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After a hard fought election, our new staff of command reads as follows:

President - BOB FEWKES	Phone 828-7784
Treasurer - BRUCE SUNDQUIST	828-8303
Secretary - CATHY LYNCH	824-1897
Membership - MELVIN TOBIAS	362-5297

Other Activity Board appointments will be announced as soon as they are confirmed by the President.

We can all make this a year the Pittsburgh Council can be proud of by volunteering to Bob and his staff our fullest help and cooperation!

#### BAKER TRAIL SIGNS

Engraved wood signs of the type seen in our state and national forest parks are being made for the Baker Trail. Signs reading "Baker Trail" will appear at points where the trail crosses major roads. Other signs will serve as mileage markers to shelters and other points of interest. Signs will guide hikers to nearby shelters and will point out the location of springs, etc.

VOLUNTEERS are now needed to fill in the engraved letters with yellow paint. If you would like to assist in this project, come early (8:00 p.m.) to the Thursday night meeting on October 8. Bring an old apron. All other materials will be provided.

On August 30, ten avid adventurers visited Fallingwater, the Edgar Kaufmann home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. There was time before our scheduled tour to have lunch on the rocks (Ohiopyle Falls). Fallingwater was magnificent! We viewed this as a proposed hostel site. Fran Czapiewski summed up her feelings by commenting, "It leaves you speechless. Regardless how much you might admire the architecture, or priceless paintings and furniture, you realize that the Kaufmann's had the same feelings about nature as the hostellers have -- the beauty of the natural stone, the priceless view and the way in which the outside is brought into the house." Time was taken to visit the Hospitality House (never miss a stop!). Afterwards a swim was on the agenda. This first trip for Ethel Sabol was made memorable when she slipped -- fully clothed -- on the rocks into the Yough. Hugh (watch him hula) Gilmour graciously offered her his T-shirt. Offer was declined. Later came a two-hour hike. Our leader, Jacek Jedruch, decided that walking along the river was more scenic than a path through the woods, and Dave Whitehart (another newcomer) BLAZED a trail -- over the rocks, through the bushes, and up the creek. The old line, "Who has a snake-bite kit?" somehow fitted the terrain. We recovered from this arduous trip by refueling at Howard Johnson's (after all, you have to figure mileage somewhere).

---Thelma Moroso

#### BAKER TRAIL

"We have progressed so that now we can sleep in the shelters we have built while we work on the new ones.", Don Woodland informed us. That means that the building is still going on. Don is planning a work party for Baker Trail Shelter No. 5 on the third weekend in October (Oct. 16, 17 & 18). Bring warm clothing, sleeping gear and food. Phone Don for reservations and further details -- 563-5419.

BAKER TRAIL Development Notes

---D. J. Woodland

Our Baker Trail development program took a giant step forward in May. The following is how it progressed:

May 2 - The concrete footers for No. 4 Lean-to had been installed in early April. Our illustrious editor Dave Magram helped with the concrete work; that is, he was busy between slices of cinnamon bread. Today the platform and framing was built. Harry Rhule delivered the lumber in his Red Truck and Bruce Sundquist, J. D. Myers, Winifred Roensch, and I worked like the slaves building the Egyptian Pyramids to complete the work before dark. It was 7:30 p.m. when we stopped. It was necessary to cut the framing lumber from stock because the pre-cut materials that were stored under the big table at headquarters could not be used as we did not have a key. As a result of this, lean-to #4 features the plank and beam roof that was explained in some detail in the March 1964 Golden Triangle.

May 3 - Shelter No. 3 at Cochran Mills was dedicated with fitting ceremony and a delicious cake made by Mrs. Dodd. The cake had white icing (for the snow in winter), green trees, and a brown lean-to with a small red fire. Winifred Roensch gave us a demonstration in geometry by initially dividing the cake into 16 equal parts. There were 14 of us at the dedication, from my 2-year old son to teenage girls and adults. J. D. Myers and his wife stayed after the gang had departed to cook supper. It is a good thing they did because our guest, Scoutmaster Victor Wise from Renfrew, Pa. and his wife and family arrived late. You will be hearing more about Scoutmaster Wise and his boys from B.S.A. Troop 12 of Butler.

May 9 - Bruce Sundquist and I made a fast trip up to #4 to complete the framing and some odds and ends. We drove a short distance on the trail towards Russell Hill and came across a Troop from Allison Park that was out in force hiking the trail. This was an encouraging sight for us.

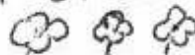
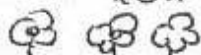
May 23 - Scoutmaster Wise and some of the older boys camped at Cochran Mills shelter and worked on Saturday to erect the roof of #4 and install the sides. The back was not finished because of a mistake in the lumber order. The roofing shingles were installed.

May 30 - Lean-to #7, located a short distance from Mahoning Dam, was started. The men from B.S.A. Troop 12 of Butler, Pa. helped J. D. Myers and I to erect the platform and frame up the shelter. Harry Rhule brought up the materials on Friday night. My family and I camped out Friday and Saturday. It was wonderful weekend and we had a good time. My children saw deer and other animals.

May 31 - My family and I broke camp early in the morning and with J. D. Myers drove to Idaho shelter to finish the job. The Mahoning Dam lean-to will be finished soon. We used railroad ties for the foundation of this shelter, and this proved to be a time-saving device. With the proper work party of about four to five good workers, we should be able to finish a shelter in two days. This is important because of the increased travel time from Pittsburgh.

Interest continues to mount on the Baker Trail. We are receiving communications from as far away as Cambridge, Mass. The sites for shelters #5 and #6 will be selected by October, and I expect to have them finished by November 1964. This will complete the chain of lean-tos from Freeport to Mahoning Dam. We are interested in finding a group that will take over the responsibility of the trail from Mahoning Dam to Cook Forest. A group in the Clarion or New Bethlehem area would be ideal. Two shelters should be built to complete the trail facilities to Cook Forest. Happy Hiking!

*I'll Be Durned, we've Run out of Material!*



Editor












Are you Sure  
You know where  
You're Going?







## TRIPS AND TRAILS

**Note:** The Pittsburgh Explorers Rock Club will have rock climbing classes on alternate Tuesdays beginning September 29 at the Cathedral of Learning, 8:15 p.m., Room 232. Climbing trips on following weekends.

OCT.

- 4  SUN - Hike with Dick McNamara in fields and woodlands around Slippery Rock Creek. Lv. HQ 9:30 a.m., bring lunch, approx. \$1.50.
- 10  SAT - Century Ride (Cycling) Call Dave Magram HA-13714. If not enough reservations, no trip.
- 11  SUN - Schenley Park hike, rain or shine, with Thelma Moroso. Visit Phipps Conservatory and nature museum. Meet at 10:00 a.m. by fountain in front of Carnegie Library. Bring lunch.
- 16  FRI Baker Trail Shelter Party - Camp out Friday night and return by
- 17 SAT Sat. night. Call Don Woodland 563-5419.
- 18  SUN Hike portions of the new Baker Trail Extension (to be) that will join the Baker Trail to historic Forbes Trail which is currently being blazed between Pgh. and Ligonier. Bring lunch and about \$1.00. Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m. Bruce Sundquist leads (VA 4-1897 or DR 7-1212)
- 24  SAT - Orange Belt (Cycling) Call Dave Magram HA 13714. If not enough reservations, no trip.
- 25  SUN - Cycle trip around farmlands near Prosperity lead by Fran Czapiewski. Must reserve 661-9543. Meet at HQ 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch and about \$2.
- 31  SAT HALLOWEEN??
- NOV 1  SUN Hike with Abby Geertz along glacier formed rocks and trails of wondrous beauty near Warren, Ohio. Reserve with Abby 372-6053. Approx. \$2.50

OPENHOUSE - Held every Thursday night, 8:30 p.m., at Headquarters, 6300 Fifth Ave. The programs for this month are as follows:

-   October 1 - Polk Dancing
- 8  - Girl Scout Troop from Oakmont to give presentation of interest to everyone
- 15  - Hugh Gilmore showing slides on Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown
- 22  - Two ski movies: One covering the East, Midwest and Rocky Mt. area ski resorts, and showing new American way of skiing; also additional short film on skiing instructions
- 29  - Halloween Party

### NEW ARRIVALS - WELCOME ABOARD!

Teresa Woodland  
Date of Birth: July 13, 1964  
Weight: 6 lbs. 7 oz.  
Parents: Don and Billie

Justin Louis Panson  
Date of Birth: August 28, 1964  
Weight: 8 lb. 1 oz.  
Parents: Armand and Ramona

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HAPPY PARENTS!

### AYH CANOE TEAM VISITS THE MOUND

Combining pleasure with the business of a canoe regatta with the Sylvan Canoe Club, the AYH visited the mound, the chief tourist attraction of Moundsville, West Va. This impressive grass-covered heap served as the burial place of at least 30 members of the ancient tribe of mound-building Indians. At the time the AYH arrived, one of the drain pipes was also serving as a trap for a hamster. Barbara DiGregerio fearlessly thrust her handkerchief-covered hand (and most of her arm) down the drain to rescue him (or her as the case may be). With our mascot safely in a box, the crew proceeded to the Regatta. Our six canoes, and five from the Sylvan Canoe Club in Verona, competed in four events before a crowd of Moundsville inhabitants. Sam Shaw, editor of the Moundsville Echo, was on hand to report the event and to help out. Ruth Stacklin narrated the action over a public address system. The Sylvan Club apparently had had experience with this kind of competition and displayed skill and power in all the races and the salaam. Honors should go to Bob Fewkes (who led the trip as well as turning out to be our star canoeist), Jack Wert, Bruce Sundquist, Dave Magram, Fred Buhl and Winnie Roensch, for paddling forth a good showing. Others of the AYH group acted as starters and timers.

"The river certainly brings us some interesting things," we overheard one of the local residents remark to Sam Shaw.

After the Regatta we were entertained at a supper supplied by some of the women on the Corn Festival Committee at which Bob Fewkes and Dave Magram distinguished themselves by eating four ears of corn apiece. After all, this was part of Moundsville's Second Annual Corn Fest. Ch.

Our Thanks to Thelma Maroso, Don Woodland, Cathy Lynch, John Burns, Winifred Roensch, and all the other people who helped out on our September Paper.

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