

The Golden Triangle



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BAKER TRAIL

GOES ON THE MAP IN 1953 Blazing Being
Rapidly Completed Construction of Shelter in June.

Our first B-T meetings saw the twelve sector leaders copying the tentative, correct route of the trail onto their own topographic quadrangles. As a model, they used the official routing as it exists now on the master set of topo maps, revised by B. Bierer and Wes Bunnelle after their 2-week hike two years ago, on the first complete trek over the entire 137 miles.

OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM

- 4/30 - Charlene Vukela's dancers from Rankin High.
- 5/7 - W. Penna's one-time trolley network now AYH hiking trails, Mr. Harry Bartley, Pgh. Elec. Rlwy. Club.
- 5/14 - Color films mineral prospecting, State of Oaxaca, Mexico, shown by Jack Hunt.
- 5/21 - Development of folk music, recorded illust., Mr. Colin Sterne, U. of Pgh. Music Appreciation Dept.
- 5/28 - Color slide tour of Mexico by Mr. K. Schlesinger, Pgh. Color Camera Club Photographer of Year, 1952. Will emphasize Kodak color technique.
- 6/4 - Demonstration of camping equipment and procedure by Mr. J. D. Myers and prevues of summer trips.
- 6/11 - Return engagement Mrs. Timberlake, who hiked Baker Trail, sections of Appalachian Trail, & others. Mrs. Timberlake recently returned from a trip to Colorado.
- 6/18 - Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Film
- 6/25 - Life and times of the Baker Trail, 1953 issue - Walt Williams.

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Goals for 1953 were set at:

1. Finishing the blazing and re-blazing
2. Gathering all needed information for a guide book.

Since then however, additional favorable reports of a shelter site above Freeport expanded into a definite plan to start construction in June. Though the painting is to be finished by then, this will require postponing of all final details of the blazing work. It means too, that we will be unable to issue a new guide book at the end of the year. But...completion of the first B-T shelter close to both Pittsburgh and the hostel, certainly warrants this emphasis.

Arrangements were made to furnish a group of Explorer Scouts with two guides for a 2-day trip on the Trail in June. We learned also of a two week back trip by Senior Girl Scouts of Allegheny County routed from Crooked Creek north to Cook Forest.

In addition, our own Hostellers have been making the B-T a well travelled Trail with expeditions almost every week.

---Walt Williams, Baker Trail Chairman



THE HOSTELER

SEES

TRAVELLING SLOWLY;

APPRECIATE

TRAVELLING SIMPLY;

LEARNS

TRAVELLING WITH AN OPEN MIND.

IT'S WHAT HE GIVES,

THE "STEAM HE GENERATES"

TO REACH THE OBJECTIVE,

THAT COUNTS.

HE KNOWS HOSTELING IS

NOT JUST A MUSCLE BUILDER...

A FAD FOR

A FEW HARDY PEOPLE WHO WISH

TO PROVE THEIR ENDURANCE

---A FORM OF SIGHTSEEING

THE HARD WAY!

BECAUSE HE HAS LEARNED THIS,

HE DOESN'T TRAVEL AS A

CURIOUS TOURIST.

HE GOES SIMPLY AS A FRIEND..

WITH THE SPIRIT THAT KNOWS NO

LANGUAGE BARRIER OR BOUNDARY.

---AND SO HE EARNS THE

LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS BASED

ON SHARED EXPERIENCE,

ADVENTURE AND INCONVENIENCE.

(We hope Columbus Council doesn't object to our lifting this article from their Buckeye Trails -----we kinda liked it!)



Etiquette

"Realizing how vital it is to all hostellers to be well informed concerning correct bicycling conduct, we offer this bit of advice from "Etiquette for Americans," written by a Woman of Fashion published by Herbert Stone & Co., in 1898.

'The etiquette of bicycling is to be as civil as you can; encourage and assist the timid without laughing at them.

'Women should dress as quietly as possible on the wheel. A longish, scant skirt, with high boots, an cutting hat of rough brown straw and quiet colors throughout, distinguish the well-bred bicycling lady.

'Fancy hats with feathers or long quills are conspicuous, and to attract attention is the least thing a properly conducted bicyclist wants.

'No loud talking on the public highways! Indeed, the ultra-fashionable have declared that exclusive women must ride bicycles only in the country.

'The women who chew gum, wear yachting caps, bloomers, and bend their backs over handlebars are quite outside the pale of etiquette."

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Correction- Local dues under INCOME on page 7 should be \$142.40 instead of 140.40.

PUZZLE PAGE

Monday evening cycling begins April 27,
-----no charge.

If you don't know how to ride a Raleigh don't let that stop you. Come out to headquarters at 7:00 P. M. There will be two groups ----- one for experienced riders and one for beginners. Bikes are available for rent for \$1. Reserve yours EARLY by contacting Bill Comensky PL 1-0269. Deposit of 50¢ must accompany reservation. (non-refundable)

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- Who once worked in a casket factory?
- Who wanted to take her old dog on a hike before it went blind?
- Who was hit by a truck in Holland?
- (Michigan)
- Who swallowed a bug and fell off his bicycle?
- Who won a trophy for playing the piano in Miami?
- Who, in his juvenile delinquency, shot out streetlights?
- Who was locked in the "John" at Mt. Edith Cavell Hostel in the Canadian Rockies?
- Who thinks our national anthem is "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You?"
- Who has been a part-time waitress at the Corner Luncheonette?
- Who gave up killing rabbits for the love of animals?
- Who proudly exhibited a broken ankle after a skiing trip last winter?
- Who sets three alarm clocks but never hears any of them?
- Who slept on the Pyramid of the Sun?
- Who drove a truck for the Holmes Detective Agency?
- Who set the fashion at Avella in his long woolen underwear and shorts?
- Who fried his socks to get them dry?
- What schoolteacher caused a sensation at a Y.M.H.A. movie in her high-top tennis shoes?
- Who has been exiled to Chandler, Minnesota?

(Answers on Puzzle Page)

Who did these Whodunnits? Joan Walczak

Excerpted from an Ex-Hosteler's letter:

Dr. Bimalender Ghosh
Chem. Eng. Dept.
Jadavpur College
Calcutta 32, India



"Dear Betty and Joan, (Walczak)

.....Glad to receive your letters and also one of Fred Mauk from his camp.....

I wish I was back in Pittsburgh to join the activities---I have got so much used to the dynamic way of American life that life here seems awfully slow. This morning I was at a cultural entertainment. The programme consisted of a few songs & instrumental music, recitations, small drama in 3 acts and a dance drama.

The themes were all sad.....
In India we are not in the habit of sending cards(congratulations) Either we write or we go personally. I haven't written to Dale & Kay---hoping they won't mind. I just expect that when I send a letter to someone it gets around. Otherwise I won't be able to keep up with correspondence.....

I shall have to give exams to the boys next week. Last time, I made the questions so easy that 50% of the boys got full marks. This time I am going to make the questions so difficult that 1/2 of them won't pass. The boys think I am too soft, now they will know.....
Best wishes and cheers.

Yours, Bim

Busy as a bee on BT
The Baker Trail
Blazers



- from SOUTH TO NORTH
- Caspar Finneheim
- Fred Freenthal
- Ed Worrell
- Betty Bierer
- Secretary-Gloria Fisher
- Guide Bk. Ed.-Ruth Zimmerman
- Jean McDowell
- Grace Kriner
- Photographer-Chas. Richardson
- Nancy Evans
- Jim Zimmerman
- Comm. Chairman-Walt Williams

SUPPOSE YOU DISCOVERED THE PLACE WHERE THE ELEPHANTS GO TO DIE?.....

What a wonderful spot for a hosteling trip!!! You rush to Grace (T. & T.) Kriner and learn what's involved in leading a trip:



You go (important) to one of Grace's two-monthly meetings. You designate a 'date' three weeks to two months ahead. You plan the meal type, i.e., bring-your-own-lunch; fancy campfire-type; etc., depending on your experience....decide on transportation, cost of trip. This general information appears in the Triangle.

Meanwhile you enlist the services of some other Hostelers to help with scouting, investigation of schedules, permit obtaining, etc. Posters for display at H.Q. & news releases are taken of by the Publicity Committee.

ODE TO A DOG

O Dog so noble, so faithful, so true.
O dog so helpful, so trustworthy too.
O dog so playful out there on the pike-
O doggone it Dog, stop chasing my bike!

-Fred Mauk



Bill Snell's talk on bicycle safety naturally led to a discussion of the D O D. "What do you do about him?" he asked, and received some pet remedies like the following:

1. Scream as loud as you can and scare him away (recommended for the girls)
2. Lead him into the traffic and let a car do the rest.(not recommended)
3. Blast him with an ammonia charge from a water pistol or use your tire pump.
4. Bark right back at him.
5. Jump off and stand still (the bike between you and him, of course.)
6. Ignore him.

Whether any of these really work, is yet to be proved. You're advised by Bill, in any case to slow down and try to keep your wheel under control at all times.

Two weeks ahead of time, you have more specific details for the advance post-card; like: time and place of departure, what equipment to bring (number of burros needed to haul the ivory tusks back, etc.) You make announcements for two weeks at the Thursday nite meetings and start taking the reservations that come pouring in. You make the necessary food purchases and assign work details, tactfully, of course.

The day of the Safari, it probably rains in spite of your specific requisition for a sky-blue day-----but everyone has a wonderful time anyway! Result: You learn a little about wet-wood cooking, and a lot about people and you establish yourself as a 'pretty good George.'

Finally (important) you carefully fill out a trip report and turn it in to the Treasurer on the first Thursday following your great expedition....(And try to find the owners of the miscellaneous mess gear left in your pack....And wonder how that picture of you, caught in a barbed wire fence, is going to turn out.)

Watch out for:
Car tracks
Objects on the road
Sewer gratings
Holes in the road
Parked cars
Opening car doors
Pedestrians
Wet Streets

Important: The car drivers often do not see you because they are not expecting to see a bicycle rider. A cyclist is relatively small compared to a car. Many drivers even have difficulty seeing other cars and even trucks--as a matter of fact, many drivers are surprised to find that there are other drivers on the road. At any rate, DO NOT COUNT ON THE DRIVERS' WATCHING OUT FOR YOU; you have to watch out for yourself.

DON'T { Ride against traffic; you're subject to all road rules
{ Race cars or trucks...speed downhill...ride in clusters

TAKE AN

Extended Trip

THIS SUMMER.....

Less than two months, and then we're off on the first of the Pittsburgh-Council sponsored Summer Vacation trips, 1953. And to most of us, the big question was, "where to this year?"

Mountain climbers are poring over equipment catalogs and are having special practice sessions. The first two bike trips have flushed out some new bikers with their sights set on Nova Scotia or Northern New England. The Adirondacks gang, being the first to take off, are practically packed. They are drooling over the pictures taken there three years ago... and our three-camera man, (color, black and white, infra-red, Shu Kao assures even better coverage this time.

The Tri-State bike trip (and Nancy Evans will be leading it) may be featured in a vacation articles in the May, "Today's Secretary." It was chosen to be written up with several Detroit and New York Council trips.

Spring is really in the air; vacations are upon us--good company, great traveling, and memorable times are just ahead of all of us taking hosteling vacations. It's a reason in the world why you should not come along! Truly in 1953, "See Twice the Country for Half the Price."

Details of all trips including National ones can be had from the Extended Trips Committee.

LEADERS FOR THE EXTENDED TRIPS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Adirondacks Hiking Trip</u> | - Unknown |
| <u>Cycle Trip in Nova Scotia</u> | - Grace Kriner |
| <u>Grand Teton Mt. Climbing</u> | - Damon Phinney |
| <u>Northern N. England Biking</u> | - Bruce Merritt |
| <u>Tri-State Bike Trip</u> | - Nancy Evans |
| <u>Jorshoe Trail Horseback Trip</u> | - Unknown |
| <u>Baker Trail Hiking Trip</u> | - Unknown |

PREVIEW of 1954:*- Pioneering in the Wind River Range in Wyoming; A southern Spring in Washington, the James River Country and Williamsburg; & how about Florida in Feb?

MEMOS:

The cabin of Dorothy Kanrich near Saxonburg has been offered to us as a stopping-off place on hiking and bicycling trips in that vicinity. Accommodations (there's room for about six) can be arranged thru Jim Zimmerman, MA 1-2606.

They want Bruce Merritt back for more square dance instruction at Penna. Assoc. for the Blind... Mustav had fun!

National Youth Hostel Week May 2-10, 53 commemorates the 21st year of hosteling in the U.S. with a membership that as grown to 11,000.



INVITATION # 1

Marshall Stalley, of our Executive Advisory Board, extends an invitation to all Hostellers to visit the Univ. of Pittsburgh Photographic Library on the thirtieth floor of the Cathedral of Learning. The office is open Mon. thru Friday from nine to five. There are lots of pictures on file that were taken at the Cook Forest weekend-summer of '51. Anyone interested in seeing them can get more information from Rosemary and John Crable who've already visited the library.

INVITATION #2

The Chicago Council of THE AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS cordially invites you to attend MIDWEST AREA CONFERENCE WORKSHOP to be held in Detroit, Michigan the weekend of May 2 and 3, 1953.

Horizontal-1. The girls in AYH find these useful. 6. A trail now bears his name.
 11. Worships. 13. Anthony Wayne ended his hosteling at this Great Lakes Port.
 14. Favorite course of AYH meals. 15. Something like a jumper only faster.
 16. In France, which way would you travel going from Bordeaux to the Alps.
 17. Our bird watchers might disdain this common critter but we love him, mainly early
 in the year. 19. AYH councils use the red variety. 20. Kind of solutions which ease
 perspiration in summer. 22. What was it doing on Mt. Washington July 10, 1948.
 25. What we'd like people to shut when we're in the sack. 29. What the hosteler
 did when someone swung at his chin. 30. For the price of one day in a beach hotel
 here, you can hostel all year. 31. Local near eastern chieftains. 32. You keep it
 in your cheek when you tell about the one that got away. 33. Manufactured.
 34. What hostelers become at any mountain stream on a hot day. 36. No AYH speakers
 give out with these. 38. A cape much favored by AYH. 41. What you have to do
 with your hostel dues each year. 42. Initials of a school attended by some Pgh.
 Members. 45. Objects shaped like eggs. 47. Hosteler does this in Echo Lake.
 49. Mountaineers' paradise. 50. What a hosteler becomes when he loses flashlight
 at night. 51. What the membership chairman uses to get unwary citizens into AYH.
 52. Hostelers do this for next summer at the close of this summer's trips.

VERTICAL

1. Fabricated

2. A cooling fruit drink for an AYH lunch

3. George Cohen was always this.

4. Poetic expression denoting before.

5. What a mountain does when it breaks down into jagged aretes.

6. A 19th century Kentucky hosteler without hostels.

7. European trippers may climb one.

8. Civil War headgear.

9. Fine place to be if you leave snakes alone.

10. Alias of hero in romantic novel "The Count"

12. Staying out

13. Object

18. Betty & Horn boys slept in one at Crawford Notch.

20. If you don't breathe a word, I'll let you in on this one.

22. What the hosteler did when he fell off cable over Deer Creek.

23. New residence of former Pgh. Council officer.

24. Geraint's wife

26. What storms always do during hostel outings

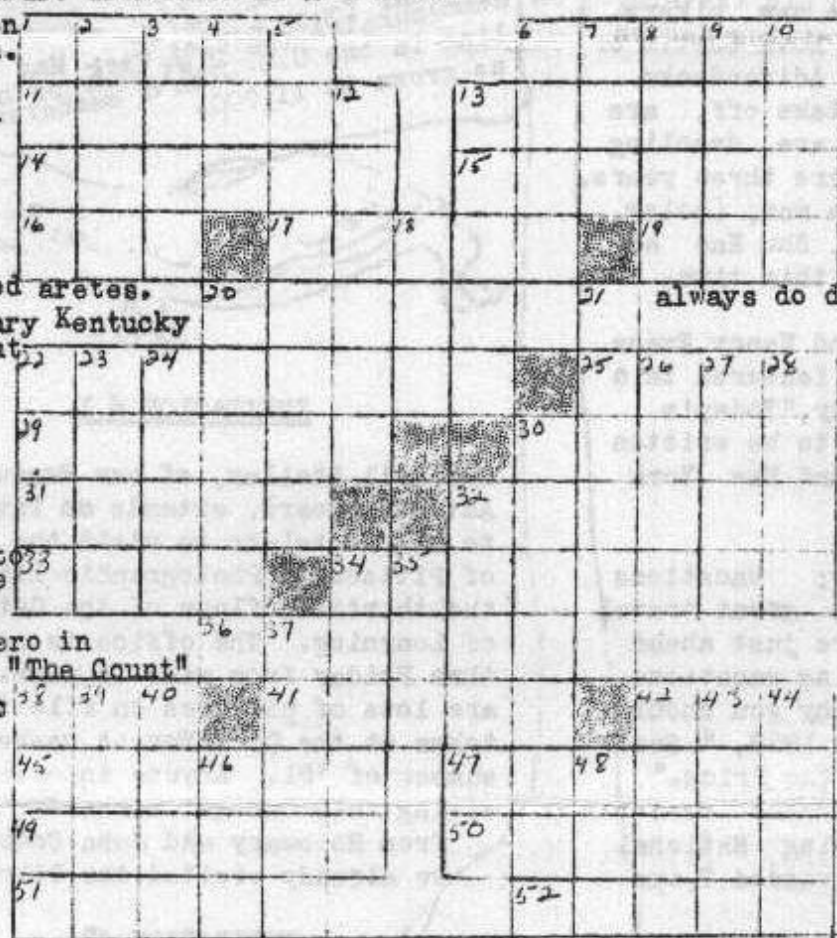
27. Soviet river.

28. A desert unfortunately seldom seen on an AYH bill of fare

30. A type of regrettable consideration always arising when planning a trip.

32. A piece of info.

34. Seldom seen on AYH gals.



35. Male sheep

37. Name of mascot on midnite cycle trip

38. Pittsburgh hostelers seldom sleep on them

39. It would be nice to have when baking bread at a camp.

40. Needed to insert into records

42. Where would Strano and the swallows be without it?

43. Hostelers in Italy may ride down one of these built by the Romans

44. Sea bird

46. Norse god of thunder (variation)

48. Likely to get corns during a rough hike.

Submitted by Tony Franses.

WHODUNNIT answers

1. Edith Capwell

2. M.M. Comensky

3. J. Rach

4. H. Hinden

5. E. Schulte

6. F. Mauk

7. E. Madie

8. C. Richardson

9. R. Thiebaut

10. G. Kriner

11. J. Eckhardt

12. T. O'Callaghan

13. F. Hammermeister

14. B. Comensky

15. G. Cohen

16. H. Eckhardt

17. A. Mudie

18. B. Herman

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The Posey Bush*

Mary Louise Silvas is now in charge of membership, so if your pass has expired be sure to contact her. Cables that support the famous Brooklyn Bridge were made in Saxonburg, not too far off our B-T. Soon we will loss Jack Stein and George Cohen to Uncle Sam.

Field Curry is in Rotterdam by now....he has promised to report on his travels. Nancy Evans had a gang trailing her on the first cycle trip of the season---- 24 in all.

Joe Walezaks are residing in the most elegant apartmentsupplies included. Marjorie Collins has been hard at work on her PhD.--that's why we haven't seen too much of her lately. Betty, Walt and Bill C. will attend Detroit workshop--- Walt can take a few more passengers.

Folk dancing at Carondowanna June 12,13 and 14--- decorative and dance theme will be German. Board members were so pleased to have Harry Kneeland of the Executive Advisory Board at their last meeting--- he's going to analyze the water that flows by our new shelter site on the B-T.

* **HELP WANTED** *****

Excellent opportunity for honest, reliable person over 21 to learn intricacies of treasurer's bookkeeping system. Private instruction. References required. Call Miss Saffer CH 1-0732 for interview.

LOTS FOR SALE

Plastic garages & plaid seat covers are among the new items for sale in the cycle shop; first aid kits; locks; Pgh. info maps; tires; wrenches; AYH pins & patches See boy-in-back-room. BILL COWENSKY.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!
Grace is dreaming up a canoe trip for August- Anyone interested in cycling from Cleveland To Pittsburgh should contact Bill C. P
(This is the biking event sponsored by the Pittsburgh Press 'way back when.)

"I CAN'T BE FUNNY ABOUT MONEY.
It's too serious a subject."

That's what Liz said when we asked her to brighten a cold financial statement with her salty commentary.

In spite of this sober outlook of our Treasurer's, the picture doesn't appear so sad.



STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
Pittsburgh Council, A.Y.H.
December 1, to December 31, '52

| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Local Dues | | 140.40 |
| Outings, Receipts | 1,744.51 | |
| Expenses | <u>1,131.14</u> | 613.37 |
| Bike Rentals | | 163.40 |
| Bike Sales | | 955.17 |
| Bike Part Sales | | 574.42 |
| Interest on Savings Acct. | | 27.17 |
| Storage | | 3.00 |
| Parties, Receipts | 312.25 | |
| Expenses | <u>214.66</u> | 97.59 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | 202.60 |
| Workshop, Receipts | 311.54 | |
| Expenses | <u>240.17</u> | 71.37 |
| Merchandise Sales | | 11.34 |
| Trailer Rental | | 66.75 |
| TOTAL INCOME. | | 2,928.58 |

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Bike Purchases | 864.66 | |
| Bike Part Purchases | 399.17 | |
| Bike Rental Expense | 93.97 | |
| Council | 35.00 | |
| Maintenance | 48.01 | |
| National | 66.60 | |
| Office Supplies | 141.91 | |
| Postage | 150.08 | |
| Publicity | 25.00 | |
| Bike Race | 107.48 | |
| Baker Trail | 23.16 | |
| Insurance | <u>11.90</u> | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | 1,966.94 |
| NET PROFIT | | 961.64 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| NET WORTH, January 1, 1952 | 2,568.50 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 3,530.14 |

(Answer to Puzzle will be in next bulletin)

TRIPS FOR MAY & JUNE

May 2-3, Saturday & Sunday-WEEKEND ON TOP OF MT. DAVIS, the highest point in Pennsylvania. This is an old favorite with many Pittsburgh Hostellers. Bring Saturday lunch, sleeping bag, flashlight, mess kit, raincoat and plenty of dry clothes. Leader- John Matthews EM 1-4736.

May 8-9-10, Friday Eve, Saturday & Sunday-VALLEY FORGE-MT. HOLLY TRAILER CYCLE TRIP On bicycles see the beautiful spring blossoms and stay overnight at the Valley Forge Hostel. Sunday, join a large group of Philadelphian cyclists for a ride to Mt. Holly, N. J. Limited group, so reserve early with Walt Williams. HI 1-6043.

May 10, Sunday-EASY HIKE OUT CARNEGIE WAY. A pleasant Sunday afternoon walk along country roads from Carnegie to Thornburg. Cost 15¢ plus own transportation. For further information, contact Howard Morris LE 1-6423.

May 16-17, Saturday & Sunday- A WEEKEND WITH THE COLUMBUS HOSTELERS. Drive the bike trailers to New Philadelphia, Ohio and join the Columbus group at Camp Pioneer for a weekend of cycling in Ohio. Leader to be announced later. For information, call MA 1-8213.

May 23, Saturday-FREEPORT TO PITTSBURGH OR BUST! This is a real challenge to all ardent hikers. Also a good conditioner for that vacation. This hike is also designed for the less strenuous hikers and those that work Saturday morning. Arrange to join the group at some point on the Baker Trail nearer Pittsburgh. Leader, Damon Phinney. MA 1-8213.

May 24 Sunday, SQUAW RUN ROAD CYCLE TRIP. A leisurely 35 mile run north of Pittsburgh, passing thru Fox Chapel District. Meet at headquarters 9:30 A.M. Bring lunch. Cost 15¢.

May 30, 31- Saturday & Sunday-ELLWOOD CITY WEEKEND. Cycle to Ellwood City where we will be guests of the Girl Scouts, staying overnight in the Girl Scout House in Ewing Park. Bring Saturday lunch, sleeping bag, mess kits and swim suit. Cost approximately \$1.95 for details see Joan Walczak, MO 1-5769.

June 6-7, Saturday & Sunday-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Come either by bicycle or bus, stay an hour, all day or for the weekend. But come and do your bit for the Baker Trail. We need help with the building of our first shelter and also blazing of that section, of the trail. Reserve with Jim Zimmerman for meals & staying overnight. MA 1-2600.

June 12, Friday Night-HARWICK HEIGHT NIGHT HIKE. A short hike and campfire on the Baker Trail overlooking Harwick. Bring mess kit and flashlight.

June 14, Sunday-A BICYCLE HILL CLIMB. Complete information will be announced later. If interested, contact Bill Smeil.

June 19, 20-21, Friday Eve, Saturday & Sunday-CYCLING IN THE CLEARFIELD MOUNTAINS. Drive trailers to DuBois Friday evening. Spend Saturday and Sunday cycling in the deer country around DuBois and Clearfield. Camp out Saturday night. Bring mess kits, sleeping bag and flashlight. Cost approximately \$3.00. Limited group, so reserve early with Grace Kriner, MA 1-8213.

SO!

WHAT IF THE RAIN SHRINKS OUR BLUE-JEANS?
WE HOLD ALL TRIPS....REGARDLESS OF WEATHER!

