

300 miles

Families bike hike

Wells Fargo wagons were common sights in the old west, but for families from Beverly Hills and Lathrup Village the "Wells" wagon meant refreshments and a rest from a 300-mile bicycle trek.

The caravan was christened "Wells far-go" by the cyclists because their destination was the Dick Wells family cottage north of Traverse City — and it was a far distance to go.

Wells and his son David began their vacation with Frank Mottershead and his children Julie and Glen over the July 4th weekend.

RATHER THAN add to road congestion, the families used only one automobile and six bicycles. Mrs. Mottershead and her six-year-old son rode in the car — while the other travelers covered the 75-80 mile-a-day distance on 10-speed bicycles.

It was a learning experience for almost everyone on the trip, Mrs. Mottershead said.

Dick Wells learned that it is possible to bicycle from his home in Beverly Hills to Traverse City without too much difficulty.

Frank Mottershead, of Lathrup Village, learned that it could be done safely — and neighbor David Lathrey, who joined the tour, learned that he could bicycle 300 miles.

BEGINNING EARLY each day, the bicyclists attempted to cover the greatest distance before noon. This was done to accommodate the heavier traffic in the afternoon, and to avoid cycling during the hottest part of the day.

"The cars we did pass on the road seemed cooperative," Mrs. Mottershead said. "There really wasn't any major problem with sharing the road with the cars."

Although the initial trip took four days, with three overnight stops the families have mentioned making the trip more challenging by completing the route in three days.

Both the Mottersheads and the Wells have been bicycling for some time and start building up their endurance as soon as the weather gets warm.

The families take advantage of American Youth Hostel bicycle tours that are offered during the spring and summer — but this is the first time the families have forged their own route.

Military Service

REPORT FOR DUTY
Marine Pvt. Karl A. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Young of 5890 John R Road, Troy, has reported for duty with the 1st Marine Division at the Marine Corps base in Camp Pendleton, California.

AFROTC AWARD
Second Lt. John D. Peterson Jr. of Farmington Hills was awarded the AFROTC Detroit News Award, as the most outstanding senior ROTC cadet during the recent commissioning and awards ceremony of Army and Air Force ROTC cadets at Michigan State University.

CHANUTE GRADUATE
Airman First Class Peter F. Schrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Schrier of Southfield, has graduated at Chantute AFB, Illinois, from the U.S. Air Force autopilot repairman course.

FLIGHT TRAINING
Naval Aviation Officer Candidate Mark C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Miller, 512 Pilgrim, Birmingham, has begun basic flight training in Pensacola, Fla.

Commission sets hearing on costs

OAKLAND COUNTY — A public hearing on apportionment of the costs of paving streets in Foxcroft subdivision, Bloomfield Township, has been ordered for 9:30 a.m. July 23 by the Board of County Road Commissioners.

The hearing will be in the board room at Road Commission offices, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Pontiac, according to Road Commissioner Fred L. Harris.

When he completes Aviation Officer Candidate School, he will be commissioned an ensign and begin more than a year of ground and inflight training leading to his designation as a naval aviator.

ON DUTY
U.S. Air Force Sgt. Joseph A. Leslie, step-son of Mrs. Helen Leslie, 6262 Sandshores Drive, Troy, has arrived for duty at Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan.

Sergeant Leslie, a communications equipment repairman assigned to a unit of the Air Force Communications Service, previously served at Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

REASSIGNED
Sgt. Gary R. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson, 1834 Kirkton, Troy, is now serving at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, with a strategic air command unit. A security policeman, he was previously assigned to Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

COMMENDATION
Army Specialist Five Richard W. Krape, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Krape, 3018 Daily Street, Troy, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious performance of service in a joint activity assignment. He is presently assigned to the office of the Adjutant General, Headquarters U.S. Army, Japan, at Camp Zama.

ASSIGNED
Army Pvt. Keith J. Nye, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Nye, 1117 Birchwood, Troy, is assigned to the Second Infantry Division in Korea.

He is a gunner in Headquarters Battery, first battalion of the division's 15th field artillery.

SCHOOL COMPLETED
Navy Airman Apprentice James A. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Martin of 23506 Fiddlers Cove, Birmingham, has completed the Aviation Structural Mechanic School in Millington, Tenn.

MILITARY POLICE
Army Pvt. Robert K. Werther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Werther, 7361 Honesuckle, Orchard Lake, completed an eight-week military police course at the U.S. Army Training Center, Ft. Gordon, Georgia. He was trained in civil and military law, traffic control, patrolling, techniques of quelling riots and disturbances, prisoner-of-war control, communications, care and use of authorized weapons, and unarmed defense methods.

ADVANCED TRAINING
Army Pvt. Kent S. Siegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Siegel, 1134 Charrington, Birmingham, completed nine weeks of advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Infantry Training Center, Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

Also completing the training was Army Pvt. Fred P. Talamantes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalo P. Talamantes, 488 Evaline, Troy.

They were taught the proper use of light and specialized weapons as well as mortar and recoilless rifle usage.

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