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Dear Hosteller,

On April 25 and 26 Justin Cline, National Executive Director of A. Y. H., paid a field trip visit to Pittsburgh. As a result of these two bustling days of meeting with council officers and several community groups and leaders, definite conclusions on our future course were reached.

The stable status we have achieved in the past eight years with a dynamic program of activities, a solid membership core and recent incorporation indicates that the time is right for expansion.

We must make the benefits of hosteling, which we have all enjoyed, available to other individuals and groups, such as, school, church and outing clubs. Our services and physical facilities must also be enlarged to accommodate a growing need, not only of people in our community but of visitors from other parts of the country and abroad.

A firm foundation for this expansion was laid by Justin Cline's visit. Now, it remains for us to set up the details of the program and to carry them through. Because we operate on a purely volunteer basis, no one person or small group should be expected to shoulder the responsibility or do all the work. Just as it takes the cooperation of everyone to make a hosteling trip a success, so it will require the help of everyone to see that our expansion plans are realized. We can all share in the satisfaction of watching the Pittsburgh Council grow.

---John D. Behan, President

Openhouse- Every Thursday at 8:15

May 10 - HOSTEL WEEK - Photo Exhibit

Bring B&W and color slides in by 7:45 for posting.

May 17- "Hostelers ARE People"

Prof. Allen Klein, Univ. of Pgh. Human Relations

May 24- "Let's Plan Your Vacation"

What to take, How to pack, Extended Trips flashbacks.

May 31- Field Curry in France

June 7- George Swatnam, Pgh. Press "Legends of Pennsylvania"

June 14- VARIETY NIGHT- Pantomimes, etc. See Hugh Gilmour for audition.

June 21- SQUARE AND FOLK DANCING-

Review of what we learned at Carondawonna week-end.

June 28- WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY? - Show it off, tell us about it. (Reading, Antiques, Painting, Sports Collecting-- anything from stalagmites from down under to rocks from the Grand Teton.)

July 5- To be announced.

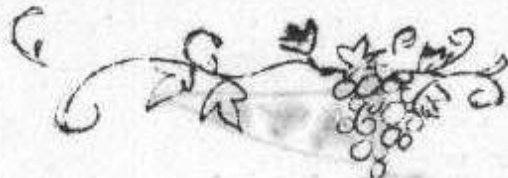
July 12- Real OLDE FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL- (We crank our own)

NOTE: Think twice before snapping that shutter. "Will it have a chance in the September Photo-Contest?" Plan to enter your prize pictures in the fall competition.

If you like sour grapes—



The Horrors of Spring
Ambrose Bierce



Spring is with us with its oldtime stock of horrors—birds blaspheming in the trees; flowers loading the lukewarm air with odious exhalations; grass with snakes in it; matronly cows to gore the unwary. The blue of the sky and the green of the earth renew their immemorial feud, murdering one another in cold blood all along the line of the horizon. Hideous ferns erect themselves in the gulches where the poison oak unsheathes his leaves to work his ghastly joke upon the culler of simples. Fleas call the roll and perfect their organization; spiders hang their poddy carcasses face-high above the trail. 'Come, gentle spring, ethereal mildness, come.' Come with lute, come with whistling of geese, yelling of dogs, deep diapason of the strolling bull, and frequent thud of (Hostellers) country lasses falling over their won feet.



YOUTH HOSTEL WEEK, PROCLAMATION MAY 7-13

One of the highlights of Justin Cliné's visit was the receipt of Mayor Lawrence's official proclamation of Youth Hostel Week, May 7-to 13. You may see a copy of that impressive document posted at headquarters.

"ROUND-THE-WORLD-TRI", WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FAR EAST

The Japanese, Indian and Pakistan Hostel Assoc. are eager to welcome and entertain the first American Hostel group to visit them. Arrangements are being made to have hostellers actually live with and visit families in the various countries. Travel will be at a leisurely pace designed for a first-hand, informal view of our Far-Eastern neighbors.

The trip is scheduled to leave September 22, 1956 from Seattle for Japan, lead by Mr. William Wang, presently enrolled at Rackham School of Graduate Studies in Linguistics at U. of Michigan. The cost is approximately \$1875; a reduction of \$25 is allowed on applications received by July 1, 1956.

For those who wish to visit Australia and see the Olympic Games after the trip terminates in Bombay, India, special arrangements can be made.

NATIONAL AYH OFFICE TO OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Due to a large number of requests for information and service on Saturday, the National Office will be open on Saturdays until further notice from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. A skeleton staff will be maintained to issue AYH passes and to confer with trippers and parents regarding sponsored trips. National H. is at 14-18th St. New York 11.

EUROPEAN HOSTEL LEADERS TO VISIT THE U.S. A.

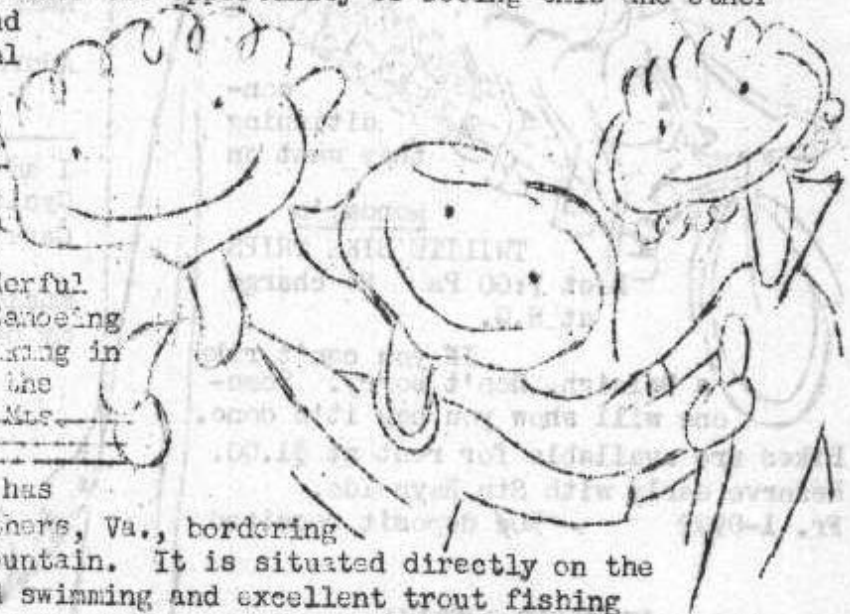
Five youth hostel leaders will arrive in the U.S. on May 8 on the Queen Mary to participate in the AYH Foreign Leadership Scholarship Program. These leaders will be guests of National and will make trips to local councils from May 13 to June 8. Scheduled for a visit to us is Miss Eva-Maria Huchl, Vienna, 22 years old, single, employed as a secretary to the Socaony Mobil Oil Co. in Vienna. Having started Hostelling at the age of 12, Eva-Maria has had extensive experience cycling, mountain climbing and camping.

EXTENDED

American Youth Hostels makes available to more and more young people the educational and cultural benefits of travel; offers the opportunity of seeing this and other countries on an intimate basis, and to learn about people from personal experience with them.

TRIPS

Pittsburgh Council offers six wonderful trips: Hiking in West Virginia, Canoeing in Canada, Cycling in Michigan, Hiking in Shenandoah Nat'l. Park, Diving in the Poconos, Climbing the Great Smoky Mts.



Note to Shenandoah trippers: AYH has been presented a new hostel at Nethers, Va., bordering the Park at the foot of Old Rag Mountain. It is situated directly on the Hughes R. which will give you good swimming and excellent trout fishing practically in the front yard. The property includes an 8-bedroom house and the original Nethers log cabin, and is set in the heart of some of the best hiking areas in the Blue Ridge Mountains

We can stop trying to catch the 11:30 bus for Lois Ann Wagner now. She is going into nurse's training at Presbyterian Hospital where she'll be much closer to hostelling activity than she was in Huston, Pa.

Cliff Alexander

was married to Amelia Griffith in Frostburg on March 29.

Because of his canoeing experience in Canada last year, Larry Cohen was appointed to take charge of boating activities this season. He and his committee are now formulating the policies for canoe rental and use. (There were seventeen people on his first trip of the season.)

Awardee: Chas. Richardson for outstanding work in the Physics Dept. at Pitt.

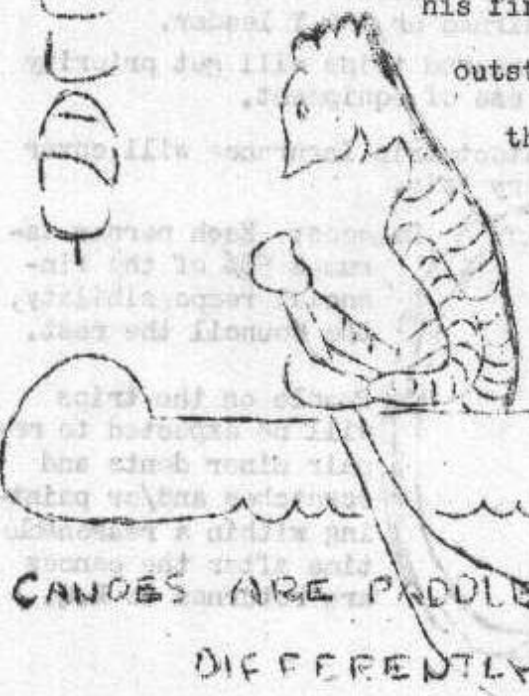
Did you notice that Justin Cline was wearing a Tame Tiger pin all the time he was here? It was presented to him when he on WQED's Children's Corner.

Baker Trail blazing will suffer a relapse this summer when George Hughes goes to the University of Wisconsin for study on an extension course scholarship.

One Pontiac and one Plymouth stand abandoned in Point Breeze now that their owners, John Behun and Stu Reynolds, are riding bicycles to work every day.

Frankly sarcastic: If hostellers do not subscribe to carving initials on trees or defacing public monuments, how come they allow a similarly unsightly thing to happen to their Liberace Lilac piano?..... Going tourist? IN THE BOW AND.

COMMUNITY



CANOE ARE PADDLED
DIFFERENTLY



SOME NEED MORE PRACTICE

.....
but they all
get the

conditioning
they want on

Monday's

TWILITE BIKE TRIPS

Meet 7:00 Pm No charge
at H.Q.

If you can't ride
a Raleigh, Don't worry. Some-
one will show you how it's done.
Bikes are available for rent at \$1.00.
Reserve early with Stu Reynolds,
Fr. 1-0992 50¢ deposit required

YE CLUES POETICA

---By Joan Schewe

When Aprille 'neath leadership unkind
brutie

The forc-ed marche hath pierc-ed to her
footie

Persuading hand to loose the hiking bootie
Reveal-ed blistered trilly pad all ruddy.
As blustry winds the heavens roofed all
cloudy

She carried Kleenex and her wee small
nose she blew-dy,

Not given to use of language lewdy
She non the less plays not the unwashed
prudie

As in the frigid-aire she once bathed
nudie (so it is told)

Herself like to the trailing sweet patootie
She liketh not the glutinous oatmeal fruitie
Though unengendered by her, she lacketh
not for tendre, yonge broodie

To her each morn they come to council
and to studie,

She performeth well the office of
h^{er} duty,

Our Emauensis -----

By dittoing Agnes
in pseudonym called Apple

(Note: Call her at Lo.1-2738
if you'd rather TWILITE
BIKE on Tuesdays)

Want an Apple pass ☐

I want to renew my pass..... ☐

Name _____

Address _____

I am interested in these activities:

Cycling Hiking Canoeing Climbing
Cave Crawling Skiing Square Dance

Enclosed is\$ _____ in check or M/O for
my pass:

Youth	(to 15)	\$2.00
Sr. Youth	(18-20)	4.00
Adult	(21-up)	5.00
Family	(give number)	7.00
Sponsor		10.00
Associate		2.00

\$1.00 off for renewal during
the month of expiration.

Canoe Rentals

(Tentative Rules)

Daily: \$1.25 per person with a
maximum of \$3.75 per canoe

Weekly: \$7.00 per person, not to
exceed \$15.00 per canoe

Non-sponsored and Non-passholder
will cost the same and be subject
to the discretion of the canoe
chairman or T & T leader.

Sponsored trips will get priority
on use of equipment.

Protectotrip Insurance will cover
every trip.

Damages: Each person as-
sumes 50% of the fin-
ancial responsibility,
the Council the rest.

People on the trips
will be expected to re-
pair minor dents and
scratches and/or paint-
ing within a reasonable
time after the canoes
are returned to H.Q.

Get a bike!

"Everyone talks about the traffic in our cities, but few individuals do anything about it. One lady, who shall remain nameless, gets on a bicycle in Rockefeller Center every day at close of work and pedals down Fifth Ave. through the crowded department store district, through the impossible press of the garment district, on through the fallen petals and broken blossoms of the wholesale flower zone; then down through wicked Greenwich Village until she reaches her home on Hudson Street.

"This cyclist knows a lot about NYC traffic. Others might learn a good deal on the handlebars of her bike, mornings and evenings when the weather is good and wind holds fair to and from the office. (During the day she wedges her bike in among the ranks of Cadillacs in the Rockefeller Center garage down the block.) Her estimate of N.Y. traffic?.....'Bad, getting worse, but not for bicycles.'

"As automobile traffic has worsened in



recent years, there has also been a change in drivers' attitudes toward the lady bicyclist, heard 2 years ago and heard these days. The remarks and their frequency per trip:

Back in 1954----

'Want a lift?'	5
'Get a horse' (very tiresome)	10
'Whyn't you stay inna park?'	2
'Hang on, I'll pull you'	1
'Your back wheel's spinning'	1

But now in the past year----

'That's a good idea'	5
'Hurry you'll miss the light'	1
'Good for you'	3
'Your back wheel's spinning'	2

(Those back wheel people are very reliable year after year.)

'I envy your energy'	1
'Fastest thing going'	1
'Take me with you'	2
'Hello, Hon.'	1

"The wheel of transportation obviously is turning backward. In 1956 she has not heard a single, 'Get a horse.'"

---W. McQ.

The Merritts saw the above article in the April, 1956 issue of Architectural Forum. They thought you'd enjoy reading it too.

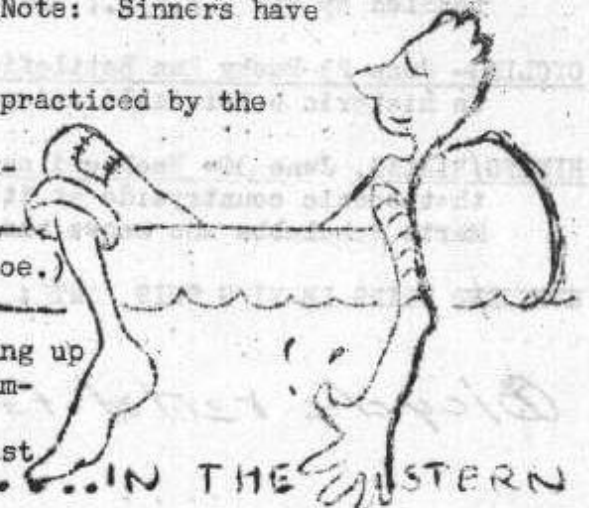
CANOEING TECHNIQUES

devised by DETROIT COUNCIL hostellers;

First, there is the "I have no fear, the Lord is with me" technique. Among the devout this oftentimes works miraculously. Users of this method think of themselves as bread cast upon the waters. The canoe is centered in the middle of the river and allowed to roam free from riffle to riffle. (Note: Sinners have trouble with this system.)

Then, there is the "Voyageur" technique. Usually practiced by the brave and the witless. Here the stern paddler stands in a balanced position, scanning the water ahead, plotting the course of action with greater visibility. (Should the canoe hit an obstacle, the stern paddler can be picked up by the next canoe.)

Then there is the "Follow Joe go where he goes" technique. This works perfectly until Joe gets hung up on a boulder. The followers pass Joe and find themselves in the clear---trouble is, there's no one ahead to follow. This can be remedied by being last in line; by the time 5 canoes have passed, it's usually lunch time.



...IN THE WESTERN



There are SOME trips AYH doesn't take.....
but A.Y.H. takes more trips that are fun!!

SCHEDULE FOR MAY AND JUNE

CANOEING- May 6, on the Connoquenessing first trip of the season. Bring a lunch and a change of clothing (in case you go overboard, of course.) \$4.40

INTERNATIONAL WEEK-END May 11, 12 and 13 at the La-Anna Hotel, to be held in honor of the winners of our five Leadership Scholarships from Austria, Belgium, France and Northern Ireland. The charge for the trip, to begin Friday night and close with Sunday supper, will be \$7.00 plus transportation. There is for two overnights, six meals, and these activities: hiking, cycling, games, dancing, songs, movies, softball, cook-out, slides. Reserve with John Beann, Fr. 1-0992.

CYCLING - May 13 for those who prefer only a one day trip.

HIKING ON CRESNUT RIDGE-May 19. Phyllis Wetherby will give you the details of the hike to one of our favorite spots. Her phone number is Va. 3-3649. But don't be surprised if the trip turns into a canoeing one on the west bank of the Susquehanna. Watch for the announcement on Thursday.

CYCLING- on May 26 to the Brashear Hostel with Ralph Indington. Good meals are guaranteed when you go with Ralph. This is a fairly easy, 40-mile tour to our Hostel near Zellenople. Reserve on Thursday..

HIKING- June 2, followed by a campfire supper in Scenic Loyahanna Dam area, along country roads, through cool McCoy Hollow. Meet at headquarters, 9:00 A.M. on Saturday...bring lunch, canteen. Cost is about \$1.60. Leader: Gloria Fisher

CYCLING-and/or HIKING June 9, in Wellesville, Ohio where our host will be Ed Fugh, Curator of the River Museum, who will conduct a tour through the pottery, the museum and accompany us to a showboat performance. Call John Beann, Fr. 1-0992.

FOLK & SQUARE DANCING WEEK-END at Carondawanna, June 15, 16, 17- This is where Gloria Fisher learned all the dances she's been teaching us, arrangements are being handled by the Y.W.C.A., Chatham St. Pittsburgh.

CYCLING- June 23-Bushy Run Battlefield. Stu Reynolds leads this 50-mile round trip to historic battlefield and park. Bring lunch. Cost: 15¢

HIKING/BIKING, June 30- Week-end near Penn State, with the opportunity to explore that scenic countryside at its best. We'll stay at a cabin arranged for by Marie Schalabba who knows the territory like her own backyard. Details later.

EXTENDED TRIPS LEAVING THIS MONTH: June 9, West Virginia; June 23 Shenandoah Natl. park; June 30, Poconos Chain of Hostels.

Bicycle rental fees: \$2.00 a day, \$10.00 a wk.