



Fran Czapiewski, Editor

Vol. V, No. 5

"THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS GO TO YOU, as members, on your election of this year's Activities Board.

With a Board such as this one, Pittsburgh Council should really go places. But before we take off in all directions at once, perhaps it's a good idea to think a bit about where we are going.

"INCREASING MEMBERSHIP should be one of our major objectives. If our membership were proportional to the advantages and opportunities offered by A.Y.H., we would number in the thousands instead of the hundreds. We all know that the potential contribution A.Y.H. offers is a tremendous one. We know how valuable the shared experiences and accepted responsibilities have been to us. To continue to grow; to obtain new ideas, activities and leadership; we must have a constant influx of new members. Hostelling clubs could help accomplish this.

"A MORE ADEQUATE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING is still another important objective. We are fast outgrowing our present location with regard to room for meetings and facilities for carrying on our large variety of activities. ADDITIONAL HOSTELS AND TEMPORARY OVERNITE ACCOMMODATIONS in the Pittsburgh area are very much needed if our program of activities is to keep pace with growing membership.

"YOUR ACTIVITIES BOARD MEMBERS will be doing their best to keep hostelling going at the bigger and better rate demanded of growing organization. But to accomplish their other, very important objectives, they will need the help of all members.

"SO, WE ARE OFF, on the best year ever!"

-----Stuart Reynolds, President
Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels



PROGRAM for Thursdays

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Oct. 13 - Square Dancing | Nov. 15 - Movies - Carl |
| 26 - Color-Sliding thru EUROPE | Coltaryahn - Canoe & Ski. |
| Dreamstuff for '57 trip | Nov. 22 - THANKSGIVING DINNER |
| 27 - HALLOWE'EN PARTY (Costume) | Co-operative feast |
| Who'll you be? | Nov. 29 - Leon's Necklace - |
| Nov. 1 - Mr. Kenneth Keller - | Movie |
| Life On A Rubber Plantation | Dec. 6 Square Dancing |
| | Dec. 13 Christmas Crafts |
| | Dec. 21 - Carol Singing - |
| | with hot chocolate |



rganized



ndependent

The hosteler traveling on sponsored trips sees good points in traveling his way. Since his leader knows the points of interest along the way, little time is wasted in aimless wandering.

He is part of a group and shares the responsibilities, the fun, and the expenses. There is always someone to help him fix a flat, adjust a pack, or offer a drink of water from his canteen.

Sharing these experiences, he makes friendships that last even after the trip is over.

The independent hosteler travels alone or with a few close friends. He plans his own trip and sets the pace best suited to his own ability, interest, and time. When he lingers to take a special picture; to take an interesting side trip; to learn more about the people or places he visits, he does so without inconveniencing others.

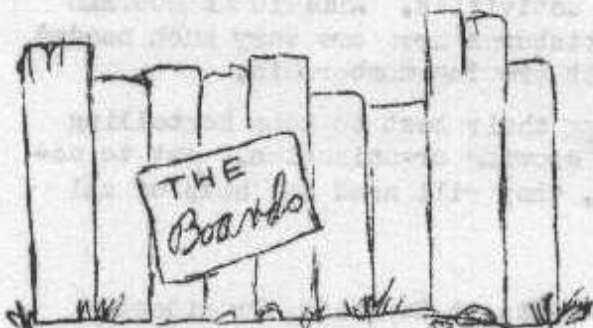
He makes fast friends with houseparents and fellow-travelers because he is able to give them his undivided attention. In short, he goes where he wants, when he wants, and how he wants to go.

Obviously, as you can see, there are distinct advantages in hostelling either way. If, up until now, you have done predominantly one type, maybe you'd like to try a little of the other.

But, regardless of whether you hostel independently or with a group, the important thing is still HOSTELLING. Only when you travel under your own steam, according to A.Y.H. customs, do you enjoy all the benefits that are yours as a member of the American and International Youth Hostel organizations.

-----John D. Behun

Election Returns



Pittsburgh Council's new Activities Board, which took office October 1, 1956, is as follows:

President.....	Stu Raynolds
Secretary.....	Peggy Raskaunas
Treasurer.....	Mount Fitzpatrick
Program.....	Diane Dimon
Trips and Trails.....	Gloria Fisher
Membership.....	Ralph Ludington
Cycle Crafts.....	Ken Dishart
Public Relations.....	Fran Czapiewski
Hostel.....	Don Woodland

HOSTELLING ELSEWHERE - On the international scene, new hostels have been opened on the Isle of Sardinia, the Isle of Skye in Scotland, Kiryat Anavim in Israel, and at Kinnhalla in the Mourne Mts. in North Ireland. Also, the West German government has issued a special set of postage stamps which will benefit the German Youth Hostels.

When we saw Justin Gline on Canadian-American week-end in Castile, N. Y. he was on his way to the ground-breaking ceremony for Detroit Council's first hostel on the Huron R., planned and designed entirely by volunteers, it will accommodate 52 people the entire year around.

Pending: Hostel in Columbus Council.

Golden Triangle
published every other month by
PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
American Youth Hostels, Inc.
6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

VACATION

by
Joan Schewe

Due to a certain perversity of nature I sometimes drink a cup of coffee before going to bed. If I take 1 cup I take 2 cups, etc. One time at 4 A.M. I awoke in desperation for a pencil. The subject: "Workings of the mind reflected." There is no apology.

Mount Fitzpatrick didn't have room for one this year. When quarried, he parried. He was full of talk about his thesis. When quarried, he repeatedly scratched off the thesis. It is common knowledge that he volunteered to be Treasurer for a second year, running. Some people can't seem to settle down and do what has to be done.



The first snowfall

is the signal for hostellers to hang up their bikes and take down their skis and head for the slopes at Laurel Ridge or Seven Springs.

Any week-end there's snow, They'll go.

---Get those sweaters knitted, those skis waxed; join in the winter fun. If you're lucky enough to get time off, spend the Christmas holiday skiing in Canada.

SKIING Equipment

Because this is one of the most important and, also most expensive items connected with skiing, you should use utmost care in selecting yours. Beware of gadgets, especially if you are a beginner.

FOOTS are the basis of good skiing. They should constitute the biggest investment in your wardrobe.

SKIIS - Good maple and birch skis are light and often used for touring. Hickory and ash are stronger. Steel edges are essential for control.

BINDINGS - Cable bindings are most desirable.

POLES should have good grips and straps for durability. Steel is strongest.

CLOTHING - Comfort is the keynote. It should be light and loose--several layers of light rather than one layer of heavy clothing is best.

Ralph Krichbaum led a long canoe trip into the Canadian wilds. He grew a bristled red beard and spoke with authority. Everyone thought the cuisine excellent; the mosquitoes thought Nancy and Frieda excellent. Others on the trip were Carl Coltergahn and Bessie. Dave Fleisher had one friend left.

John Behun went to N. Carolina, ultimately before getting there he was enroute. Ken Oldacre says he had a very good time. Late one night John and his friends went looking for a noisy waterfall they could not find...well, that's better than not knowing what you're looking for. They couldn't sleep the next night either. In the morning they ate their wet Wheaties. A gainfully employed raccoon had taken the wet bacon earlier. At Nag's Head they killed 11,000 mosquitoes: John 1,000 and Ken 10,000. That just left more for the 11 million still hanging around to eat.

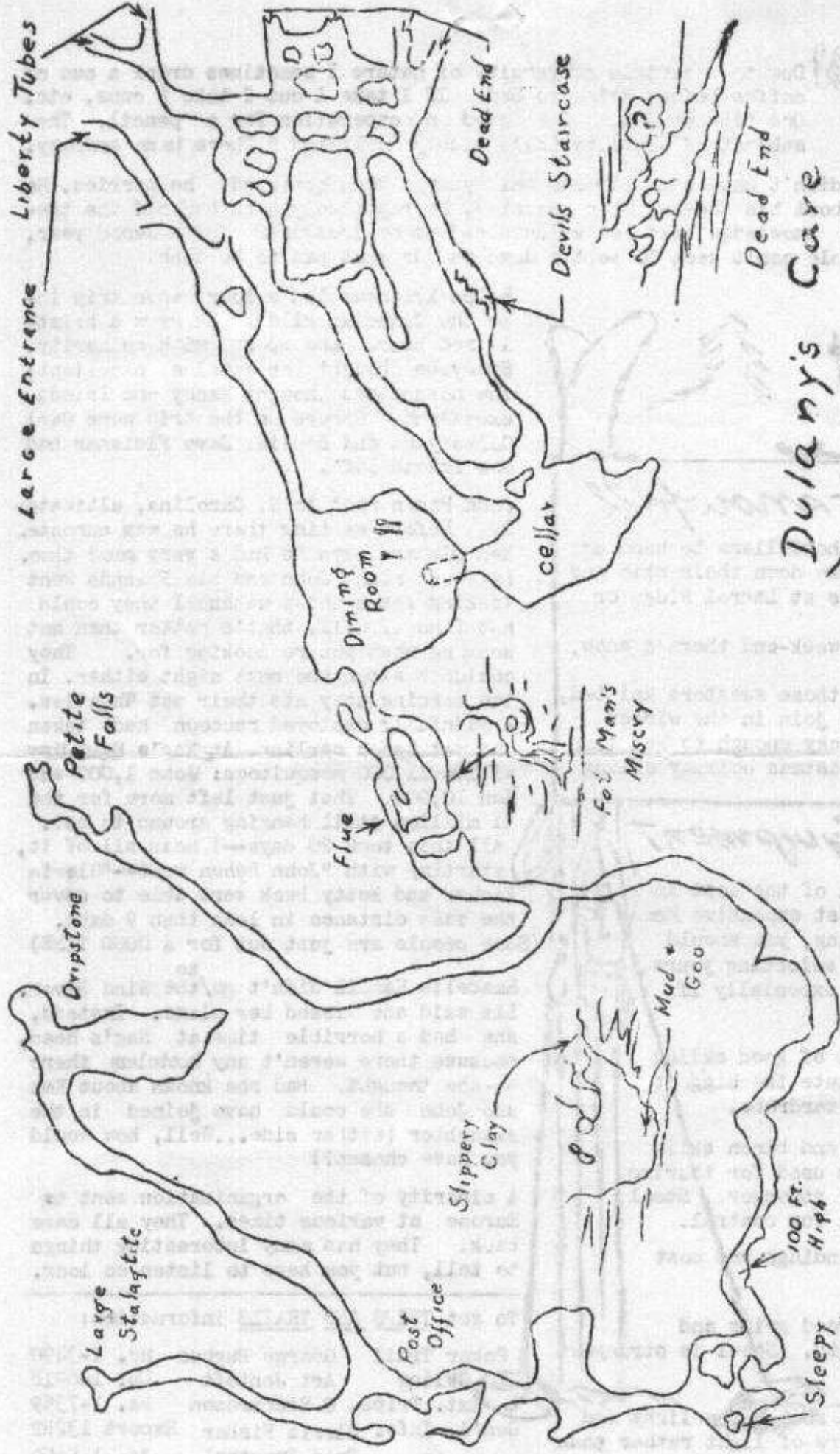
All this took 20 days--I mean all of it, starting with "John Behun went--" Gloria Fisher and Betty Beck were able to cover the same distance in less than 9 days. (Some people are just out for a GOOD TIME)

Emabelle Hammil didn't go ^{to} the Wind River. Liz said she missed her plane. Instead, she had a horrible time at Nag's Head, because there weren't any hostellers there --she thought. Had she known about Ken and John she could have joined in the slaughter (either side...Well, how would you have chosen?)

A minority of the organization went to Europe at various times. They all came back. They had many interesting things to tell, but you have to listen so long.

To get TRIPS AND TRAILS information:

Caker Trail	George Hughes	He. 1-3490
Skiing	Art Jentoft	Ma. 1-6918
Ext. Trips.	C. Richardson	Ma. 1-7359
Gen'l. Info.	Gloria Fisher	Export 132R2
or	Fred Freuthal	Ja. 1-5150



Dulaney's Cave

Five Basic Positions For Cave Crawling - No. 5 Section, Used



Seventeen months ago the membership chairman registered a new passholder in his book and Pittsburgh Council welcomed one of its most active members.

Almost

immediately, this hosteler became a willing helper, accepting much of the routine work of the organization, as well as participating enthusiastically in other A. Y. H. activities.

Born in Vandergrift, Pa. she now lives with a friend on Oakland Avenue in Pittsburgh. She has earned a B. S. degree at Seton Hill College, has an M. S. from Catholic University and is currently working at Presbyterian Hospital as a bacteriologist for the State Health Dept. Her speciality is Mycology, the study of fungus diseases and their causes. In this connection she attended courses at the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga. last winter.

She has always enjoyed the outdoor life. Before coming to A.Y.H. she was active in Scouting where she acquired much camping experience as a counselor. She is fond of sports, particularly hiking, swimming and tennis--spends many hours on the courts at Carnegie Tech. An enthusiastic traveler, this girl spent her last vacation in Florida. The next one will be an extended A.Y.H. trip, she says. She enjoys music; plays both piano and violin. She is also active in the YW and YMCA's, occasionally taking part in YW-YWHA activities too.

After months of behind-the-scenes work, mimeographing and mailing, she was elected secretary of our Pittsburgh Council. A.Y.H. is fortunate in having Peggy Raskauskas as a member.

An airplane pilot flying over a large grass-covered island saw on it a shepherd and his sheep. At the north end of the island, the pilot noticed a fire starting. Fanned by a strong northerly wind, it threatened to sweep over the whole island. Escape by sea was impossible because of steep cliffs, so the pilot flew back to his airport to give warning.

Later he returned to the island, and was amazed to find that though the whole area had been burned out, the shepherd and his sheep were still unharmed. How did they escape the fire?

NOW ? ? ?

There is no catch. The shepherd and his flock weren't removed by helicopter, nor did he dig a cave.

The shepherd built another fire forest in the middle of the island. Fanned by the north wind this fire burned all the way out to the first place and as it moved southward the shepherd and his flock moved with it. When the original fire reached the middle of the island it died out as there was no vegetation left to feed the flames.

Send this PASS APPLICATION to Ralph Ludington, Membership Chairman

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ County _____ State _____

I have _____ held a pass before. Year _____ Date of birth if under 21 _____

Enclose \$ _____ in cash, check or money order to cover the cost of the AYH pass checked below.

() Youth Pass \$2 () Sr. Youth Pass \$4 () Adult Pass \$5.00 () Family \$6.00
for those under 18 for those under 21 for those 21 and over No. children _____

Lesnick leave. Bob is switching from toy lawnmowers to electronics and may be situated on the West Coast before long.

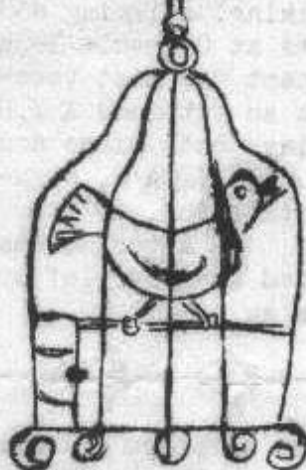
Another hosteler missing from the local scene—Bill Comensky, who is working Buffalo as sales representative for a drug company.

We're all wondering what sort of a creation Kate Gaudio is going to show up in for the Halloween Party. It will be a good one; she makes costumes for the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

Watch for the display at Headquarters of the photos taken on the recent Ebensburg cycle trip by Ray Christina. Some of the shots are supposed to appear in a book written by Dr. Peterson of Pitt.

The Potomac Area Council is playing host to the AYH National Workshop and Council Meeting on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2. Most of the program will be held at the YWCA in downtown Washington, with a banquet and square dance on Saturday night. Already some of our local hostellers are making plans to attend. Join them for a good look at hostelling in other parts of the country.

THEY'LL GOBBLE IT UP



when they know it's free, and includes colored slides of some of the most scenic spots in the world.

Further, it will illustrate the great enjoyment in store for anyone who takes a hostelling-type vacation.

Your friends will be grateful to you for letting them know about the services offered by our

SPEAKER'S BUREAU.

Ask Phyllis Wetherly to provide a speaker for any group you know of that's interested in canoeing, hiking, cycling, climbing, skiing, cave crawling.

The number to call: Va. 3-3649



Welcome!
to the most recent purchasers of PASSES:

Kitty Folger	Bob & Paula Helmhold
Catherine Gaudio	James A. Deitt
Kenneth Dishart	Obed Lewis
Armand Panson	Marianne Schlochau

Betty Bierer was literally dragged out of bed on her birthday—Oct. 18, when the regular meeting moved en-masse to her apartment to celebrate with coffee and cake.

1 BIKE STORAGE

Since space is at a premium in the bike shop it must be made available to those willing to pay a rental fee: \$1.00/mo., \$10 a year. Square up with Ken Dishart if you want to rent space.

2 CARDS OF THANKS

To Peggy Baskauskas and the many members who helped her print and mail the last issue of the Golden Triangle.

3 LOST AND FOUND

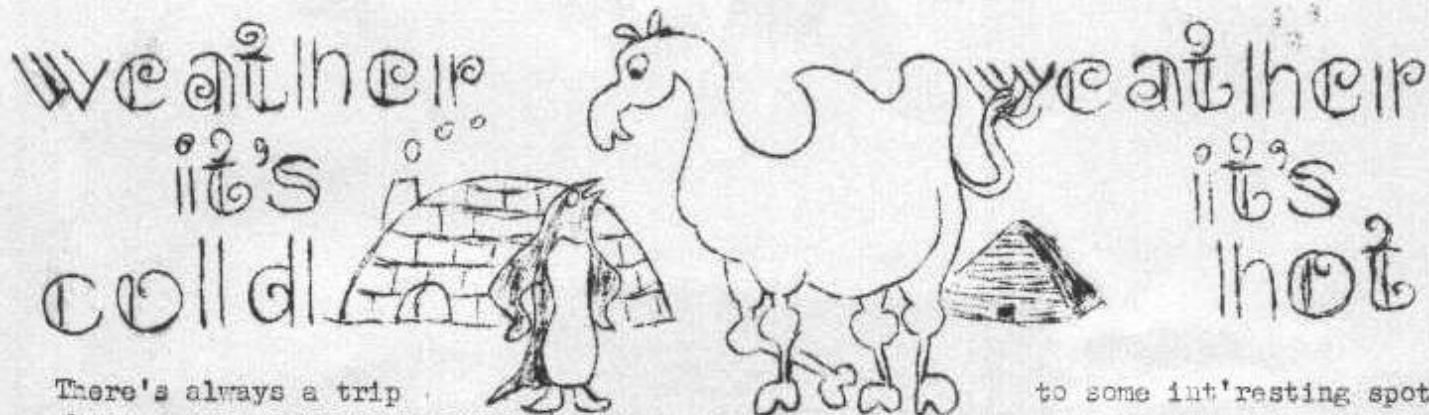
Lost-Vicinity of bike shop, pump from Lois Ann Wagner's blue Raleigh. No reward; no questions. Just out back.

Found—usually in the trunks of cars, all sorts of personal clothing and equipment. Check stockpile in H.Q. building or driver with whom you last rode on a trip.

Lost-Set of keys to office and H.Q. Will person who borrowed them from the person who borrowed them from the person who borrowed them from Fran Czapiewski please return them?

4 WANTED

16mm Sound projector. Think what a machine of this kind could do for Thursday meetings! Contact Diane Dimone, Va.1-9127.



There's always a trip to some int'resting spot
 October 27 - HALLOWE'EN PARTY 8:00 P. M. Wear your most unusual face and funniest costume. Be ready for games, skits, magic, square dancing, cider and prizes. Cost: 50¢. Arranged and directed by Kitty Folger.

October 28 - Relax after the party with an easy COVERED BRIDGE CHASE. We're looking for the picturesque bridges near Waynesburg that Gilbert Love writes about. Leave A.Y.M. at 10:00 EST (really 11:00 but time has changed). Wear comfortable riding clothes (auto, not horse). Bring lunch, camera, extra film. Cost: about \$2.25 - See Gloria Fisher.

November 3 - Let's get acquainted with our BAKER TRAIL. Hike along the bluffs overlooking the Allegheny at Freeport to Shelter #1. Meet Lonesome George Hughes at 9:30 at H.Q. with lunch and approximately \$1.00.

November 11- Down under we go for the ANNUAL CAVE CRAWL at DULANEY'S. Stock up on: Flashlight, extra batteries, lunch, coveralls and/or change of clothes (rubber-soled shoes - better on mud). Rendezvous: 9:00 A.M. at B&O Station & Smithfield St. Bridge. Pay \$2.00 to Betty Beck, reserve at Tu. 2-5253. (Note: Cave Statistics: Temp. 54°F, wet, slippery, dry, dusty, narrow, wide, rocky, sandy, watery, muddy, pitch black.) Come along--you'll love it!

Nov. 16-17 Folk Dance Institute at the Y.W.C.A. - Popular Paul and Gretel Dunsing special German folk dances. Terpsichorean treat.

November 18- To be announced.

Nov. 23, 24, 25 - Cook Forest - stay in warm cabins, but come prepared for snow. Bring sleeping bag, mess gear, flashlight, sled. Reserve by Nov. 15th, with Ralph Ludington. \$3.00 deposit required. Cost about \$8.75.

Nov. 30 Week-end - NATIONAL A.Y.M. WORKSHOP IN WASHINGTON D.C. A chance to swap experiences with hostellers from all over the country. See S. Reynolds

December 2 - A RICHARDSON SPECIAL usually turns into a real interesting hike. Charles knows some of the best trails in the Tri-State district. Wear hiking shoes, warm clothes; bring lunch, raincoat; be prepared to walk at least 10 miles. Meet at H.Q. at 10:00 A.M. Cost? Pending.

December 8 - AFTER-DARK TOUR OF CHRISTMASY PITTSBURGH - Meet in Mellon Park at 7:00 P. M. with cameras, of course. Enjoy the window decorations, stop at Gateway Plaza, then go up the incline to Mt. Washington for a final view. Hot chocolate at corner restaurant and on home. Comfortable shoes and warm mittens a "must". Cost 15¢ plus incline fare.

December 22- Christmas party.

PREVIEW FOR 1956: A mountain climbing trip in the Wind River Range. (Date of mountain climbing classes to be announced later.)