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Jim: Thought you would enjoy this...I have an article on the App Trail scheduled to be printed in June '81 issue of Amer Forestry. During the course of my conversation with Editor Bill Rooney I mentioned my evening meeting for Tues nite. The attached is the result. Enjoyed my dinner with you and Tom...but NO MORE Tabbard Inn dinners...that \$15.75 tab is too rich for my blood...would rather eat at cafeteria and donate \$10 to AHS! EBG



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Bill Rooney, Editor
American Forestry Magazine

Bear Bill:

Here is a suggested insert, per your request, on the HikaNation super hike. It's a briefest of the brief. The dates I've used are the latest available...as per phone call from the leader of the hike group, Monty Montgomery, which was received at 9:30 p.m. during our HikaNation meeting that took place a few hours after I left your office on Tues. Feb. 24.

During the course of writing the attached it occurred to me that after the hike is finished you might wish to publish an article on the entire hike. Thousands of pictures are available, there were celebrations all across America, tremendous hospitality thru the heartland of mid America... "one long handshake across America" is the way Marcy Guerin, a middle age housewife from the Wash. DC area describes it. The group passed thru a number of national and state forest areas so that the article would certainly be appropriate for readers of your mag. Let me know if you would be interested.

Regards,

Copy to Jim Kern

Ed Garvey

HIKANATION

By the time this issue of American Forestry is printed that part of the Appalachian Trail that lies within the state of Virginia (500 miles-one-fourth of the entire Trail) will have witnessed the passage of a very unusual group of hikers. This would be the HikaNation band of 55 people who left San Francisco on April 12, 1980 heading east across trails and roads of America to publicize the plight of hikers generally in their quest to obtain more and better hiking trails. The Trail has seen hundreds of "2000 Milers" but this will be a "4000 Miler" group. A "real example of an extended family" is the way Jim Kern, president of the American Hiking Society, the hike's sponsor, describes the group. Kern, who hiked with them in mid America over the Christmas holidays commented that it will be a very emotional experience when the group comes to a parting of the ways as they dip their feet in the Atlantic Ocean on May 30 the planned completion date of the ocean to ocean adventure.

Some 7000 people hiked with the HikaNation group as they made the first pedestrian crossing ever allowed over the Bay Bridge from San Francisco to Berkeley Cal. Another several thousand people are expected to congregate in Harpers Ferry WV to accompany the group on their four day trek/into Washington DC. ~~in~~ and to participate in celebrations planned in the nation's capitol on May 16. Another "first" pedestrian crossing, that of the Chesapeake Bay bridge, is expected to take place as the group leaves Washington and proceeds to its final destination to Cape Henlopen on the Atlantic Ocean near the town of Lewes, MD. on May 30.

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