rock and ice work. Unless you are a seasoned climber who insists upon perpendicular walls, we do the guiding ourselves to the top of all neighboring peaks, including Mount Assiniboine. For extremely difficult climbing professional guides are available in Banff.

Riding

The big bowl in which camp is located is admirably adapted for riding. Big flat meadows where we build jumps, run races and otherwise play cowboys to our hearts content. Mountain trails leading over the passes to unexplored valleys beyond, or to the very tops of some of our lower mountains. Tents and camping equipment is at hand and short pack-trips can be arranged on the spur of the moment.

Fishing

When opened for fishing a few years ago Marvel Lake immediately proved itself to be one of the finest lakes for Cut Throat Trout in the Rockies. Real fishermen have objected to the fish biting too fast. One may cast from the shore or from rafts and some time get ten fish in that many minutes. In size they range from 12 to 24 inches. Four other lakes in our immediate vicinity, including Lake Magog, have been stocked several years ago and are now open for fishing.

Swimming

Swimming is not so hot. In fact it is quite cold, but very refreshing on real warm days, after some trip or game of deck tennis.

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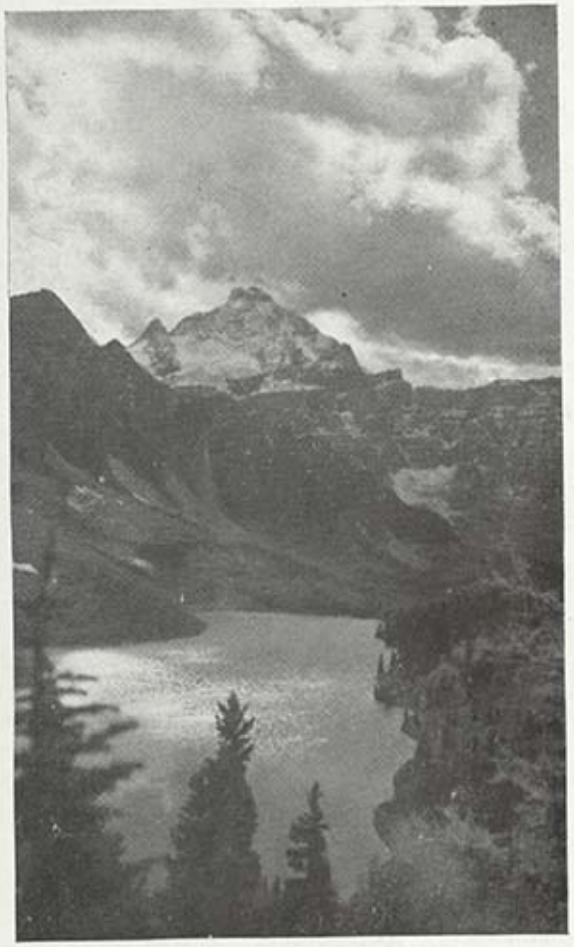
MOUNT ASSINIBOINE CAMP

Owned and Operated by **ERLING STROM**

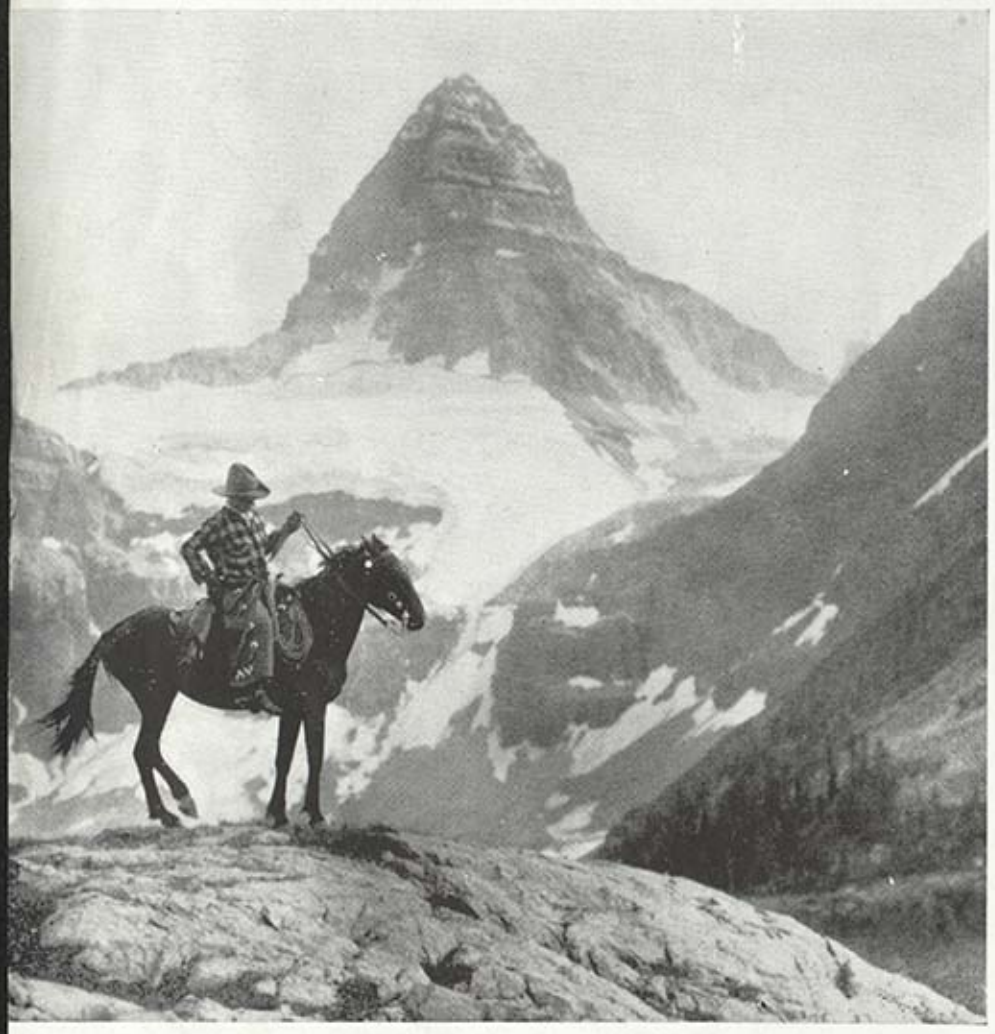
CANADIAN ROCKIES



CORRESPONDENCE

Please do not hesitate to write for more information. My summer address is: Banff, Alberta, Canada. My winter address: ~~Lake Placid Club, New York~~ STOWE, VERMONT

Erling Strom.



ASSINIBOINE

It seems impossible to describe Mount Assiniboine without using some of those high-powered superlatives already worn to frazzles by the Grand Canyon, the Fjords of Norway or other places of great beauty. Even if they are all applied and a few new ones invented, one could not do justice to this "Matterhorn of Canada." Towering high above a tremendous cluster of rugged peaks including Mount Eon, Aye, Gloria, Magog, Sturdy, and Marchal and surrounded by eleven beautiful lakes and six glaciers, Mount Assiniboine (nearly 12,000 feet high) forms the center of one of the most superbly modeled pieces of scenery in North America.

In an open bowl, full of flower covered meadows and right below the peak itself has Mount Assiniboine Camp its incomparable location. Built by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1927 it is by them usually referred to as a lodge. I feel it is not quite that. Neither is it a Dude ranch, most of these now being three jumps ahead of the Waldorf Astoria. It is a high mountain camp pure and simple, 7,200 feet above sea level, 32 miles from railroad or highway, yet in a location of which bigger and better places may well be envious.

Banff Crag & Canyon — Wed., Mar. 21, 1973

A new dimension in ski touring

JAN BURKS, SUE DAVIES, Pat Brewster, Sam Evans, Veijo Tiesmaki, Steph Boswell, Tom McCusker and Bob Ambrose look over the scene after landing on Lake Magog.

OLD FRIENDS Pat Brewster and Sam Evans enjoy a chinwag in Mt. Assiniboine Lodge.

VETERAN ASSINIBOINE BUFF Veijo Tiesmaki gets set for some movie making in the great scenic area.

TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS was a major preoccupation of those who made the trip. Sue Davies, Tom McCusker, and Jan Burks discuss camera settings in this shot.

POPULAR MOUNTAIN PEOPLE Elizabeth Rummel and Al Johnston are running the lodge for the benefit of ski-touring enthusiasts. They are pictured here with Bob Ambrose who piloted a group of seven into the area last Thursday.

By Bill McCusker

For Jan Burks it was her first trip into the place.

For Pat Brewster, it was a return to the area he first saw in 1907.

For Veijo Tiesmaki, it was a return to his haunts of more than a quarter-century ago.

For the rest of us, including Steph Boswell, Tom McCusker, Sue Davies, pilot Bob Ambrose and the writer it was yet another visit to the place all of us consider to be the absolute in mountain grandeur, embodying an almost eerie solitude and an overwhelming magnificance of scenic beauty.

It was not one of those dazzling clear days when the eight of us flew into Mount Assiniboine last Thursday.

Clouds kept drifting around the 10,000-foot spire but every few minutes they would clear, or at least thin out, and the lofty peak would come into view for short periods before being shrouded again.

As already stated, we flew in there and the plane ride itself was something else.

Pilot Bob Ambrose had brought a short take-off and landing aircraft which was developed several years ago for use in the Swiss Alps and which is currently manufactured under license in Maryland.

It goes by the name of "Pilatus-Porter."

But Veijo Tiesmaki had a different name for the plane . . . he took one look at it and observed "There's General De Gaulle."

Regardless of what one chooses to call it, the plane is a beauty insofar as mountain flying is concerned. It requires only 300 feet to lift off and once airborne, its 550 hp motor takes it upwards at a near 45-degree angle . . . and that with seven passengers and the pilot aboard.

Pilot Ambrose operates out of Invermere under the name 108 Mile Airways Ltd. and to get frankly commercial about it, you can phone him at 604-342-6895 or write Box 695, Invermere, B.C. In Banff, Sue Davies handles bookings for the ski touring and she can be reached at 762-4082.

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Ski touring around Assiniboine is what it's all about and with the rapid growth in popularity of this sport, Elizabeth Rummel and Al Johnston — mountain folk known the world over — have leased Mount Assiniboine Lodge from owner Erling Strom until after Easter for the express purpose of catering to the needs of ski touring people. With the assistance of Ruth MacBride, they are putting up accommodation as well as meals which can only be described as staggering, from the standpoint of both quantity and quality.

The Thursday trip was a particular pleasure for Pat Brewster in that he was once again back with his friend Sam Evans who will be remembered by many oldtimers as a former resident in the old Holiday House on Cave Avenue. Sam now operates a charter flying service in Wyoming and he had skied into Assiniboine with some companions a few days prior to our arrival. He and his friends were all enjoying the unparalelled opportunities for ski touring in a mountain fastness where the only sound is the one made by your own skis.

If we might interject a personal note, everybody on the plane trip had brought along skis or snowshoes . . . except your faithful correspondent who had thought his neat little Size 11 hiking boots would provide sufficient surface tension to skip along the quarter-mile distance to the lodge from the point where the plane landed on snow-covered Lake Mogog.

But this was not to be and as we repeatedly plunged into snow up to our thighs we were reminded of nothing so much as those movies you see of ponderous hippos trying to get out of mudholes in Africa.

Good exercise.

By JOY VAN WAGNER

1968?

Perhaps it's a trifle early to be discussing spring skiing, with the winter season only just underway. However, anticipation lends a certain spice to the actual enjoyment of anything, be it sport or only a coffee break.

So imagine yourself winging along to Erling Strom's Mt. Assiniboine Lodge, nestled at the foot of towering 11,860-foot Mt. Assiniboine in the heart of the Canadian Rockies amid some of the world's most spectacular snow fields.

There's to be an air taxi service to Mt. Assiniboine next spring, directly from Calgary. It will be $40 for two return (the Cessna-180 only carries two passengers) and the flying trip will make unnecessary the long ski trip via Sunshine.

There'll be familiar faces at the 20-guest lodge come springtime, for hostess will be Elizabeth Rummel, veteran of 18 snows in the Canadian Rockies and who owns the Sunburst Lake camp near Assiniboine. Al Johnson will be there too, and guide will be Ken Jones, another old-timer from Skoki.

The lodge is due to open Mar. 15, but will be opened sooner if the skiers insist.

Mt. Temple Chalet, incidentally, will open Dec. 15, and Sunshine Village will open Dec. 24.

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DIDN'T HEAR any complaints on Mt. Norquay Sunday. In fact, most of the people I saw were sighing blissfully. The snow was reported better last weekend than at any time during the previous winter.

The skiers were surprised and delighted to find the Lone Pine short tow running when they arrived at Banff. The Memorial Tow was all rigged and ready, but the Memorial practice slope was not ski-worthy, and it was not opened. Another foot of snow and a great, big hill-clearing machine should put things in shape.

In order to get something running for the anticipated flood of beginners and intermediate skiers, two ropes were hurriedly spliced together and hence the low tow saw stout service over the weekend. New ropes for both the long and the short tows have been ordered and are now long overdue.

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NOTE QUITE everybody is exercise-crazy, but the people in Banff are getting in shape. Under the direction of Imo Von Neudegg, skiers of that resort are doing deep-knee bends and push-ups in a concerted effort to undo the damages of a not-too-strenuous summer.

The Ski Runners entertained at a fashion show and dance Friday evening, when a good attendance was reported. Ken Neish is president this year, with Lada Vrany, vice - president, Tillie Knight, treasurer, and Isabel Scott, secretary.

Winnie Moore is in charge of social events, with Bob Boyd looking after memberships. Representatives from the junior ranks are Pat MacKenzie and Wayne Ferguson.

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SKI TOURNAMENT DATES: The United States Association has announced that the North American ski championship jumping, cross-country, combined and nordic events will be held at Vancouver Mar. 31 and April 1.

Injured ankle doesn't dampen the zeal of "Jungle Jim" Hunter

"Jungle Jim" Hunter, who calls Calgary his home, has been slowed down by a badly twisted ankle, and some torn ligaments. The 19-year-old Calgarian was injured at the Lauberhorn slalom at Wengen, Switzerland, Jan. 14 and is expected to be out of World Cup competition for another two to four weeks.

But the injury hasn't stilled the enthusiasm in the stout heart of the Canadian team leader.

He was interviewed in Europe shortly after the accident and one of the first questions the reporter asked was: "Who do you think will win the World Cup?"

Hunter's answer: "Me."

In his inimitable style he asked the interviewer, how he could say anything else, since the essence of ski racing is to think positively.

"How can I say that Gustavo Thoeni is going to win again, when I want to win it and think I can. I just have to answer with a positive attitude."

Unfortunately Jungle's chances of winning have been dimmed to faint hope with the injury, but he'll chalk it up to experience and come back to the circuit stronger than ever. There is a good chance he will be in Canada to compete in the West Castle (FIS) National slalom and giant slalom March 31 and April 1.

JIM HUNTER
. . . out of action

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Assiniboine Lodge, in the shadow of majestic Mt. Assiniboine, is in the middle of some of the most exciting ski touring terrain in the country. Overland, it is about 22 miles from Sunshine Village, and takes about two days to trek in on skis.

But Elizabeth von Rummell, who spent twenty summers at Assiniboine, has put together a strong team of experts to open up Erling Strom's Assiniboine Lodge as a headquarters for ski touring, beginning March 17 and ending about May 1st.

Jim Davies the renowned mountain fixed wing and helicopter pilot of Banff is in charge of transportation, and he will fly skiers into the lodge for a fee.

Al Johnson, a regular employee of Strom's will look after the lodge, and Ruth Wilson of Banff will do the cooking. The guide is Paul Klaas, a Swiss mountaineer who was the founder of West Castle ski resort. Lizzie said she has been appointed the hostess but will probably wind up doing the dishes.

An operation with personnel like this can't possibly fail, and I would advise touring skiers to make arrangements for at least one weekend at Assiniboine Lodge this spring. I know I'll be there. For detailed information telephone 762-4082 Banff or write P.O. Box 1031.

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Larry Bakstad, an instructor from Happy Valley won the jumping section of a trick skiing competition at Mt. Spokane recently. Bakstad soared 126 feet in a spread-eagle position to win the competition.

It was bad news for Wayne Calley, also of Happy Valley. He broke the upper part of his leg performing an attempted flip in the same competition. Calley's ski came off in mid-flight and he landed awkwardly on the upper portion of of his leg.

Trick skiing exhibitions were held recently at Happy Valley with instructors Harry Levant, Darrel Bowie and Larry Bakstad performing. Ski school director Don Lorenzetti claims the centre hill at Happy Valley is holding up well, but the side slopes are getting more brown every day.

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Hans Gmoser's Bugaboo helicopter skiing operation has caught the imagination of a risque men's magazine published by Hugh Hefner. Author of the article, John Skow says this: "A growing number of opinions have run in the same direction, toward the belief that this nest of mountains in Canada's Bugaboos, where Leo Grillmair and Hans Gmoser have set up their helicopter operation, is the best place in the world to do powder skiing."

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How can you tell when a ski resort is running smoothly? When the manager disappears for a winter holiday is one clue. Sunshine assistant manager John Gow says big boss Cliff White is preparing for a trip to Moscow, Leningrad, Ankara, Athens and London. That's confidence.

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SKIERS' AGENDA: The Banff Winter Festival is agai scheduled to coincide with the International Intercollegiat Ski Meet which will be held on Mt. Norquay Feb. 16 an 18. **Ivor Petrak,** Banff Springs Hotel manager says the fest val will run Feb. 10 to Feb. 18th, and the week is packe with activities including: ski kite flying, sleigh rides, out door Western barbecues, cross-country races, and a whol schedule of social events . . . **The Alpine Club of Canad** has scheduled a ski mountaineering camp from March 2 to April 1, to be headquartered at the Wates-Gibson hut The hut overlooks Outpost Lake in the Eremite Valley, an if you want to know where that is telephone **Walt Davis** a 269-6781 for all the details . . .

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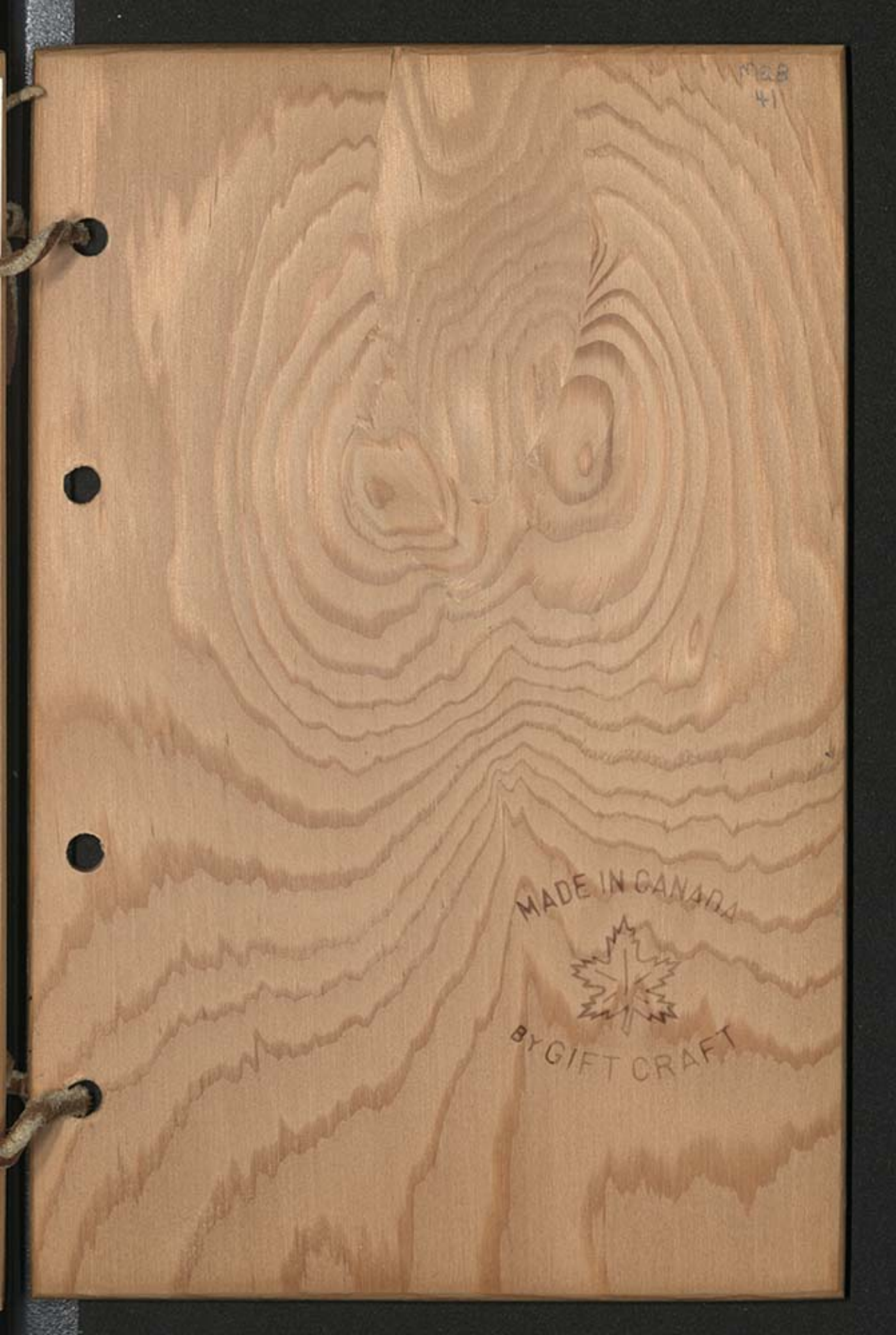
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