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BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

You know, you really should drop in - to our headquarters on Thursday evenings. Each and every week we have a special program planned which should appeal to any hosteler or potential hosteler. This month's programs have been arranged for by Betty Lou Dell and will surely be interesting and worthwhile.

Remember, the programs begin promptly at 8:30 P.M.

September 6 - Slides tonight; Elizabeth F. Brown, an enthusiastic naturalist and teacher who is leading the hike on Sept. 8, will preview woodland species and oddities.

September 13 - The regular 'first Thursday' Folk dance will be postponed until this week so that instructor, Hugh Gil-mour, can get back in step after his European jaunt.

September 20 - We'll be hiking the New England segment of the Appalachian Trail on color slides with Mack Reader, an expert hiker and outdoorsman.

September 27 - Annual business meeting. Election of officers and committee chairmen. Ben Dell will review the past

An increase in the number of standing committees was approved at The Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 24, 1962. The new standing committees will include: Membership, Hostel, Hiking, Cycling, Canoeing, Program, Public Relations, and Service.

Duties of the committees have been changed so that individual committees will be in charge of rental, purchase and maintenance of their equipment.

The Program Committee, in addition to taking care of social and educational activities, will coordinate the work of the trip committees.

The Service Committee will cooperate with other organizations interested in participating in AYH activities as a group and will also organize local Hostel Clubs.

Other changes noted in the by-laws include moving the annual meeting to October, and providing for greater participation by the Board of Directors and Advisory Board in long range planning.

Attending the meeting were Directors Lloyd Geertz, Gloria Fisher, Bob Snelsire, Don Woodland and Julius Rosenson. President Ben Dell and Mark Dodd.

year's activities. Summary of reports of other officers will be presented. Be on the lookout for letter containing details of the meeting and a report from the nominating committee, which is being headed by Lloyd Geertz.

RANDOM POSTCARDS FROM HUGH GIL MOUR
"The Tramp of the Thames"

London - In a city where the Bobbies and the waitresses are the most courteous and the use of polite understatement is commonplace, one accepts a situation like the following without dropping an "H". Seeing me alone at a table for two in a tea room, with Frieda Hammermeister's purse and raincoat on the chair, signifying her using the ladies' room, the waitress suggested that while the lady was indisposed, (nodding to the Gents' Room) "Wouldn't you like to brush your hair?"

Salisbury - The owner of the pub, the Crystal Fountain, where I stayed, suggested that since there was a bright moon, I should see the cathedral by moonlight. It proved to be the loveliest sight. (I have not yet adopted the English - "ever so lovely"). Pointing the tallest spire in England, it was ample reason for any flash bulb fiend to start snapping away. Next day, by misty daylight, it was even more majestic.

Winchester - At two o'clock when one has tea in the shop, one forgives the English for their boiled dinners and their belief that only the cabbage family exists in the vegetable kingdom. Cucumber sandwiches straight out of Oscar Wilde and such a wealth of cakes and pastries a treat. The English have hot, tasty soups and marvelous "sweets" for dessert. Between those courses they are somewhat indifferent towards food.

London - Unable to write a sonnet, still I need express my joy at seeing the Elgin Marbles at the British Museum. Like Keats, I was slightly overcome. They are arranged wisely in a large room which gives one the impression that the Parthenon will be on the spot next week.

Exeter - The cathedral possesses one of the most ancient manuscripts containing the earliest of Anglo-Saxon literature. Few people visit the library, so the custodian was overwhelmed that I should wish to see it. Exeter is almost a new city - having been probably the fourth most bombed town during the war. Here one is most impressed with man's ability to both create and destroy. The new part of town is modern and splashy but quite reminiscent of what was once there.

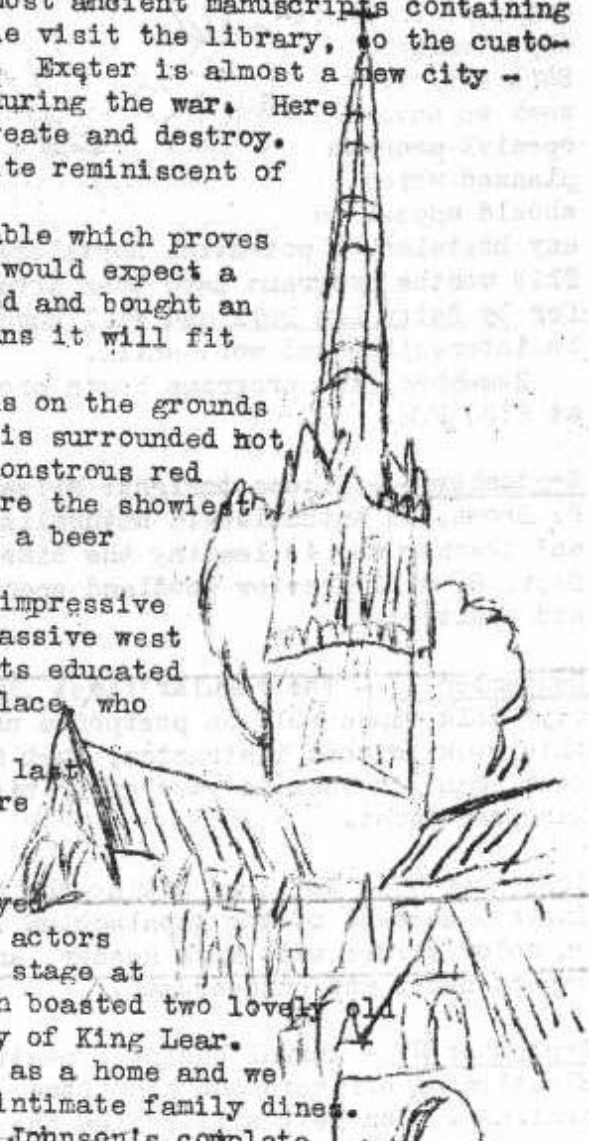
Bath - The ancient Roman baths are still visible which proves that central heating is possible in England. Who would expect a roaring blaze in the fireplace in August? Splurged and bought an English sweater, styled the English way, which means it will fit anyone.

London - One of the most impressive statues is on the grounds of Parliament and is that of Abraham Lincoln. He is surrounded not by lilacs, as Walt Whitman would have it, but by monstrous red geraniums. Truly the flower gardens of England are the showiest anywhere. Most of the blooms (pansies as large as a beer coaster) exceed any I've seen at home.

Wells - Here is one of the smaller but still impressive cathedrals with its fan tracery of the roof, its massive west front containing over 300 sculptured figures and its educated swans, swimming in the moat around the Bishops' Palace, who rings a bell for their food.

Stratford - I shall swear I saw Anne Hathaway last night checking the pubs for her husband, Will. More tourists throng the streets than I've seen in all England, and Midwest and Southern English Teachers scream at each other across the dining rooms. Stayed at a boarding house frequented by two of the minor actors in the theater, and the landlady was either on the stage at one time or should have been. In my bedroom, which boasted two lovely old Chippendale chairs, was no Gideon Bible, but a copy of King Lear.

Warwick - Here is a castle that is still used as a home and we were led through an immense dining room where the intimate family dines. I kept thinking it was a perfect spot for a Howard Johnson's complete



Cycling News for September

As August drew to a close five hardy cyclists, one bruised, battered leader, and a one-woman honor escort triumphantly returned to Pittsburgh after an epic journey of 598 miles and nine mountains. The trip carried them through the darkness of the Paw Paw Tunnel and over the scenic summit of Great Cacapon Mt. They were seen lugging cannon balls out of Harper's Ferry and, since in possession of the ammo, unofficial sources have it they tried to remove a 12 pounder from the field at Antietam. (Luckily a far-sighted government frustrated their efforts with concrete and 3/4 inchbolts.)

Not since Dolly Madison took to the streets, painting in hand, has the Capitol suffered such an invasion as bikes were seen speeding in all directions. The Capitol, Whitehouse, monuments, Treasury Department, Smithsonian Institute, and even Mt. Vernon, 17 miles down the Potomac, were visited by the exuberant cyclists. The only one to remain unperturbed was the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (and he, handsome fellow that he was, nearly was attacked by a lonely farm maiden easily impressed by uniforms!) Gettysburg was taken without a shot but Ft. Tuscaraora and Sideling Mountains put up more resistance.

Now, as things settle down again, the time has come to consolidate our forces and await the call to challenge the Orange Belt. Sunday, September 23 is the day that the Orange Belt will fall. Any one with strong legs, a weak mind, nothing to do, something to forget, or who wants to improve his self-concept, is invited to joining in the biggest marathon of the cycling season. All of Allegheny County will be watching as yellow-shirted AYH'ers sweat, strain, chew, cough, berate and talk their way along over the Orange Belt. Bring your lunch to Headquarters at 7:00 a.m. and make sure your bike is in top condition. All bikes will be inspected and if not in perfect condition will not be permitted to participate in the ride.

At last a source of Century Pins has been located and so Century Riders from (Continued on page 4)

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PURPOSE AND NATURE OF AYH

The AYH is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and open to all, regardless of race, creed, or religion. The purpose of AYH is to help all, especially young people, gain a greater understanding of the world and its peoples, through outdoor activities, educational and recreational travel and related programs; to develop fit, self reliant, well-informed citizens; to provide youth hostels - simple overnight accommodations in scenic, historic, and cultural areas - with supervising houseparents and local sponsorship. The AYH is a service organization supported by voluntary contributions, memberships and program fees. It is tax exempt by ruling of the U.S. Treasury Department. Contributions to AYH are deductible.

The following purpose of American Youth Hostels appeared in the Spring, 1944, issue of the Knapsack, a quarterly published by National Headquarters:

"To help all, especially young people, to a greater knowledge, understanding and love of the world by providing for them youth hostels, (inexpensive overnight accommodations) in America and by assisting them in their travels both here and abroad over bicycle trails, foot paths and highways."

HELP WANTED

Don't wait to be asked. Your talent, ability and elbow grease are needed to keep A.Y.H. going. Don't wait to be asked. Offer your services for the Golden Triangle, for leading and planning trips and Thursday night programs, and for work with various committees.

POSTCARDS FROM HUGH GILMOUR
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with parking space for the bus. One of the bedrooms was supposedly haunted by one of the Earls who was murdered by his servant, but the ghost was obviously still celebrating the bank holiday, for there was nary a clank of chain or whimpering voice.

Birmingham - The English are so polite, even in their signs. Where an American restaurant would say "No dogs allowed", a tea room boasted this sign, "In the interest of hygiene and to conform with the wishes of the majority of our customer, we regret that dogs cannot be permitted in this restaurant".

London - For the 37th time, I have escaped death while crossing the streets in spite of the seemingly fantastic speed of the British, I have found that the average speed is only seven miles an hour, a fact brought on by the narrowness of most streets, the zigzag quality of the roads and the many squares and circuses. When asking directions, I have been given rather cryptic ones; "Up three, around two and left four." "But how many blocks is it?" I ask, and the laughing Bobby's reply is one I shall treasure. "Hah, we've no blocks here, only odds and ends."

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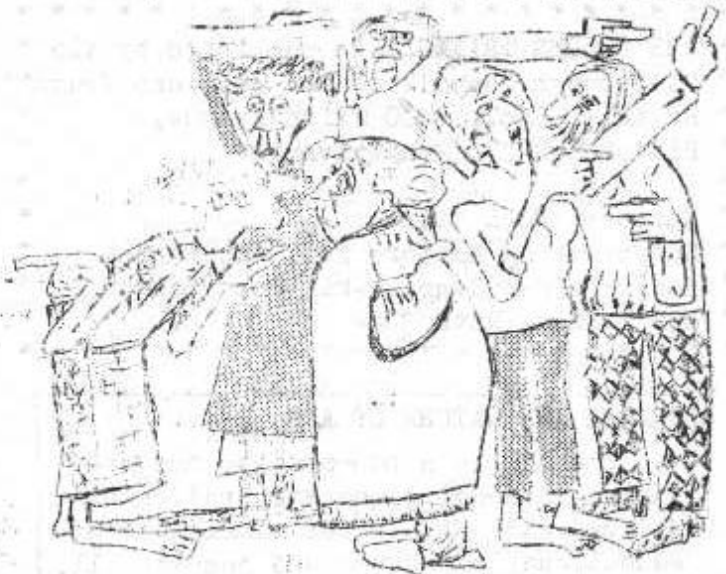
Renew your pass today.

Get a new member today.

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Remember!

"It takes one to get one."



DID YOU KNOW...??

---that this was supposed to be a gossip column but Lee Hayden's cycle news got slightly out of hand, and we were forced to forfeit the space!

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July and all those who complete 100 miles of the Orange Belt in less than 12 hours will receive Century Pins. In October an awards program will be scheduled when the Century Pins will be "pinned."

The Sunday morning trips, so dear to early risers and traffic haters, will continue through Sunday, except for September 23. Sunday, September 2, as Pittsburghers leave the city en masse for the last big weekend of the summer, AYH'ers will take advantage of the opportunity to explore the city unhindered. The morning of September 9 will be spent exploring the parks, rose gardens and aviary on the North Side. The Monongahela River and its steel mills will be the subject for inspection on September 16. The East Hills Shopping Center and surrounding areas will be the site of the bike ride on September 30.

The Monday night beginners' rides around the city parks continue in September and likewise the Tuesday intermediate rides. Now that summer vacations are drawing to a close why not come out to AYH at 6:30 and enjoy an evening of cycling. Bring your friends; there are plenty of rental bikes available.

Sunday, September 30 - 15-mile canoe trip on the Beaver River, led by Bill Pierce, EL 1-1534. Bring \$3.50, lunch and swim suit. Leaves HQ at 7:30 a.m.

TRIPS and TRAILS



Sunday, Sept. 2 - John Wesner leads an easy canoe trip on the Tionesta Reservoir, leaving HQ at 7 AM. Bring bathing suit, lunch and \$5.00, plus enough for dinner. Reserve with John, CH 2-0532.

Sunday, Sept. 2 - Downtown Pittsburgh should be really deserted this particular morning with all the Labor Day motorists out of town. The regular early morning cycle trip will leave HQ at 7 AM, as usual, and return by 10. Cost is just 25¢. Bike rental - \$1.00.

Saturday, Sept. 3 - An easy five mile nature hike with comments by Elizabeth F. Brown, at Camp Redwing near Butler. Meet at 9:30 AM with lunch and about \$1.25. Reserve with Winifred Roench, EM 2-5533.

Sunday, Sept. 9 - The Sunday morning bike ride will be "Flying high" as the early morning cyclists stop at the North Side Bird Aviary. Details - same as for Sept. 2nd trip.

Friday, Sept. 14 - Mark Dodd leads a moonlight hike along the new Parkway East construction area. Leave 7:15 PM with 60¢. Refreshments afterwards at the Dodds. CH 2-2781.

Saturday, Sept. 15 - Canoe down the Allegheny from Kennerdell to Emlenton. Bring swim suit, lunch and \$3.50. Leave HQ around 8 AM. Reserve with John Philbrick, HA 1-7988.

Sunday, Sept. 16 - A visit to the Steel Capital's steel mills along the Monongahela river highlights the early morning cycle trip this time.

Saturday, Sept. 22 - A morning hike for beginners, ending along the Trillium Trail in Fox Chapel will be led by Betty Lou Dell. Departs at 9:30 AM, costs 50¢. EM 2-0953.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 & 23 - An overnight canoe trip on the Youghiogheny Reservoir will be led by Helen and Bill Kavalkovich, DR 2-9095. Leave HQ about 9 AM with \$5.00 and camping gear.

Sunday, Sept. 23 - Orange Belt Ride - (No regular early morning ride) Meet at HQ at 7 AM with lunch. Cost 75¢ plus bike rental. Contact Lee Hayden - MA 1-8486.

Friday Evening and Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29 - Don Woodland leads a beginners overnight leaving at 6:30 PM to return Sat. afternoon. To stay at the Schenley Lean-to on the Baker Trail and so dome simple hiking. Bring sleeping bag, mess kit and \$2.50. Reserve with Don Woodland, 563 - 5419, or Mark Dodd, CH 2-2781.

Sunday, Sept. 30 - Early morning cyclists will see the scenic East Hills and East Hills Shopping Center. Lee Hayden leads.

Sunday, Sept. 30 - Dick McNamara leads a 5 mile hike in the McConnells Mills area. Bring lunch and swimsuit for bracing dip at the end of the hike. Leave HQ at 9:30 AM. Cost- \$1.75. Reserve with Dick, MA 1-0274.