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## EUROPEAN SCHOLARSHIP LEADERS COMING

For a month, ending June 10, we are having the privilege of entertaining three visiting European hostellers.

Pittsburghers will see Gertrud Oppinger, of Germany, who'll be here on June 5 and 6. Although her schedule cannot include an appearance at our Thursday-night openhouse, it will be possible for hostlers to meet her during one of her other speaking engagements.

**LATE BULLETIN:** Ramona Matthews, hostess announces that Gertrud will be at a dinner at headquarters Saturday, June 6. Have dinner with us and our guest. 65¢.

## THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE

6300 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

for the month of JUNE...



- Continental Slides - by Sonia Zabarenko
- Tape Recording - T.V. Show
- Bicycle Safety Movies  
Mr. McPeak, AAA
- Trail Tales  
Forestine Timberlake

PROGRAMS START AT 8:30

(Postal cards will show program for July)

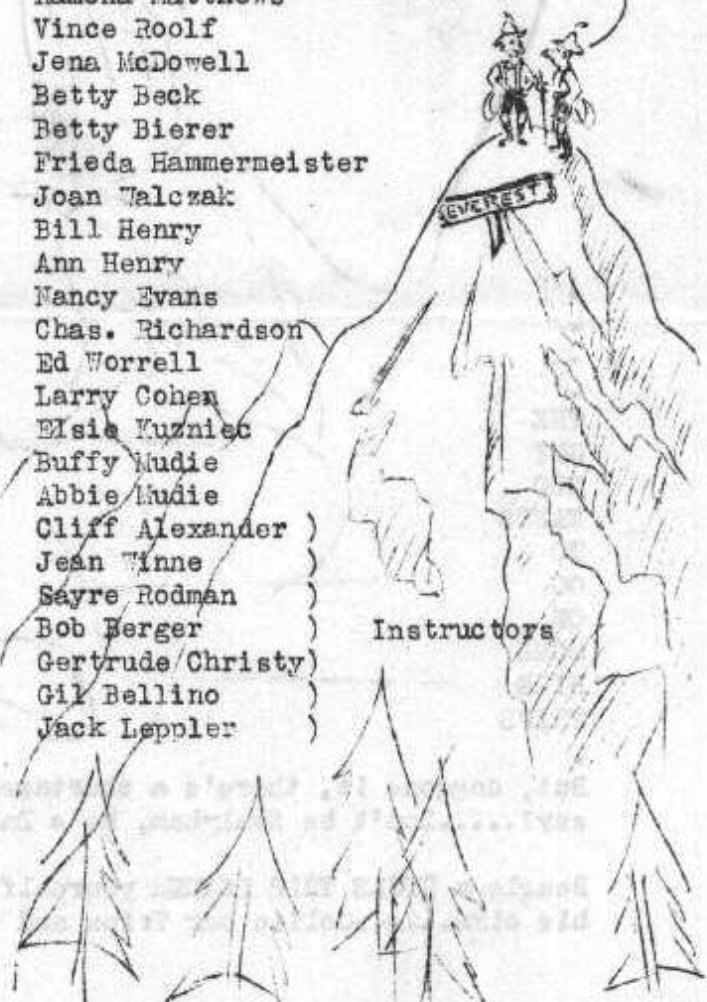
**GRADUATION EXERCISES** at Seneca Rock, in West Virginia on June 12 and 13 will top off our recent mountain climbing classes. Non-climbers can come too, of course.

Here are the climbers....among them may be the first American to conquer Everest

Tom Bryson  
Bob Helmbold  
John Matthews  
Ramona Matthews  
Vince Roelf  
Jena McDowell  
Betty Beck  
Betty Bierer  
Frieda Hammermeister  
Joan Talczak  
Bill Henry  
Ann Henry  
Nancy Evans  
Chas. Richardson  
Ed Worrell  
Larry Cohen  
Elsie Kuzniec  
Buffy Mudie  
Abbie Mudie  
Cliff Alexander  
Jean Winne  
Sayre Rodman  
Bob Berger  
Gertrude Christy  
Gil Bellino  
Jack Leppler

"Well, let's go back."

Instructors





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GUY  
WHO  
WANTS  
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GO  
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MORE  
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TRIPS

But, doggone it, there's a shortage of leaders! He could lead a trip himself, you say?.....Don't be Sealyhan, he's Dane it so often already.

Beagle a CYCLE TRIP LEADER yourself, and help get this poor curbstone Setter back on his bike.....Collie our Trips and Trails chairman for Pointers on, "how to."





"What was the finest thing  
You saw?  
They asked  
When we came home.  
And what impressed you  
Most of all...  
Lisbon, Madrid or Rome?  
The Sphinx and  
Desert and Pyramids  
Or Bethlehem at night?  
The Taj Mahal  
In India  
Or Fujiyama's height?  
What was the finest thing  
We found  
In all the  
Distant lands?  
The friendly people  
Everywhere.....  
Who smiled and took our hands."

# THE FINEST THING

-----Poem written by Ruth and Tom Rivers  
who made a world tour on behalf of National Recreation Association. The poem  
appeared on their Christmas card later.

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## In England Now

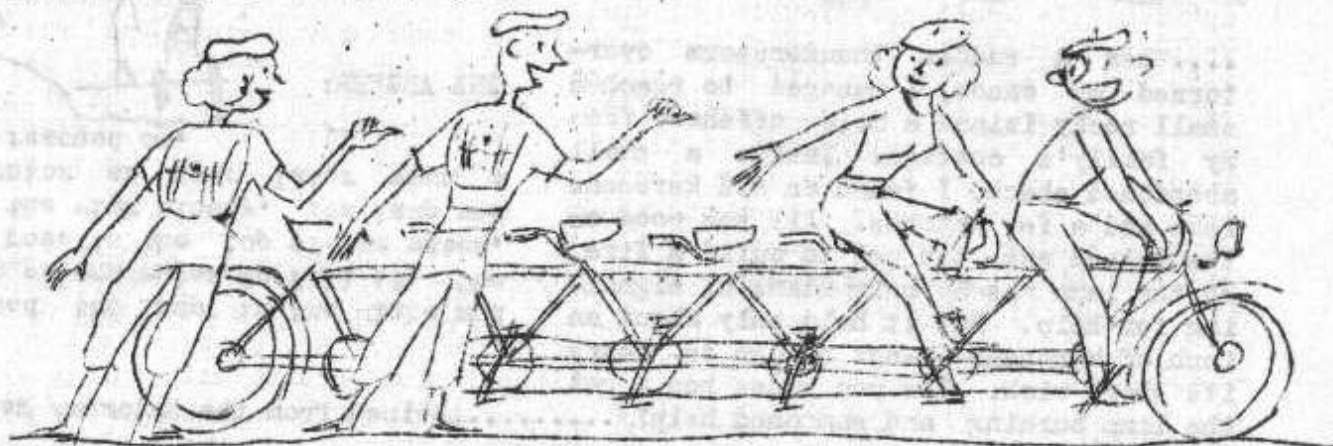
.....A Running Commentary by Peripatetic Correspondents

England and Wales stand firm in their ideals, and the powers-that-be of the Youth Hostels have reaffirmed their ban upon the internal combustion engine. When the hostel door is unbolted at the ritual hour of five, the queue of men and maidens who seek a celibate bunk must swear that they have reached the haven with dusty shoes or on the simple bicycle unadorned with a pop-pop motor. The spirit of Sparta dwells in the last stronghold of the heroic athlete. Shame on the Picts and the Scots, faithless to the endurance reared on oatmeal and herrings, prostituting their native engineering genius by countenancing mechanical forays in the glens. Shame on the Celtic clans of the Emerald Isle for preferring petrol to poteen to reach the end of the road. Shades of St. Patrick! Shades of St. Christopher? And likewise those lesser breeds without the law across the Channel, who know mens sana in corpore sano. A murrain on their decadence.

(The article then goes into the various methods of hitch hiking and ends with the following paragraph.)

A peripatetic life has thus made me familiar with most of popular subterfuges to qualify for a bunk at the hostel. Despite a comfortable elasticity in assessing the youth of guests, the expenditure of foot-pounds remains an inexorable condition and the youth of England must stand upon their own feet—at least long enough to thumb a lift.

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# CLIMBER

SKETCH by Tom Bryson

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This fellow is a "live wire." Aside from getting a "charge" out of life, he likes to fool around with things electrical.

The "ice cream kid" likes strawberry, remember that, when he is along on extended trips. Tuck a few extra gallons in the pack.

In his younger carefree days, he took a long canoe trip in the wilds of Canada. Even now 'most every warm day finds him out in his "vessel." He needs a name for his canoe.....How about INVINCIBLE?

This lad was attracted to AYH by the canoeing program. However, his canoe trips in AYH have been nil. But now our friend is a confirmed cyclist, climber and hiker. His conversion has reached the extent that he is planning to join in the climbing of the old Tetons. (very ambitious—likes to get up in the world.)



Answer: Vince Royle

## NATIONAL NOTES

The national AYH leadership training course will be held at Northfield, June 14, through June 23. Cost is \$50 which includes a cycling trip at the end of the session. Apply to National if you are interested.

The Detroit Council will begin work on the first AYH-owned hostel in late summer, or early fall. The hostel will be located on the Huron River near Milford, 30 miles from Detroit.

The second annual reunion of national AYH will be held from July 2 - 5 at Northfield this year. Cost of the weekend is \$14. Write national hqtrs. for reservations.

## WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

....Then a sudden thunderstorm overturned my canoe, I managed to reach a small rocky island a mile offshore from my family's cottage. Inside a small abandoned shack, I found an old kerosene lamp and a few matches. All the wood on the island was too wet to build a fire, so the lamp was my only means of signaling for help. But it held only about an inch of kerosene—not enough to reach its short wick. Can you guess how I got the lamp burning and summoned help? .....

THE ANSWER:



Motorboat rescued me. I still burning an hour later when I saw smoke. The lamp was covering the wick nicely. The kerosene rose to the top of the water, I scooped up enough water to fill it. The lamp in the lake and I dipped the lamp out and

Swiped from the Saturday Evening Post





The Pittsburgh 12-Hour Bicycle Race is the only one of its kind in the country, and brings noted cycling figures to the city. As such, it is one way of stimulating interest in lightweight cycles, and making A.Y.H. known around the town.

We need you to help keep the 12-Hour event alive.....Pittsburgh was once the cycling center of the nation - let's reactivate it!! Work has already started for the race on October 10, 1954. Come see how much fun it is to take part in a BIG event.....volunteer your services!  
--Nancy Evans

### PITTSBURGH CAMPING ASSOCIATION EXHIBIT

Betty Bierer and Vince Roelf were there ....and took a couple of the workshop courses offered at the all-day exhibit at the First United Presbyterian Community House, May 1. They displayed Hosteling pictures and equipment to the camp counsellors; obtained a number of new names for four mailing list.

At the end, there was a banquet ....several other Hostelers went also.

Cliff Alexander, in charge of the Baker Trail sector from Birdville to Freeport (nine miles) is being helped by the Pgh. Climbers in the job of clearing it of weeds.....the Climbers, by the way, use a dummy in belaying practice that they call, "Charlie Brown."

*An Invitation*

Pocono-Susquehanna Council  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Betty,

Thanks for your summer trips bulletin. The program sounds tempting and well-balanced.....

What I am writing about primarily now is something else. I have gotten our council going on an idea that may seem pretty ambitious, and that may not materialize. That is the idea of our organizing a trip to Europe next summer, through the National AYH trips program. We have some people interested, but as yet, no definite commitments.

By the rules set up by National on this matter, we are allowed to combine with one other council on the trip. If we can get a group in the student age group of 18-30, we can probably get a Holland-American Line sailing from New York on the special student ships they are running this year. AYH has a block of their sailings, and the members must be in this age group except for one or two who may be designated "leaders" if older.

The trip most likely to have a wide appeal, I think, is #11 to Britain, Low countries and France, and so that is the one we are "boosting" now. I plan myself to lead the trip, having taken the AYH leadership course last June. Please let me know if such a trip plan would appeal to any of your members. We must obtain a minimum of about seven people in addition to me. Of course usual trip credit would go to your council.

Happy Hosteling!

(signed) Bob Wolfe, Pres.

*The Posey Bush*

Dolores Ewing is now a member of the Delta chapter of Delta Mu Delta, national honorary scholastic fraternity....Just three more weeks and many of our hosteling friends will be able to relax and enjoy a few trips - school's soon over. Wedding rings or war hoops - as they say in Wisconsin for:

-Mary Margaret Comensky and some lucky guy on June 12

-Betty Walczak and Walt Williams, June 26

-Buffy Ludie and Leonard Bachman sometime in October.

One of our newest members is very eager to lead a trip. Barbara Shields, active in the Audubon Society and as a Scout leader, will lead us on a nature hike. Steve Garner's father was an AYH'er in the prewar council and is eager to lead a twilight hike some Monday - other members take note.

John Behun is now Chairman of the Speakers Bureau. If you know of anyone who needs a speaker, be sure to contact John on Ma. 1-1100, Ext. 403 or Tr. 1-0992.

Uncle Sam has sent Harry Rhule to Scott Air Force base in Illinois....

Jim & Edith Zimmerman have also changed their address. They will spend the next two years in Chile:

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Zimmerman  
Casilla 44

Calama, Chile via Antofagasta  
Frieda Hammermeister might take another jaunt to Europe. Think this makes the fourth.....Fred Hauk is home for thirty days. It's so good to see Fred's smiling face again.....The former Carol Hafer has a baby boy to keep her busy now..... June Merritt and Clif Alexander made the news during the first week of the trolley strike. They rode their bikes to town and it seems that they made better time than if they had gone by streetcar.

Don Over, one of our newest passholders joined us after seeing the TV show last April 19.

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#### WANTED

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Ten-inch square piece of Army blanket to mend a burnt sleeping bag. This is a serious request. Call Rosemary Theibaut, Li. 1-0212.  
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## CAVE DATA

----There are records of some 5,000 wild caves....3,000 of them in this country. The president of the National Speleological Society estimated there are nine undiscovered caves for every one known.

----Zoologists go down in caves to study bats and blind fish; hydrologists to learn more about water conditions; entomologists gather semi-transparent crickets; herpetologists---and Hostellers---unearth blind salamanders. Botanists are fascinated by fungus plants growing without light; mineralogists pick up specimens of unusual rocks. AYH'ers and spelunkers go for the thrill and chill in the caves which mother nature has air-conditioned.

----Of the few fatalities in spelunking history, the death of Floyd Collins in 1925 was the most dramatic. He was a spelunker, and very proud of his "cave sense." But, on what proved to be his last caving expedition, he forgot two laws of caving: Never go in alone; Don't kick rocks. He was pinioned by one.

His whereabouts was discovered almost immediately and a shaft was sunk to reach him. For an entire week, he was supplied by his friends with food and drink. He contracted pneumonia and died, still pinned down, because rescuers couldn't release him or get wraps to him in his sand-crevice prison.

...Vince Roof



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Sat., June 5. Bike to Dorseyville with Betty Bierer, Easy trip - under 35 miles; rent a bike for a friend. Bring 15¢ and lunch. Call Ma. 1-3741.

Sun., June 6. Herb Buchwald, Ma. 1-4725, leads one of his very interesting hikes.

Sat., June 12, '13 The Climbing Class tries their stuff at Seneca Rocks, Jean McDowell handling arrangements. Fr. 1-9896

Sun. June 13. Bike trip, Grace Kriner leading. Ma. 1-8213.

Sat., June 19. OAKDALE-McDONALD area hike with Kurt Freund on old railroad right-of-way. All day, bring lunch. Reserve with Kurt at Br. 1-3770.

Sun., June 20. BLAIRSVILLE AREA CAVES led by a real speleologist we're borrowing for the occasion. Meet 8:30 A.M., AYH Hdqtrs. Bring lunch, flashlight and extra batteries, crawling clothes, probably gloves. Tom Bryson, Fr. 1-2226.

Sat., Sun., June 26-27 CLEVELAND TO PITTSBURGH CENTURY RUN. By train to Cleveland Friday night, climb on bikes in early A.M., sleep at Brashear Hostel, Sat. night., earn a Century Certificate. Nancy Evans has particulars. Ch. 1-2916.

How's about getting a small group (or large, even) to meet the Century Cyclists at Brashear for Sat. overnight. Only 35 miles up Sat. and same back Sun. Confer with Nancy and get your own leader.

## July 3, 4 and 5 - FOURTH OF JULY WEEK-END

(1) Warren Young, St. 1-0753, hasn't divulged the details. It will be a trip to remember. Hiking, swimming, exploring  
(2) Pack Trip on C & O Canal Route (the upper end of the one Justice Douglas made famous) Cumberland to Hancock, with all sorts of scenery, caves, camping spots. Ramona Matthew working on this one. Em. 1-4736.

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Sat., July 10. TRIP TO THE MOON with Roger Protas, Mu. 3-1393. (Good heavens! 246,000mi. ? We don't he'll make it!.....He probably means Township.)

Sat., Sun., July 10-11 Week-end at Shawnee with Rosemary Thiebaut leading. Best swimming in these parts. Fish Fry, hiking, camping.

Sat., July 17. - Call Sc. 1-9791 to reserve for a hike with Mount Fitzpatrick (that's a man not a mountain)

Fri., July 23 - All night crawlers go to Dulaney's cave with Gloria Fisher. (The cave doesn't look different at night, of course....but this gives it different twist)

Sun., July 25. - Reserved for hike trip (A chance to get that curbstone Setter on page 2. in a better mood)

Sat., July 31. - BLUE DELL HIKE AND SWIM - A hike's hot, but, oh! that swim afterwards.....Liz Saffer leads it. Call her on Ch. 1-0382 for more details.

Now that you've learned to swim, come canoeing with us.

September will be a big canoeing month - two trips scheduled....

