

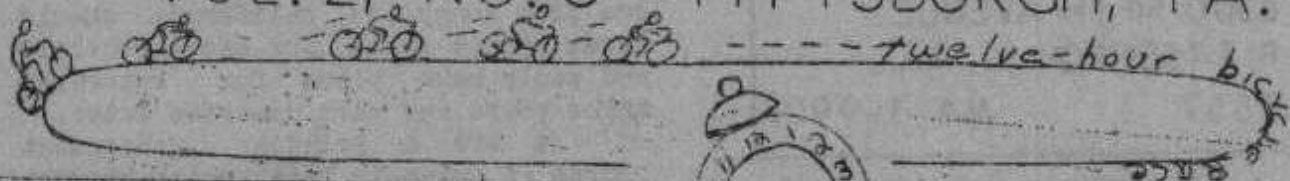
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BAKER TRAIL BOUQUETS

Exactly 135.8 miles is the length of the Baker Trail, starting at Gyrasuta Lane in Aspinwall and ending at the Observation Tower in Cook Forest. And Betty Biorer and Wes Bunnelle were the first two to hike all 135.8 miles. They were accompanied by Mathilda—the bicycle wheel which rolled off the miles on its cyclometer.

The first complete hiking of the trail was celebrated in Cook Forest, Saturday evening, August 18, with the presentation of achievement trophies to Betty and Wes. Phil Ewald, chairman of the Baker Trail Committee, presided. (cont. on page 3)

THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 6, 8:30 - "Treasury" by Elizabeth Saffer. 9:45 - New England strawhat trip report.

Sept. 13 - Square and folk dancing with Al Buckholz calling.

Sept. 20, 8:30 - "History of Pittsburgh A.Y.M. Council" by Betty Biorer. 9:45 - "Javes."

Sept. 27, 8:30 - "Bicycle Safety" by Bill Snell. 9:45 - Pennsylvania Dutch and New England trip report.

Oct. 4 - Square and folk dancing.

Oct. 11 - "Baker Trail from Pittsburgh to Cook Forest."

Oct. 18, 8:30 - "Grass For Hiking" by Mary Louise O'Callaghan.

9:45 - Finger Lakes trip report.

Oct. 25 - Slides from local summer trips.



....KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION? What's the American, registered record distance covered by a cyclist in a 12-hour time trial? Bill Snell can tell you!

Will that mileage be topped when the last racer has lapped the course in Pittsburgh's coming contest? That's one he doesn't know!

But, ask him, "Could it?" "Why not," he'll say. There are lots of hostlers who've made a century run in a day (this being one of the qualifications.) With time from now till October 21 for some real, earnest training, everyone of the local entrants is a potential record breaker—stiff competition for someone like Jim Beres, who's being invited down from Akron.

According to Bill, chairman of the Pittsburgh 12-Hour Bicycle Race, the chain of events is approximately as follows: When the sun rises at 6:32 (we called the weather bureau), not more than twenty racers will start out at intervals of one minute—places to be drawn by lot. They will circle the 2/10 mile course laid out on the Water Street wharf until the 6:32 p.m. finish. The object: to see who covers the greatest distance in twelve hours. Then, to celebrate the victories (or choke the sorrows) there'll be a dinner, somewhere downtown.

The prizes: trophies for the men and women coming in first; awards for second, third, fourth, and fifth place winners; medals for those who make the 125-mile mark.

Since each cyclist in the race (cont. on page 3)

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OVER THE HANDLE BARS

Sim Ghosh has offered temporary hostel accommodations at his home in India to all strays who might find their way there. He has been doing graduate work in Physics at Carnegie Tech. -- Best wishes from us all!

There will be many hours of stories from Jack Stein when he gets back in September. Early in the summer, he led a group of New York hostellers on a two-week trip to New England and Canada. Then came the two weeks with Grace Kriner and Fred Freuthal -- Pa. Dutch, Poconos, Bear Mountain, Catskills, Berkshires, and White Mountains, with Jack going on alone to Maine. Back to New York to lead some more trips. How many thousand miles did he add to his cyclometer?

Chairman Betty Bierer almost made the switch to hiking this summer. Always considered a dyed-in-the-wool cyclist, Betty attended all three extended hiking trips sponsored by our Council. But we are still putting our money on her to win the Pittsburgh 12-Hour Bicycle Race, October 21--ladies' division, of course.

Along with Betty for both the Smokies and the Grand Teton trips were Martha Wood and Bob Harman, while Wes Bunnelle was with her for the Smokies and the Baker Trail. Joan Walozak hiked the Smokies and biked the Finger Lakes and Canada.

Statistics prove(?) that nine out of ten hostellers carry a camera--but who carries 3 cameras? -- Shu-Koo Kao on the Great Smokies trip: color,
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UNCLE WESLEY



That question-mark, "Are you kidding?" look was a reaction Wes Bunnelle was used to seeing on the faces of native Pittsburghers. He found it a little wondrous to inhabitants of an industrial town that anyone from sunny (?) California should trade orange ranch for steel centre.. and sadly make plans for returning three years and warm memories later.

It was a Printing Management Course at Carnegie Tech which brought Wes here in 1948. It was hostelling that introduced him to Pittsburgh out-of-doors and developed the friendship roots he's found it so hard to pull up.

By chance, he had met Betty Bierer, now chairman of the Pittsburgh Council, when she was hostelling out West. With no desire to fall into the spare-time slump of many a stranger in a new city, he joined her group here on its weekly outings. Result: one transplanted Californian with a broader "I-was-there" knowledge of Pittsburgh and vicinity than most full-time residents. It wasn't long before the "beret and mustache" was leader himself on hiking and biking trips and campfire suppers--his garlic bread was out of this world! Followed then, two terms as publicity chairman and a very active participation in cave crawling, trail blazing, fixing of bicycle flats, and posing on top of mountains. Such wide experience provided good background for the job of Speakers' Bureau Chairman, which he handled this past year. Spare time?? What's that?

To make his exit from the district with a grandstand finish, Wes took the two-week trip along the Baker Trail--that long arm that beckons the hiker toward Cook Forest. A large amount of the blazing of the trail was accomplished by this adopted son of Western Pennsylvania.

We suspect that the magnificent view to be seen from the ridge overlooking the Allegheny River is the standard by which Wes will judge all the scenery from here to the West Coast.

-- Fran Czapiewski

PITTSBURGERS AT NATIONAL

June and Bruce Harritt were the Pittsburgh representatives at A.Y.H.'s National Board meeting in New York, June 30. They advocated changing the national office to a location from which hostellers could begin trips. It was also suggested that hostellers be included on the Board and that more hostellers' opinions be considered in new developments of the organization.

Following this meeting, National President John D. Rockefeller appointed a committee to study the aims of the organization and to make further plans for hostel development in the U.S. He also appointed a National Nominations Committee which has been taking nominations for the National Board since July 5. Our Betty Biorer is a member of this committee along with Somerset Waters and John Junek, chairman. At a meeting in Washington, D.C., on August 24, the committee decided that national board members must be hostellers or have previous hostelling experience.

After the Washington meeting, Betty went to Philadelphia for a meeting, Saturday, of the Pennsylvania State Board--Pocono-Susquehanna, provisional Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh Councils. The main purpose was to begin the dissolution of the present State Council so that the Philadelphia group can reorganize on a local council basis. As soon as the new Philadelphia Council is in working order, the three councils will form a new Pennsylvania State Council that will be representative of all groups.

Questionnaire

As the studies by the national committee, a questionnaire has been prepared to ascertain Pittsburgh hostellers' ideas on national organization problems. Ask for your copy.

OVER THE HANDLE BARS (cont.)

black and white, and infra-red!!

Chicago Council sent 6 bikers for a week on the Baker Trail.

Engagements: Stan Rodehorst and Janet Chotlin; Joe Edelstein and Adeline Hurlick. Congratulations! Stan is Hostel Chairman and Joe, his assistant. --Two more sets of houseparents!

Gloria Fisher will take over as Speakers' Bureau Chairman for Wou.

BAKER TRAIL BOUQUETS (cont.)

sided at the presentation, and George Armstrong, park manager, spoke about the history and facilities of the park. At the same time, a scroll "in appreciation for so effectively organizing and carrying out the initial development phases of the Horace Farbes Baker Trail" was signed by all attending, to be presented to Tony Frances.

To welcome the pioneers after their two-week journey and to join in the ceremonies, were more than a score of hostellers who spent the weekend in the Forest with Fred Frouthal making decisions. The weekend was also distinguished by the presence of a real photographer, Jim Blair of the Pittsburgh Photographic Library who kept the air clicking with about 300 pictures including 97 flash bulbs.

ACROSS THE OCEANS

Frieda Pannermister sends a card from Morocco where she is with the British Pamblers--spent 3 days climbing Mt. Koukal in the Atlas Mts.

Herb Buchwald reports the Austrian Alps the most beautiful place he knows and the Norwegian and Swedish highways the worst in Europe. A card from "Interlaken und die Jungfrau" announced the 2000th mile on his bicycle.

Aug. 21 - from an English hostel on the edge of the Cotswold Hills.....cycled in France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, and England. --George Howe

Katie Polkofer and Betty Mattman will be Hawaii-bound this fall--not hostelling but picture-taking!

PITTSBURGH 12-HOUR BICYCLE (cont.)

requires three people on the sidelines, the hiking half of hostelling will have an active part in the proceedings, too. Food stops, rest stops, and Flat(1) stops will provide lots to do, in addition to lap-counting (No! we do not mean seated spectators).

Watch for posters and postal cards for more information on entry blanks and fees, etc. Have your picture taken on a bike, if you're entering. Have a talk with Bill Snell, 603 Shady Ave., Pgh. 6, if you're better at counting.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FUN FAIR

Sept. 14, 15 - Exhibits, Square Dance

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Weekend outings open to 1951 passholders only. One-day affairs are open to all, but nonpassholders pay 25% additional registration fee. Costs listed are approximate, but cover total expenses. Private cars permitted only when authorized by the leader.

Details of meeting places, times and exact cost are listed on bi-weekly postal cards sent to 1951 passholders. Others phone leaders for details. Reservations accompanied by one-half the listed cost must be made in person or by mail at least 48 hours prior to outing.

The Monday SUNSET CYCLE RIDES leaving from hostel headquarters at 7 p.m. will continue through September. Five to ten miles with no charge. Bikes need lights.

Sunday, Sept. 9 - SEE-THE-CITY CYCLETOUR - Big circle inside Pittsburgh taking in the North Side, West End, South Hills, East End. Cost 15¢ Jack Stein JA 1-0381.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15 - As part of the Arts and Crafts Center FUN FAIR we will be having a square dance Friday night and open house Saturday. Details later.

Sunday, Sept. 16 - COOLE TO DORSVILLE - Repeat of a favorite easy trip. Forty easy miles. Rent a geared Raleigh for your friend. Virginia Rach leads this one. CH 1-0636.

Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 22-23 - HIKE TRIP OVERNIGHT IN COOPER'S ROCK STATE PARK. See the Cheat River Gorge from above the clouds. Excellent hiking trails, swimming, exploring. Private cars needed. Gloria Fisher, MA 1-7885. Cost \$5.50.

Friday, Sept. 26 - LANE'S HOLLOW (East End) NITEHIKE. Campfire supper. Dan Moore.

Saturday, September 29 - FALL DECORATING SESSION AT HEADQUARTERS. All day. Experienced painters, seamstresses, kibitzers urgently needed. There will be a festive finale that evening for members of work party only. Carol Fafer PE 1-0789.

Sunday, Sept. 30 - Easy cycle to HILLHALL - 40 easy miles, 15¢-leader later.

Sunday, Oct. 7 - Hike around ONIOPALE and QUONAMER FALLS. This area was featured in the Press Photo recently. See Yagarloaf Mountain in Fall colors. Mary Lou O'Dallaghan, MA 1-9907, \$2.00. Private cars needed.

Friday, Oct. 12 - CHECK BACK MOUNTAIN - 60¢, 2-3 miles. Jack Stein JA 1-0381.

Sunday, Oct. 14 - HIKE IN THE HIGHLAND near the Ohio River. Fall foliage on an old fashioned, plain all-day hike of 10 miles. \$1.10, Jack Zokaites.

Sunday, Oct. 21 - BIKE RACES AT MONROEVILLE MARKET. Bill Snell is making plans for an all-day event with out-of-town competition, prizes, thrills, excitement. No charge for spectators (the more the merrier) Entry fee for race \$1.00. Call Bill at HI 17053 for information and to be on his committee.

Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 27-28 - BACK TO THE "OLD BAKER TRAIL" with Field Curry as leader. Overnight with camping, hiking with packs, campfire cooking, Cost \$5.20. PR 1-1646.