

April 15 - Thirteen of us met on this Palm Sunday of questionable weather for our hike. We drove through beautiful rural Pennsylvania countryside to the base of the mountain outside Dillsburg. It started with a climb to a beautiful lookout of Cumberland Valley. We walked over the rock formations, pink and white quartz, lovely for paper weights. The streams we had to ford were beautiful and running full. The hike was about five miles and ended near five o'clock. It was interesting to see so many fishermen in the Yellow Breeches. They had a large bonfire built under a bridge to warm themselves; and a coffee and hot dog truck was making its rounds to accommodate them. A few of the hikers stopped at the Chalet for dinner before going home. Incidentally, the weather for hiking was perfect; however, those who stayed home encountered some real snow flurries.

MARY JANE GUTSHALL

April 22 - Overview to Lamb's Gap - At last, the boots and jackets were discarded and we had a preview of summer. Proportionately, the higher the temperature, the greater number of streams that we tested the germ count.

We were the grandest people in the Easter Parade - although paint cans, clip-pers and a machete are not featured in the rotogravure as accepted accessories or monkey swings as means of transportation.

However, what we lacked in personal grooming was adequately supplied by nature on the trail. Tootwarts were abundant - arbutus not so abundant - berry bushes too abundant! (Attest: The last phrase, "the Clipper Clique").

PAT HEIM

April 29 - Twenty-two of us took the A. T. Hike #11, from Victoria Trail to Peter's Mountain where refreshments were had at Joe's Place - way on top. It was a nice hike; however, it should have been a work trip as much work is needed on this section of the Trail.

Elmer Bolla and John Himmelberger of Macunzie started earlier from Clark's Valley and did some trail work on the part that was logged over. Catching up with us, we relaxed together at Joe's.

Earl's new shelter on our part of the section is practically completed and quite comfortable. The spring down the hill bubbles with cool water - but, oh, the climb back up the steep hill almost took away the enjoyment of the water.

May 6 - Gettysburg Battlefield - Clouds threatened at times but the few drops of rain that fell did not mar the day for the eighteen who made the tour under the gay leadership of Ruth Bolla and Mary Jane Gutshall. Everyone was glad to see Russell Sturtevant, home on leave.

Travelled from Harrisburg to Gettysburg on Route 15, making the first stop at the 40 foot limestone Peace Light Monument - from the top of which, a flame of natural gas has burned constantly since July, 1938, when it was dedicated by F. D. R. A climb to the top of an observation tower for a magnificent view of the beautiful, spring-time countryside; then, on to the Gettysburg National Museum to look over the collection of relics and watch the battle between the Confederate and Union soldiers reenacted on the Electric Map. Crossed the roadway for a quick perusal of the famous Gettysburg Address inscribed upon the Lincoln Speech Memorial, and observed all too briefly the beauties of the grounds of the National Cemetery, before re-entering the cars to drive on to Little Round Top, Big Round Top and Devil's Den.

Hiking today was negligible and consisted principally of a climb to the top of two observation towers, a walk up the ridge to Big Round Top and a stroll over the rocks at Devil's Den. However, the landscape was superb with judas