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Ford's Oldest Son Stranded on Peak

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (UPI) —Michael Ford, the President's oldest son, was stranded, along with his Se-

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The President's 25-year-old son was with several classmates from the Gordon Cornwell Theological Seminary at South Hamilton, Mass., on a planned week-long hiking trip in the state's Mt. Marcy range in the Adirondack Mountains.

The 13-member party, including three Secret Service agents, was stalled in a blinding snowstorm last. ter 14 inches of snow that tore down tree limbs and made travel nearly impossible, that five officers from the state's Environmental Conservation Department trekked in to lead them out.

There were no injuries, a department spokesman said, although all were fatigued and extremely wet when the officers reached there people L



FDR AND MRS. SCHIFF Pictures taken in 1945, 1965 AS THEY dated and got be know each other, they found that neither one liked the other's nose. So Teri Flynn and John Kapellas made facial remodeling a part of their wedding plans. Teri and John, of Castro Valley, Calif., will be married Aug. 14.

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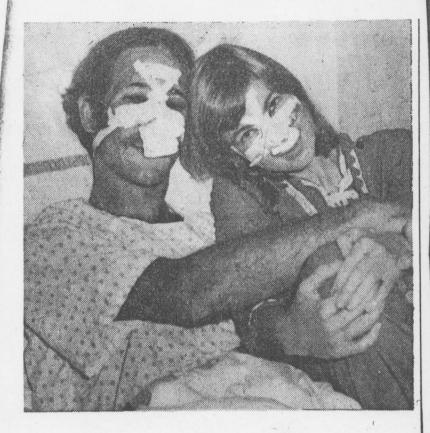


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Eleanor, and Mrs. Schiff's husband at the time, George Backer, knew of the frequent meetings between the President and the newspaper publisher between June 1936 and 1943, Geoghegan said.

The book says the frequent meetings between the two figures often took place in Hyde Park, N.Y., where Mrs. Schiff and CDR had estates, Geoghegan said. They met in Hyde Park in June 1936, after the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

The relationship ended in 1943 when Mrs. Schiff found FDR's "sun-god quality wasn't working for me all of a sudden," the book says. Shortly afterward, Mrs. Schiff divorced and married for a third time.

Geoghegan confirmed that the book quotes Mrs. Schiff as being worried about Eleanor Roosevelt's reaction to the relationship and "what the President really wanted. I guess I stayed with him because you don't say no to the President of the United States. Besides, I had nothing better to do." Charges of violating the law were filed against Bonnie Baking Inc. of Laporte, Ind., by the state Department of Agriculture's food inspection division.

Judge Hammond said that the Bread Pan Law may be "unwise, fivolous and silly" but it still covers bread produced by Michigan bakeries.

The law regulates pan size in order to assure bread sold to consumers is of similar weights. Hammond said the law is designed to prevent consumers from thinking that a longer loaf is a better buy than a shorter one when both weigh the same.

During the trial, Bonnie Baking's president testified it would cost his firm \$50,000 to replace 2,500 bread pans to comply with Michigan law.

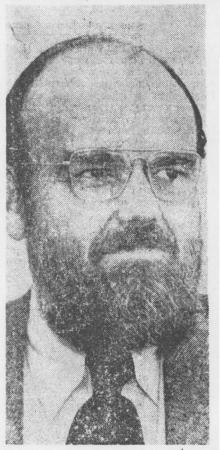
Mike's high adventure

Michael Ford, the President's 26-year-old son, was in a hiking party that was lost last week in the rugged Adirondack Mountains during an unusual spring

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Personalities



Bing Crosby, 72, in Columbus, Ohio, to play in a golf tournament, was rushed to a hospital to have a piece of

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President's Son Finds Mountain

President Ford's oldest son, Michael, 25, last week went hiking on Street Mountain with a highly-organized and electronically-equipped party of 15 which slipped into the woods as quietly as a doe at fawning time.

Despite the surveillance of the Secret Service and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) officers, Adirondack weather and wilderness humbled them as the combination has thwarted and imperiled thousands of hikers over the years.

Conservation Officer Charles Reynolds, one of the four men who went to the aid of the distressed group, said:

"They couldn't have made it out in one day under their own power. "They were very humble. The old mountain had humbled them."

Michael Ford and his companions-were in a tough and possibly dangerous situation on Street Mountain last Wendesday. After enduring three days of rain and a heavy snowfall near the summit of the mountain, about six miles south of Lake Placid, the party made its way to the Adirondak Loj with the help of local conservation officers. Mr. Ford's party consisted of nine students and three instructors at Gordon Cornwell Theological Seminary, located at South Hamilton, Mass, and three Secret Service agents. There were three women in the group. Conservation Officer Reynolds said.

"They were pretty beat. All of them were soaking wet.

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"They spent three nights on Street, and you can't move around much up there. It's thick with stunted growth, there's a lot of blow down and it's quite steep." Michael and his companions were camped on the South-East corner of the mountain" about 600, feet below the (summit all started, raising

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LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (UPI) -- MICHAEL FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S OLDEST SON, WAS STRANDED, ALONG WITH HIS SECRET SERVICE GUARDS, IN A FREAK MAY SNOWSTORM ON ONE OF NEW YORK'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS LAST WEEK AND HAD TO BE RESCUED BY CONSERVATION OFFICERS, IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

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THE PRESIDENT'S 25-YEAR-OLD SON WAS WITH SEVERAL CLASSMATES FROM THE GORDON CORNWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT SOUTH HAMILTON, MASS., ON A PLANNED WEEK-LONG HIKING TRIP IN THE STATE'S MOUNT MARCY RANGE IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS. THE 13-MEMBER PARTY, INCLUDING THREE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, WAS STALLED IN A BLINDING SNOWSTORM WEDNESDAY NEAR THE TOP OF 4,000-FOOT MT. NYE, ABOUT FIVE MILES SOUTH OF LAKE PLACID.

THE AGENTS RADIOED FOR HELP, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING -- AFTER 14 INCHES OF SNOW, WHICH TORE TREE LIMBS AND MADE TRAVEL NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE -- THAT FIVE OFFICERS FROM THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT TREKKED IN TO LEAD THEM OUT.

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By MELISSA HALE

For the leader of the Gordon Cornwell Seminary expedition. President Ford's son Michael was just one of a group of Christian students learning about self, leadership, teamwork and Christian. ity.

The leader. Dr. George Ensworth, referring to Michael, said:

"He was very much just one of the other students. One advantage his being there gave us was radio communication. But he was just one of the group.

Michael was one of nine students. six men and three women, taking a course at the Gordon Cornwell Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass. on "The Wilderness Experience and Christian 'Maturity.'' He is in his third and final year at the seminary.

This is the first time Gordon Cornwell has offered such a course, and its purpose, culminating in the Adirondack experience, was threefold, Dr. Ensworth said. He explained the backpacking trip was to provide:

-An experience in which the students could test themselves in handling stress:

-Understanding and insight into how the wilderness experience relates to the Christian experience; and

-Limited training so the seminary students could in turn take church groups on wilderness camping trips.

THE COURSE ended Wednesday and the students felt it had been successful, Dr. Ensworth said. He commented:

"We didn't experience some of what we had planned. But, we certainly fulfilled our goals with the unexpected."

The group-led by Dr. Ensworth, Gerald Hartis, an instructor with the Outward Bound Program, and Paul Mitchell, an instructor with Wheaton College outdoor program had originally planned to include in their trip such activities as river crossing, rock climbing and a solo. CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER

experience in which each student stays alone in the woods,

The party was to leave Adirondak Loj, bushwack up and over Street Mountain, emerging in the Moose Pond area before hiking out by trails on Sunday, May 22.

Although the trip was cut three days short, and the group never left. Street Mountain, it was not considered a failure for those who participated. Dr. Ensworth explained:

"The students were affected positively by the whole thing. In the training beforehand, we had worked for a feeling of teamwork, getting away from the idea of individuals in competition. And it came out during the trip."

THE EXPEDITION began at the Adirondak Loj on Sunday, May 16. Dr. Ensworth reported:

"To give them experience in orienteering, we went cross-country to Street."

The group reached the summit of Street Mountain on Tuesday at noon. Rain began to fall, Dr. Ensworth reported, so to get away from the wet and cold, the hikers moved off the summit:

They made camp, setting up their tents from a quarter to half a mile. from the peak. From their radio communication, the group recieved a report that the weather would clear, souit stayed. Dr. Ensworth said: 1. A. H

"That night it turned to ice. Then it began snowing:"

Again the hikers received a report that the weather would clear, and they stayed through Wednesday, keeping warm in their tents.

Dr. Ensworth pointed out: "We prepared for cold weather. And, it was fortunate we did."

The temperatures were below freezing. Dr. Ensworth said:

"Everyone had a winter parka, and we urged them to have wool. We encouraged dacron over down. The few that had down got wet."

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