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6300 Fifth Avenue

Pittsburgh, 32, Pa.

HOSTEL WEEK AHEAD!

Full speed ahead! Take down that bike, get out the oil can, and start getting in shape (see illustration!) for the first century ride of the season!

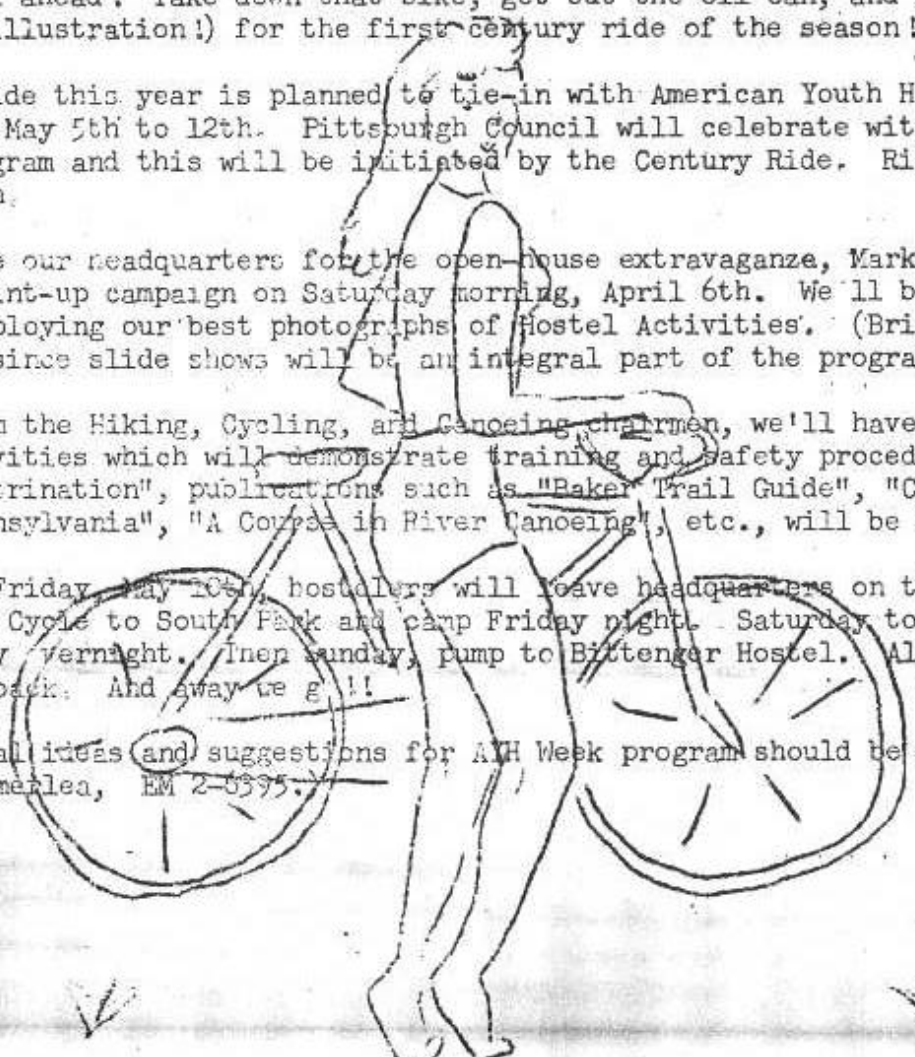
The big ride this year is planned to tie-in with American Youth Hostel Week. Hostel Week is May 5th to 12th. Pittsburgh Council will celebrate with a four-day open house program and this will be initiated by the Century Ride. Ride date - Sunday, May 5th.

To prepare our headquarters for the open-house extravaganza, Mark Dodd is heading a clean-up, paint-up campaign on Saturday morning, April 6th. We'll be redecorating the hostel, employing our best photographs of Hostel Activities. (Bring in your favorite slides since slide shows will be an integral part of the program.)

Also, from the Hiking, Cycling, and Canoeing chairmen, we'll have displays of practical activities which will demonstrate training and safety procedures. To round out the "indoctrination", publications such as "Baker Trail Guide", "Canoeing Streams of Western Pennsylvania", "A Course in River Canoeing", etc., will be available.

Then, on Friday, May 10th, hostellers will leave headquarters on the r-really big g tr-rip! Cycle to South Park and camp Friday night. Saturday to Chestnut Ridge Hostel and stay overnight. Then Sunday, pump to Bittenger Hostel. All bikes will be trailer-towed back. And away we go!!

(Additional ideas and suggestions for AYH Week program should be sent to Harry Rhule, 704 Summerlea, EM 2-5395.)



LOOK OUT!

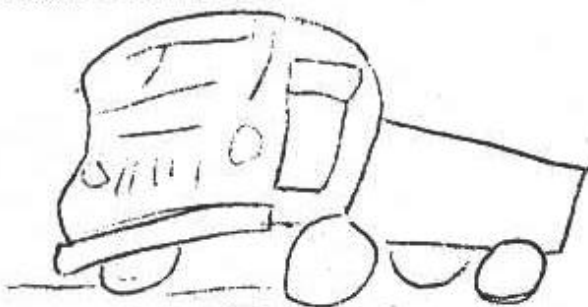
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It's an earthquake! It's a tornado! No, it's Harry Rhule in his new three-quarter-ton, four wheel-drive, red Jeep pick-up truck.

"Wherever I go, the truck goes," declares Harry. And thus his beautiful monstrosity on four wheels becomes the foster child of AYH.

The "Foster child," Harry says, is to be equipped for hauling many trippers and much apparatus. It's a GO signal for AYH!

Small wonder that this lovely machine has just been christened "Roaring Mouse the First!"



THE FACE THAT OUT-HIKED CLARK RACE

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ATTENTION!!

APPRENTICE - LEADERSHIP

Word comes from informed sources that at last our Apprentice - Leadership Program is on the road!

Basically, new and/or young hostellers will now have a chance for free leadership training under the experienced eyes of qualified trip leaders.

These qualified leaders (and thus teachers) will be chosen from submitted lists, by the Activities Board at their next meeting, April 2. The names will be posted at headquarters.

Prospective apprentice-leaders may then get in touch with the "teachers" of their choice and volunteer to assist with up-coming trips. Their work will be rated and the rating passed on to the instructor of the formal leadership course.

Watch for more and better trips, led by our new and 'specially trained leaders.

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State of The COUNCIL

BY Margaret Bark, Pres.

Leo has received his "Greetings" and has joined one of our competitors in outdoors activities. We mourn our loss. But he has left us a real challenge to keep his "Really New Frontier" moving forward with "wigah."

Signs of growth are appearing in Pittsburgh Council, despite the discouraging prospects. A Hostel Club is about to organize in Washington, Pa. Inquiries have come from Beaver and Clarion indicating desire for forming Hostel groups there. Interest beyond the bounds of our membership is being shown in our Annual Banquet, April 30, because of our timely speaker, H. Beecher Charnbury.

April begins the cycle program with regular Sunday morning and Monday night rides and longer trips on week-ends to suit everyone's tastes.

Lloyd George is heading a canoe school, one step toward enabling members to become confident leaders on trips later this season.

AYH week May 5-12 is our next big event. The time to give ideas and help to planning chairman Harry Rude is near.

Reader's Corner

You'll want to read... (books recently added to Carnegie Library)

The Fun of Family Camping, by George D. Wells.

The State Parks--Their Meaning in American Life, by Freeman Tilden.

The Complete Book of Cave Exploration, by Rex Pinney.



OPEN HOUSE

by Marianne Kissane

Spring is here at last! So all of you who have hibernated all winter can come out of hiding and take part in the active spring program. Now is the time to clean your cycles and get the barnacles off your canoes. Spring here we come!

April 4 - Hiking has been the big news all winter. Change all that and get ready for the cycle season. Joan Heike will be with us with her slides of a trip through New England.

April 11 - Is canoeing your big interest? Would you like to know more about it? John Philbrick and Ed Coleman will be the authorities on hand. News of the extended canoe trip over the Easter holidays will be released.

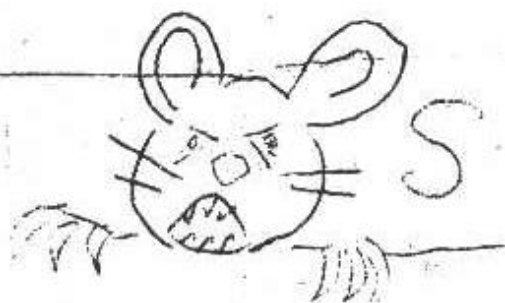
April 18 - After a long absence over the Lenten season Hugh Gilmour will be back with us. Come folk dancing!

April 25 - Hosteling is defined as getting from place to place under your power. Since this is so Ski-Diving is a hostelling activity. Tonight members of the Mon-Yough Ski-Divers will be here to give us some of the history of the sport as well as films of its activities. This novel sport should prove of interest to all.

Since it is spring and the hostel is warm all meetings will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m.

AYH can be proud of its talented "Beatnik Poet" Pete Schuster who gives us this bit of profound thought:

"Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Come to Open House,
That's true."



SNIFF-F!



BYE!

We wish you lots of luck Lee Hayden,
We surely hope that you're not gone too long
And so, because we're grieven'
To know that you are leavin'
We've written you a tribute in this song.

From our hostel they say you are going
You know we'll all miss your smiling face
Your vigor and dedication
Has been an inspiration
Who can we ever find to take your place?

You have led us on trails, road, and rivers;
Canoeing and cycling far and wide
The memories are exhilarating
Of sledding and ice skating
And singing round the fire place inside.

You have given your drive and your spirit
To boost the Pittsburgh council to the top
We'll try to finish all you've started
Even after you've departed
And we hope participation doesn't drop.

Now, we know to the army you are going
And you'll surely be a general someday
You will be a famous flyer
But we bet your goals are higher
You'll probably be President of the U.S.A.!

Farewell, President Hayden
May our best wishes send you on your way
Wherever you may roam
Remember Pgh Council AYH is your home
And we hope you will come back to us some day

by Lois Ann Wagner

"Greetings, Mr Hayden,"
said the letter, and it was
signed by Uncle Sam. Thus
did Pittsburgh Council lose
one of the biggest bundles
of enthusiastic leadership
a hostel ever had.

The poem you see here
was concocted especially for
the Farewell Party. Lois
Ann Wagner (the composer)
and thirty-some guests, ren-
dered the masterpiece to
Lee to the tune of "Red
River Valley."

Afterward, there was food
for all, cover-dish style.
And 'twas a grand party.

AYH sends fond regards to
Lee. (And if you want to
send some personally, here's
his address:)

Lee Hayden
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Company P
5th Bn. 2nd Trng. Regt.
Fort Gordon, Ga.

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US
ARMY

JOIN US!!

Europe June 23rd to *
August 29th. (Cycling) Call *
Jackie McQuade 681-3109 or *
Veronica Anderson - MC 1-2384.

PERSONALITIES of the MONTH!!

This month, instead of highlighting one, we will introduce two persons, both of whom are vital to A. Y. H. Without Mrs. Dodd we would have no A. Y. H. phone-answerer; without Mr. Dodd we would be missing a Hostel Development Chairman this year. Meryl we never see, but she does much for our cause; Mark we frequently see, for he is a regular, both at open house and on trips.

One day, about 17 years ago, Mark Dodd's dad told him that he should take out his secretary, who was the best his dad had ever had. The twinkle in the senior Dodd's eye was significant, for some time later Mark told his dad that he was taking his secretary to California.

So it was that a farm girl from Charleston, West Virginia, married a soldier, also from southern West Virginia. Already the alliance has brought forth a camper and a half. Sherry, who is 13, has hiked and camped at the Schenley Lean-to on the Baker Trail with her dad and Bruce Sundquist. Meryl and Mark's other girl, Patti, is 6.

Our A. Y. H. answering girl, alias Meryl Dodd, gets all kinds of calls, some about A. Y. H. and others not. Most often she talks to mothers who want information about trips for their children's vacations. She also hears from 13 and 14 year old boys, and college students. Of all of these, she likes the young boys' calls the best! Right now she is getting three or four calls a day. One slight problem though — sometimes she gets calls for a feed store, and other times for a doctor.

Meryl is active in the Girl Scouts, of which it is reminded that her husband is an honorary member. She is also in the Methodist Church. The guitar and piano are her musical instruments -- the Dodd's got a new piano several weeks ago.



A specialty of the Dodd household is the Nationality Dinner, of which they have had quite a few. Chinese, Mexican and Russian food have been served, complete with menus in each language. Sometimes costumes are worn. Mark may be the only person in Allegheny County who has eaten beef stroganoff for breakfast!

Although Mark is a dreadful baby-sitter, for he forgets to put the children to bed, he hikes, cycles, and canoes his way into and through A.Y. H. This is his third year. Last year he was on the Activities Board as Public Relations Chairman; this year he is Hostel Development Chairman.

All through his school years, Mark has had trouble with the U. S. Army.. They never really let him go, and would recall him when he thought he had finished saluting. Because of this, he and Meryl honeymooned in California.

Mark's B. S. is from the University of West Virginia in physics and mathematics. He had a year of graduate work in the same fields at Carnegie Tech, and then studied law at the University of Pittsburgh. Currently he is a privately practicing Patent Attorney.

Mark's hobbies include ceramics. His wife reports that he is "daring with clay" but allergic to household chores. We discovered him to be a walking encyclopedia of information on assorted topics.



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CANOE CORNER

by John Philbrick

As of the Mid-March writing of this article, we've already had two trips in the water, and plans are progressing for many more.

April will be a busy month for the canoe, with trips out every weekend, including two camping trips. The weekend which appears to be blank, the third weekend, is actually an especially important one as the Hostel is joining with the YMCA and the Ingomar Canoe Idiots to run a white water school aimed principally at people who will return to their own organizations (Scouts ect.) and "spread the Gospel."

Later this year, we plan to have a similar school, but on a much smaller scale, for our own members. The Red Cross has kindly consented to run a school for those of our own members who have little or no canoeing, or those who would like to know enough in a systematized form to be able to teach others. This school, on the last weekend of the month, should be enjoyable as well as informative, and certainly won't be all work: Pymatuning is a beautiful lake, and the instructor has promised us time off to paddle around it, exploring islands. This, to me, can be one of the most enjoyable parts of canoeing, as you find yourself able to go places unreachable in other ways, and as you really feel a part of the boat, the water, and the wilderness.

For those of a more activity bent, Ed Coleman has been running a very ambitious and promising program. He has established one (and is setting up a second) group of enthusiasts who will work together well enough to be able to tackle some very rough water. For those interested in this sort of a program, contact Ed.

Early in May, we are running another joint affair with the Ingomar Idiots. This is a trip on a stream (Pine Creek) about which everyone seems to grow ecstatic. The country is reputedly magnificent, and the crew should be terrific- the people in the ICI are a great deal of fun, so sign up early and come along.

Incidentally, realize the problem presented to a leader of a trip such as

that just described when people either sign up very late or sign up then don't show. Food purchases must be planned and made, so give your leaders and fellow trippers a break and sign up early and definitely if you plan to go on an overnight trip.

In any case, let's get out in the water.

NEW OFFICERS

Appointments to the Activities Board, pending action at the regular meeting April 2, are announced by the president.

Lloyd Geertz, Service Chairman, succeeding Margaret Bark.

Harry Rhule, Cycle Chairman, succeeding Larry Cohen, who has resigned.

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NEW HOSTEL CLUB FORMING -- WASHINGTON

Jerry Munnell, live-wire AYH'er from Washington, Pa., has gathered 22 teenagers for meetings and hikes at the YMCA there. They recently hiked the W and W railway line on a Saturday afternoon, and will probably be organizing as an AYH Club in the next few weeks.

Youth Work Secretary, Don W. Smith, is helping the group.



) Need a bike? Your own bike for all the fun-filled trips coming up? See Bruce Sundquist. He has five girls' bikes and one boys' bike, all Raleighs, for just \$55.00 (Original cost: \$78.00)

) Buy your bike now and make room for the new stock coming in. AYH guaranteed

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OLD DAYS - BETTER WAYS

by Ed Coleman

On the Petawana Canoe trip in Canada last year we came upon a Rangers Cabin. It was getting late, the cabin was empty, and we would have greatly appreciated its use. However, it was locked, so we made camp nearby in the dark. Since, I have done a bit of snooping into this situation.

I discovered that one of the most delightful wilderness customs in the north was never locking a cabin or a cache. Ranger stations, and trappers cabins were always open to any who needed shelter or food. A carry over from frontier days, hospitality was the expected thing.

In those little woods cabins, there was always a little firewood stacked up neatly beside the stove, a pair of blankets hanging from a rafter, some tea, flour, perhaps a chunk of salt pork in a can. These places were a godsend when the going was tough and there were times when finding them was a matter of life and death.

When a traveller departed, he was expected to leave the cabin immaculate, with dry kindling ready for a swift blaze and a good supply of wood. The same went for food, but it was permissible to replace whatever had been used with any surplus on hand.

Then came travellers who began to violate the spirit of these friendly shelters, they failed to replace wood and fuel, left refuse and filthy confusion behind them. Then for the first time in history, cabins were locked and bolted all over the wilderness.

Bad manners on the part of a few had ruined the pleasure of many and destroyed a phase of backwoods hospitality that may never return. This old time custom parallels in many ways Hostel customs. Perhaps one day Hosteling will restore some of these delightful wilderness customs. Already Extended Canoe Trippers have set the example over the past two years.

NEXT ISSUE.....WILDERNESS CAMPSITES.

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FOR SALE

AYH Emblems, Pins, T-Shirts, Pennants, Berets, and Money Bags, for sale at HQ every Thurs. night during Open House. See Dave Magram.

WANTED

ARTICLES AND IDEAS (News and Notes)

needed for subsequent issues of G.T.
681-3169.

PERSONALS

PERSON who lifted my wallet at Penn and Shady. Keep the cash but please return my AYH PASS. Need it for sponsored trips - saves me 25 cents.

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ANGEL: Your proposal is attractive but hosteling is more so. Am saving for an extended trip. Have given you up til summer is over.



GET TRAINED

We have just received all the details concerning the National Leadership Training Course. To be eligible to lead trips abroad you must be 21, but if you are 19 you may still take the course.

There will be two sessions, the first commences on June 15 and ends the 22. The second goes from the 22 to the 29th.

Scholarships will be awarded to the best qualified applicants (2 of \$40). These will include food, lodging and transportation to Lakeside, Connecticut, the side of the camp. Margaret Bark has application blanks for those who are interested in this worthwhile endeavor. The deadline is June 1st, so c'mon gang, let's have a delegate from the Pittsburgh Council at Lakeside in June.

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BARKIN' BOX

Welcome to the Barkin' Box. Here is the place you come to air your "yeas" and "nays". And they have been pouring in fast and steady. Here is a sampling of a few choice morsels:

Less slide shows.

More folk song fests

Put trips for first week of next month in current issue of Triangle. Include publishing parties in Trips and Trails.

Sort addressograph plates by zone, so that the papers can go straight from machine into bundles. (No sooner said than done - Thanks, Liz Saffer!) Keep HQ a bit neater and cleaner. Untidiness discourages prospective members.

During programs, let the speaker have the floor.

People - pick up your mail - pu-leez!

Let's give a cheer to all the loyal AYHer'd who attended all the Thursday night get-togethers during the past hard, bitter winter despite the cold floor and chilling breezes.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

The National Board of Directors of AYH has announced its intention of buying land on the Atlantic coast to serve as a hostel. It will be located on Cape Cod and will be given the name of Nantucket Hostel.

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Justin Klein, Executive Director of AYH has just released figures pertaining to membership. He states that there has been a 30% increase in membership over the first quarter of last year. This is welcome news for all our Membership Chairmen. Keep up the good work!

FOR SALE

Sharp pair of men's figure skates, size 14, no strings attached. See Rhonda Newcomer.

THOUGHTS

The call of the wilderness - the challenge of survival (If Harry Rhule, Tom Gabor, Fred Mauk, Fred Monks, or a couple of others are leading the scramble) - the astounding beauty of being alone with the phenomenal group that lets and wants you to be yourself - to be alone - to seek and explore your own thoughts - and yet to have someone with you - people with whom you can communicate with when you want to - people with a helping hand, a lift with their pack, a guidance in direction, an encouraging word, and sometimes you help by merely admitting that you are baffled, exhausted, and hungry also. - That is the A.Y.H.

BY: M. DODD

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SCRUNCH!

We're sorry we didn't make it again. Thanks for all the material. We'll see if next issue has room.

Honest, we tried!

And thanks again to the wonderful staff. Tremendous job this time. JM



Pittsburgh Council, Amer. Youth Hostels, Inc. 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

April 1, Monday at 6, officially opens the cycling season, with an evening trip starting at H.Q. You may rent a bike if you have none of your own.

Sat., April 6 - Easy canoe trip on Crooked Creek, with Harry Rhule (362-6395) Leave H.Q. at 7:30 with \$4.00, lunch, and a set of dry clothes.

The same day: Putting a shine on the old meeting place in preparation for Hostel Week visitors. Brooms, rags and scrubbing brushes needed....also muscles elbow grease and PEOPLE to help Mark Dodd. Free pop provided; bring your own lunch.

April 6 at 9:30 A.M. a bicycle trip will take off for Fox Chapel. Arrange with the leader, Eugene Millich, Fe. 1-5428.

Sun., April 7 - Baker Trail from Freeport to Cook Forest (No! not a marathon, just the erecting of signs using Harry Rhule's truck) Meet 6:00 A.M. Tools will be provided.

Sun. Also(at 8:00)- Cycling with Pam Hitchcock around the city.

Sun., April 7 - White-water canoe trip on the Casselman R. Leave at 7:30 with \$5, dry clothes and lunch. Sign up with Ed Coleman at Sp. 5-1578.

Monday, Apr. 8 - Highland Park cycling trip with Sally Hutton. Starting at 6:00 P.M.

Weekend, Apr. 12-14 - This year's Easter trip is on the Potomac R. near Romney, W.Va. Some experience in a canoe useful...but some training will be given by Ed Coleman, Sp5-1578 Harry Rhule will lead the cycling contingent.

Sat. April 20, Apple-blossom time cycle trip past Treesdale Farm to North Park with Chuck Foster, no. 1-3278. Be at H.Q. at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Apr. 21 - Seven-mile hike to Lois Ann's family home in Houston with the new hosting club being organized by the Washington, Pa. YMCA. Reserve with Lois Ann Wagner at no. 2-1338.

Same Sunday: Early morning city cycle trip to the Aviary. Meet Sally Hutton at 8:00 A.M. Her number: Mu. 1-4542.

Monday, Apr. 22 at 6:00 - Jackie McQuade takes a wobble of bicycles to Schenley Park

Weekend, Apr. 27-28 - Learn canoeing on Lake Pymatuning with Red Cross, go exploring the islands later. Fun for beginners and for those who may want to teach the sport. Bring camping gear, etc. to H.Q. at 7:00 A.M. with \$8.00. John Philbrick can give more details on 421-7988.

Saturday, Apr. 27 - Cycling in the Claysville area where Joan Heike led a successful trip recently. Join Joan at 8:00 AM with lunch and about \$2.50.

Saturday, Apr. 27 - The unsinkable (?) Ed Coleman leads another white water trip, stream as yet unchosen, cost less than \$5 Details on Sp. 5-1578.

Sunday, April 28 - Veronica Anderson takes the early-morning cyclists to the Flower Show at Phipps Conservatory, at 8:00 A.M.

Same day: Canoeing on the Kiski, from Conemaugh Dam to Salina with Bill Pierce, El. 1-1534. Departure time: 7:30. \$3.50

April 27-28 - Hiking with Justice Douglas on the C&O Canal one day; sightseeing in Washington, D.C. the other. You'll need AYH Pass, sleeping bag, mess gear and \$10 Leave with Harry Rhule at 3:00 A.M. (1 Sat.

April 13 trip - See last page.
Monday, the fifteenth - Marianne Kissane



TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL, Continued

Monday, April 29 -- Evening bicycle trip with Lois Ann Wagner, going to Schenley Park.

Weekend, May 3, 4, 5 - This is advance notice on a camping and canoeing trip through some of Pennsylvania's prettiest country, its own Grand Canyon on Pine Creek. There will be some white water but provision will be made so that people of any experience can enjoy the trip. Sign up with John Philbirck, 421-7988

Sunday, May 5 - Hiking in the picturesque mountains behind Derry, Pa., to look for Lady's Slippers and violets. Bring lunch to H.Q. at 8:15. Leader: Fran Caspiwski, Ma. 1-8970.

Also on Sunday, May 5 - The first century run of the season, in connection with the celebration of Hostelling Week. Hundred-Mile Harry (Rhule) leads the pack.

Saturday, April 13 - Cycle with Armand Panson-Leave H.Q. 8:30 P.M. Bring lunch.

PASS APPLICATION

I wish to apply for the pass checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult (over 21)	\$6.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Organization	\$6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Youth (18-21)	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Organization	\$11.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under 18)	\$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$7.00

I am interested in: Camping ☐ Climbing ☐ Hiking ☐ Skiing ☐ Cycling ☐ Caving ☐
(add others) _____

Send check or money order to Pittsburgh Council, AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 32.

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