intermittent cannon reports when large trees were snapped off. This snow continued for three days. In some places on the pine-lined portions of Route 1329 all were toppled and uprooted. Trees and branches fell on powerlines and shut down electricity for seven days. But when the sun finally emerged and illuminated the snow-covered forest, the mountainsides became a most spectacular scene.

The foot or so of wet snow piled on the cordwood building roof and Jack had to remove a portion that could be reached, with Mark Spencer removing the peak portion. The Lord be praised! No building on the property was damaged, even though a number of trees are quite close to them. By Saturday the roads were cleared of snow, thus enabling Jack to get to his Sunday ministry.

Being in an isolated area has both good and bad points. The wood stove keeps the place warm, cooks the food more gently and preserves flavors, and adds to interior harmony. As frozen food thawed it was eaten and with outside temperatures about 30°F there was no problem with the freezer in an out-building. Soft reading light was supplied by candles in the non-solar portions of the Center. All in all, winter storms help manifest the advantages of simple living.

River Day Don't forget to come celebrate the annual River Day on Saturday, June 6th starting at 9:00 in the morning. Enjoy canoe rides on the River, music, food, tours, and hikes. Call for details to Jerry Waddle (606) 453-9001.

ASPI Publications

New ASPI Papers The Technical paper series continues to grow with a paper on the latest in research and cultivation of the *American Chestnuts T.P. 44* (6 pp.) by Paul Gallimore. Mary Davis has completed *Mobile and Manufactured Houses in Kentucky*, (14 pp.), an essay dealing with the pros and cons of this most popular type of housing in Appalachia. These two papers are now available to the public along with all previous ones for $2.00 each plus $1.00 P&H. Note: ASPI also has a limited number of copies of *Patterns of Forest Health: A Report on Citizen Monitoring in the Eastern Mountains 1994-97* (92 pp) for a postage and handling charge of $3.00.

www.kih.net/aspi Though we continue to produce written materials we have concentrated for the last few months on expanding our Internet capability. The site is maintained by Mark Spencer with materials being added by Jack Kieffer (waste management), Joshua Bills (appropriate technology) and natural resources (Dan Bond). Also Mary Davis has been placing Eastern Old Growth Clearinghouse updates on the Web. By producing the Website contents here at Livingston we can include still more ASPI generated materials – the quarterly newsletter, updated publications listing with prices (since we now have commercial access), natural resource materials and photos for environmental education use, the latest technical papers (Series numbers 39-44), along with other pertinent information on appropriate technology. Visit the site and see for yourself.

Books Coming Al Fritsch's companion volumes dealing with the Earth healers themselves are moving their way to completion. The first of these entitled ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS: A COMPENDIUM FOR EARTH HEALERS will be available first on CD ROM by late spring (details in the next newsletter). This will contain much of the non-site specific materials that have appeared over the years in the resource assessments of numerous sites along with some thirty photos and details of assessed places. We are developing our own CD ROM production capability. The later hardback copy will be distributed from a commercial publishing firm. The companion volume, EARTH HEALERS: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, has been available in draft form and comments are being incorporated. This will be available on CD ROM by the end of the year and Summary and Table of Contents given on our ASPI Website.

Resource Assessment Service

RAS Meeting The biennial RAS consulting meeting will be held this year on August 7-9, 1998 at Mount Vernon. Besides the Consultants there are limited places open for others. Call (414)288-5005 before May 10th.

RAS Talk Al Fritsch will give a talk on Environmental Resource Assessments at the EarthSpirit Rising Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on Saturday afternoon May 23rd. For more info on the conference call (513) 921-5124 or visit the Website: http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/5536/

Joshua Bills, Andy McDonald, & Mark Schimmoeller gave a slide show presentation of their Peru Solar Cooker project to students at Berea College

Wish List

Environmental, natural resource, and appropriate technology periodicals and literature for the library; a used farm truck for grounds staff travel; garden tools, seeds and supplies; a dehumidifier; and selected building materials for solar applications.

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