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FOUR-MONTH GRAND EUROPEAN BIKE TOUR
SCHEDULED.....

From February to May, 1954, A.Y.H. offers an unusual trip. Tentative itinerary: New York, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark, Scotland, England, Ireland. Approximate Cost.....\$895.00 Write National AYH for more information.

PEOPLE WE'D LIKE TO KNOW-----

Here's a query that has an answer:
What do these people have in common?

Bill Dunlop	Dolores Ewing
Thelma and Craig Behn	Leela Fehr
Anne Brody	Anita Tambellini
Newton Chapin, Jr.	Chuck Ham
Jerry Tarlo	Allen Miller
J. F. Hetzill	H. Charles Hutchings II
Tom Bryson	Fred Rosenberger Jr.
Harry Rhule	Newton Chapin Jr.
Walter C. Urling	Roger Protas
Alan Lombardo	Angela (Mim) Govern
Scott Flanagan	Bob Fulton
Bob Sarver	Betty Lou Girts
Frank Gurto	Lucia Robinson
Kathryn Newkirk	Robert Zener
Theodore Friend	Bill Krell

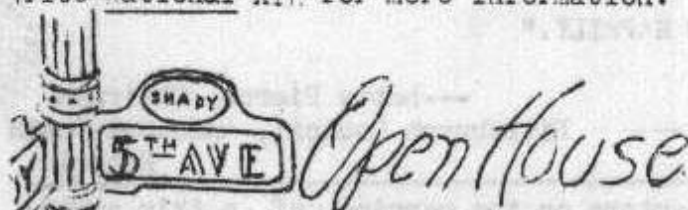
The answer: THEY ARE ALL BRAND-NEW PASS
HOLDERS!

But.....

Mary Louise Silvas, membership chairman, left us up a tree on this quiz without answers...see her for the correct identification:

Who spent some seven hours in a canoe one Sunday and the rest of the week nursing her bruised feet?
Who specializes in producing quarters, etc. from behind people's ears?
Who can qualify for an "A-1-Match-Fire-Maker-Vesuvius-Badge"?
Who earned his nickname in more ways than one up the mountainous hill from Cornwall Cave?
Who uses 50¢ pieces for can openers on hostel trips?

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THE TIME: (as they put it on their invitations in England).....
8:15 for 8:30 P.M.
.....THURSDAYS

Mr. Swartly, "On India" - Sept. 3
Nova Scotia-As They Saw - Sept. 10
It This Summer
"Conservation" - Sept. 18
-by Dr. Leroy Black
"Mountain Melodrama" - Sept. 24
Adirondacks Slides Plus

Square Dance- Oct. 1
Tetons Trip Tales - Oct. 8
To Be Announced - Oct. 15
New England Cycling Trip - Oct. 22
Reviewed
Chairman's Choice - Oct. 29



And we quote:

"HOSTELLING IS MORE THAN HOLDING AN A.Y.H. PASS,
IT IS A WAY OF LIFE.
IT IS A METHOD OF TRAVELLING UNDER ONE'S OWN STEAM,
FACING DAILY PROBLEMS WITH EASY ADAPTIBILITY,
FINDING FRIENDS,
SHARING BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WILLINGLY,
ENJOYING SIMPLE THINGS,
SEEING WITH APPRECIATION THE NATURAL WONDERS THAT SURROUND US,
FACING THE CHALLENGE OF OUR COMPLEX SOCIETY,
LOOKING ON LIFE AS A 'GREAT ADVENTURE'
TO BE LIVED FULLY AND HAPPILY."

---Betty Bierer, Chairman
Pittsburgh Council, American Youth
Hostels

-----The scene is A.Y.H. Headquarters on the morning of a trip scheduled to leave at 8 o'clock. The time is now 9:05. While waiting for the few latecomers, the assembled hostellers discuss the breakfasts they had passed up to be there on the dot.....

WHY ARE PEOPLE LATE? * * * * *



We used to say, "Some people can't be on time," the way we said, "Some people freckle in the sun," and let it go at that. Now, we've all got to know a bit of psychology and know there are reasons for lateness.

Failure to grow up is commonest according to psychiatrists. Resentment, is another-----we think we're too intellectual and superior to meet any body's time limit. And there's that old sense of inferiority. We have to build ourselves up as social butterflies or busy executives with so much to do to make us late. Or we want to attract attention by a dramatic entrance. (We don't think this applies to hosteling trips---) maybe we just don't want to be there.

Considering the annoyances, the disappointments, the arguments and missed buses caused by social filibusters, we don't see how the laggards can stand their sense of guilt..... There are so many good reasons for being on time, it's a wonder why anyone is ever late.

-----excerpted from the
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NOVA SCOTIA

OFFERS SOMETHING
NEW IN HOSTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.....

I never thought that Hosteling would fulfill one long-time desire of mine--- that is, to spend a night in jail!

This little adventure began when two friendly citizens of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia asked several of us tired, dusty hostellers if we'd like to spend a night at the Police Station. (I must note here that we hadn't been seen picking any locks or burning any buildings.) We were delighted to have such a unique roof over our heads for the night.

Since the Police Station was combined with the Fire Dept., our bikes shared a room with several fire engines, and we had a fireman pole in our room. John Inable was a trifle concerned over the confusion that might occur if there was a fire during the night. There was an all-night poker game going on in the room next to ours and we shared the wash room with a half-dozen or so policemen and firemen. Everyone there treated us very graciously, but casually-----as if there were nothing unusual about a group of people running around the Police Station, carrying sleeping bags and draping damp, newly-laundered clothes everywhere.

.....There was no fire during the night; we didn't get involved in the poker game in our "home away from home."

Only one thing disturbs me:

..If I ever have to fill out an application for a job, one which asks me if I have ever been in jail, I really won't know what to say.

-----Betty Walczak

(Aside to 6-12 and Citronella Fans)

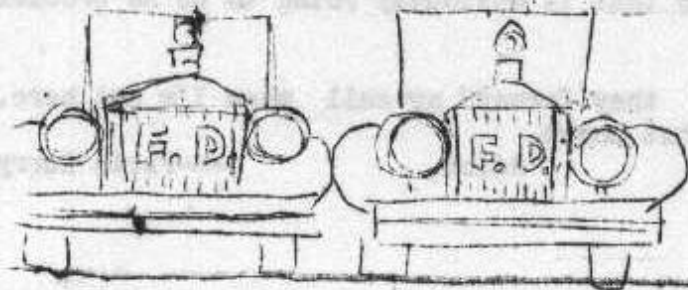
"Only the female mosquitoes bite. They feed on the blood of man or animals, whereas, the males feed on the nectar from flowers."---Leaflet No. 186, U. S. Department of Agriculture (Well!!)

Where were you?
THIS SUMMER.....

New Mexico....visiting.....Tom Bryson
Canadian Rockies.....constructing roads
.....Hank Fisher
Greenville Jct., Me.....waiting on
tables.....Joan Walczak
Knott County, Kentucky.....absorbing
folk culture.....Ray Tucker
Vermont.....pack hiking the
Long Trail....John & Ramona Matthews
Black Hills, S. Dakota.....went home to
.....Hugh Tobin
Miami.....interpreted for Italian
visitors.....Anita Tambellini
Nowhere.....slaved in rival electrical
firms for tuition money.....
.....Bob Helmbold and Warren Young
Europe.....hosteling.....Ronnie Anatole
University of Havana.....studying
Spanish.....Frieda Hammermeister
Duluth, Minn....visiting....Lanie Wilson
Wisconsin.....cycling with the
Pranses family.....Margo Ebinger

WHEN WAS MOUNT WASHINGTON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRST SCALED?

Long before it was named Mt. Washington. According to the colonial governor, John Winthrop, the mountain was first conquered in 1642 by an Irishman and two Indians. From this early trip came the rumor that huge rubies hung from the mountain crags, and were there for the plucking. Needless to say, it wasn't long before many trips had been made to find and harvest the gems. Naturally, there was no basis for the story.



LETTERS

Pijperstraat 42
Rotterdam, Holland

Dear Bruce and June,

..Thank you for the sleeping sack and for the fruit and nut cake----this really hit the spot on the ship late at night. Unfortunately it didn't last too long.

I rented a bike for six weeks from my friends here in Rotterdam who run a bike and carrier shop (this cost the huge sum of 6 dollars) and took off on a tour of Holland.....only get around the southern part.....discovered I was traveling very slowly,, spending a lot of time in each city and getting well acquainted.

Then went to England for the Coronation. spent three weeks without even leaving London, staying with friends of Carol Haffner. I saw the procession from the 12th row, where I had been since 3 A.M. in the rain, but it was worth it.....really saw it later in the film.

The city was packed with people, so I was happy to leave as soon as I had taken delivery on my motorcycle and learned how to ride it. That was fun, but it's easier than a car. It's the repair work that is the hard part and one who owns a cycle must also repair it, it seems. This motorcycle is quite a machine; about halfway between Jack Stein's and Jim's in power----top speed, 65 mph, and around 50 mi. per gal. of gas. I'm quite pleased with it. It is fitted with a windshield, leg screens, luggage rack on top, pillion seat and footrests for the second passenger, etc. The only drawback is when it rains-----you are really in the open. It is one of the best ways to see Europe.

.....Have just come back from Belgium and am in the midst of preparations for a trip to Scandinavia for the rest of the summer. May not go at all this year to Turkey due to having to get a job this winter. I have had two jobs offered me in Holland and one in London, all in Railway Signaling work, so that is obviously going to be no problem at all.

.....The above is my permanent address here; they forward my mail when I'm not here. Drop me a line now and then and let me know what cooks.

Dear Editor,

Many people have joined A.Y.H. during the last few months, so now is a good time to vent an idea I've had for awhile ...that is, sponsorship by an old member of a new one. It can be hard to get started in our various activities; many veteran members will agree with me on this.

A sponsor could 'pull' a new person into a few things and then step back. It wouldn't take long. It worked with me, I think it would work with others.

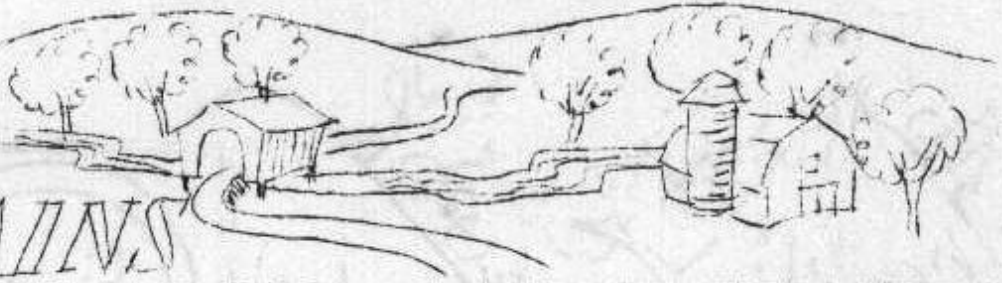
Sincerely,
--Chas. Richardson



Adios,

----Field Curry

GREEN and WHITE MOUNTAINS



After leaving the cars and trailers at Northfield, we headed for the Vermont border and discovered the first of many picturesque covered bridges....then crossed into New Hampshire and tackled the White Mountains.....We were intrigued here with the Alice in Wonderland roads: You start to coast your bike and learn that what looks down is up!

Cycled over Crawford Notch and went up the scenic cog railway to Mt. Washington where we could look out and see the hikers stumbling from cairn to cairn in the morning mist.....Went by Franconia Notch, but passed up Old Man of the Mountain.

HEY!!! You'll have to trade that in on a new Raleigh, if you expect to enter the THIRD ANNUAL TWELVE HOUR BICYCLE RACE.

This year, the event will take place on Sunday, October 4, on the Municipal Wharf on the Monongahela River. Cyclists will try to out-distance last year's 12-hour record of 232.45 miles, set by Oliver N. Ward, a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D. C.

Statistics
A bicycling speed of 108.92 miles per hr. ---perhaps the fastest ever recorded---was attained outside Bakersfield, Calif., in 1941. Riding behind a shield attached to the rear of a racing car, and using the highest gear ever fitted to a bicycle---the large sprocket had 57 teeth, the rear 6, giving a "gear" of 252---Alfred Letourner pedaled a mile in 33.05 seconds.

A NEAT BICYCLE RACK for indoor or outdoor use is a tool-holding clip, obtainable at any hardware store, attached to a wall. Clamp the handle bar in the clip, and the bike will stand upright.

Do that crazy
EGG BEATER

This was advisable, as at White Horse Rock, everybody saw a different horse and some saw two or three and one saw none and thought they were all nuts.

Enjoyed a community street dance in Newport where they roped off the main street and laid down sawdust..Stuck our feet in Quebec but came back over the border before the customs man had got his eyebrow back down.

For a few laughs ask anyone in the group....What was Scott's spot? Who is Dennis the Menace? How do you sleep in theatre seats? How do you sleep in sleeping bag on a day coach back to Northfield? Who was fascinated with the 'cute little faces' of Vermont cattle? Does Midge the Mad Cyclist have motors in her legs? How did Bruce get a close shave in a mountain barbershop? What hosteler would like to spend more time following Buffy Mudie thru Vermont Maple Candy factories? What is a fanny cushion?

We'll be remembered in Mt. Sunapee, where we may have helped establish a hostel in Montpelier, Vt. where we lunched on the capitol steps and in Littleton, New Hampshire where they loaned us the community house to hold our own square dance for a downpour dry-off.

For all, we cycled 565 miles, gained several pounds, developed ravenous appetites, and are now at home eating huge breakfasts and consuming unheard of lunches and wondering how long it will last.

---Lynn Irie





MEMO TO CHIEF MARTIAN OBSERVATION STATION FROM
MARTIAN OBSERVER, X-13.....

As per your instructions, I accompanied Pittsburgh Hosteler, Oscar Firschein on his recent trip to Cape Cod with the New York Council. I, of course, used fourth dimension so I could observe without being seen myself.....



"THE WEATHER'S NICE AND COOL AGAIN,
THE KIDS ARE BACK AT SCHOOL AGAIN."
.....so let's begin our educational
series with the subject of TOPO MAPS:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS attempt by various methods to depict the terrain—the shape and slope of the land. Careful reading of the map and a little imagination should enable you to get the picture. Think of yourself as looking straight down from an airplane.

Contours, the little lines that follow the curves of the ground at specified elevations above sea level (printed in brown usually), seem to require the most imagination, but are the most accurate means of indicating topography.

It may help you to visualize the ground surface thus portrayed if you think that while the "0" contour is the shore line at average tide, the "100" contour would be the shore line if the oceans rose 100' and the "200" line would mark the coast if the seas rose 200, etc. The closer the lines are the steeper the slopes.

Other methods include **layer-coloring**, in which bands of color are used to color land lying between selected contour lines—**shading**, to give the 3-D appearance of a relief map; and **hachuring**, by which mt. ranges are shown as caterpillar-like lines.

Most maps identify high points by a little dot or X with a number giving the elevation in feet or meters.

The conveyance used was the bicycle, a totally impractical means of transportation, which only four members of the party could operate satisfactorily. The remaining slowpokes (one of them Oscar) had obviously been misled by the travel literature concerning Cape Cod....."Easy pleasant cycling near beaches and quaint fishing villages".....for these novices had great difficulty surmounting the rolling hills and headwinds on Martha's Vineyard and the Cape.

By the middle of the week, there were rumblings of mutiny in the group....(if the leader hadn't hidden the money, he probably would have been disposed of.. over the edge of Gay Head Cliff.) After deduction of twenty per cent overhead for leader's expenses and the council fee, the food kitty was small, so.... toward the end of the trip, the menu was approaching that of an undernourished coolie. The balanced menu had lost out to the balanced budget.

After six days of pedalling those obsolete vehicles, the experienced bikers wheeled happily into Provincetown; the slowpokes (one of them Oscar) stumbled into the town, broken in body and almost in spirit.

However, (these earthlings are strange creatures!) after the group ferried back to Boston, I could see a glow suffuse the faces of the slowpokes.....a radiant, happy glow which comes only after overcoming great obstacles—like climbing up Mt. Everest or cycling the Cape!

(signed) Martian Observer, X-13

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Brown Eyes. Will return your shirt after I sew the missing buttons on. E.S.

HELP WANTED

If YOU
are THIS person
we can offer you a
top-notch connection with excellent
compensation

Unusual opportunity for girls or fellas in this area who know their way around hiking trails. Must be energetic, in good health, able to read maps. Poison ivy immunity desirable but not necessary. Paint and brushes furnished to favored applicants for sector leader position. Three openings available. Contact Walt Williams, Baker Trail Chairman for personal interview.

PHONOGRAPH SERVICE

Will someone with phono-radio experience volunteer to repair the recording machine at H.Q.? Success of square dances depends on its efficient operation.

WATCH FOR.....

"MOUNTAIN MELODRAMA"

Adirondacks Trip
Report
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Thursday, September 24

8:30 P.M.

Ed
The Posey Bush
B.C.

We have celebrities in our midst--- June, Bruce and Betty Bierer all Appeared on TV during the past month. The subject was AYH---naturally.....John Matthews is all set to go hosteling once more, and so happy that his nasty old appendix is out. Joan Walczak will be soon home from her summer job in Maine --she met some interesting people: one with a speed boat.

Isn't it nice that Ed Worrell of B.T. sector Three and Nancy Evans of sector Ten got together. No date has been set for the wedding. Along with the joyful announcement comes the sad news that Ed will be working in Baltimore by the end of the month.....Three cheers for Roger Protas---it took ten hours but he finally got his dynohub on. He also did most of the drawings in this issue..... Dates for Carondawanna this Fall are Sept. 11, 12 & 13.

Heard that it never stopped raining in the Canadian Rockies....Edith and Jim are in love with California. They would like to hear from their Pgh. friends--- The address is:

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Zimmerman
Astrophysical Laboratory
Box 131
Wrightwood, Calif.

Last Twilite Bike will be on Monday, the thirty-first of August---getting too dark

YES! ANOTHER QUIZ.....

You wake up in a pitch-black room in the hostel; there's no light handy. In your pack are six blue socks and six white ones, all mixed together. To pick out a matching pair, what is the smallest number of socks you can take out of the bag and be sure of getting a pair of the same color?

Answer: Three. Of any three socks taken out of the pack two must be of the same color.

INTRODUCTORY PASSES are available from the local council or National H.Q. These are 50¢; good for one overnight; allow a passholder to 'introduce' a friend to hosteling.

Look What's

!!! VEA LO QUE SE COCE!!!

Cooking...

TRIPS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER



Sept. 5-6-7, Sat., Sun., & Mon., LABOR DAY WEEKEND, "East meets West" (Phila. and Pgh. Councils) for the weekend at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. A limited group may join the Pocono-Susquehanna Council on a canoe trip down the Susquehanna River. For details of both trips see Crane Kriner, Ma. 1-8213.

Sept. 12, Sat. - CYCLE TO CLAIRTON PARK. A pleasant, easy ride along the Monongahela River. Bring lunch. Cost 15¢. More details from Stu Reynolds, Ma. 1-1100

Sept. 13, Sun. - FALL HIKE AT SOUTH PARK. See the touch of Autumn along the many park trails. Leader: Anita Tambellini, Le. 1-1696

Sept. 18, 19, 20, Fri. Eve., Sat. & Sun. - CLEVELAND TO PITTSBURGH WEEKEND CYCLE. Take train to Cleveland, cycle Saturday to Youngstown and stay overnight. Return to Pgh. by bicycle Sunday. For further information call Betty Biserer, Ma. 1-3741.

Sept. 26, Sat. - PICNIC AT MERRITT HOMESTEAD. Yes, a picnic at Merritt's in Sheridan. Have fun on the swing, play badminton and other lawn games in the afternoon. After a picnic supper, hike to view the city night lights. For reservations, see June and Bruce Merritt, Mu. 1-2893.

Sept. 27, Sun. - A WHARE PARTY. Volunteers needed to do odd jobs in preparation for the Bicycle Race. Details will be announced later.

Oct. 4, Sunday - THIRD ANNUAL TWELVE HOUR BIKE RACE. Details to be announced later.

Oct. 11, Sunday - RETURN TO WALL ROSE BY BICYCLE. Easy hill-less 65 mile trip through Hubbard reservation, North Park, and on to Neville Island. Meet at headquarters 8:30 A.M. with lunch. Cost 15¢. Leader: Bob Helmbold, Wa. 1-7150.

Oct. 18, Sun. - BAKER TRAIL HIKE. Follow the white blazes from Milton to McWilliams. See our trail in Fall colors and get some good color pictures. Contact Chas. Richardson, Mu. 1-2885.

Oct. 23, 24, 25, Fri. Eve., Sat. Sun. - GRAVE YARD SHIFT CYCLE RIDE ON YELLOW CREEK RD. Drive bike trailers to Brashear Hostel Friday evening and then cycle in the moonlight. Spend Saturday at the Hostel and vicinity. See Bill Comensky for more info., Pl. 1-02. Accommodations for hiking group being planned.

Oct. 30, Fri. Eve. - BLINDFOLD NIGHT HIKE. Get out your blinders and get ready to follow the leader. It will be a surprise at journey's end. For details contact Hartley Saxon, St. 1-3544.

Oct. 31, Sat. - HALLOWEEN PARTY. Join the parade of masqueraders to A.Y.H. HQ at 8:00 P.M. Prizes for the cleverest costumes. Games, singing and dancing. Cost 50¢ reserve with Ramona Matthews, Em. 1-4736.