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IT'S YOUR

DECISION!

ANNUAL ELECTION - SEPTEMBER 22



YOU ARE THE BOSS—at the annual business meeting of the Pittsburgh Council, INCORPORATED, AYH, to be held Thursday, September 22, at 8PM.

THE OFFICERS ELECTED will determine Council policy and activities for the next year. It takes only one vote to win an election—it may be yours.

THE PROGRESS OF THE COUNCIL during the past year has shown the importance of having newer members on the Board. The vigor and enthusiasm, as well as the fresh point of view of newcomers combined with the experience of older hands has made 1955 a most successful year for the Council.

ALL THE OFFICERS HAVE DONE A SPLENDID JOB and the Council owes them a hearty "Thank You". Now there is the opportunity for nine more members to serve both themselves and the Council by holding office during the coming year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AYH INCORPORATED-1954-1955

C. Bruce Merritt—Chairman
L. Betty Bierer

David Z. Hart
H. C. Kneeland

A. L. Frances
Elizabeth Saffer

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

J. Bohan—President

B. Bierer—T and T

B. Lesnik—Hostel

R. Helmbold—Treasurer

S. Reynolds—Cycle.

L. Michol—Program

J. Schewe—Secretary

N. Evans—Publicity

R. Thiobaut—Membership

BY-LAWS GOVERNING ELECTION

Article I Section 2.

Active members shall be those individuals who purchase an American Youth Hostels pass card or who are spouses or minor children of the holders of AYH family pass.

Article II Section 1.

Each active member is entitled to one vote IN PERSON OR BY PROXY at any general or special meeting of the Council.

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Openhouse

Every Thursday evening at 8:15 P.M. at Fifth & Shady.



MODERN AND INTERNATIONAL travel agencies

CAN TRANSPORT the largest number of people
OVER THE FARTHEST DISTANCE in the shortest time
AND CAN COMPLETELY COVER their stay in a foreign country
DOWN to the last detail.

ON THE OTHER HAND, the hosteler avoids the crowd.
HE STAYS in small groups and, enroute, he

MIXES ONLY WITH those of a like mind.
HIS DAILY JOURNEY does not exceed what he can manage
UNHURRIEDLY ON FOOT, with a bicycle, or in a boat.

HE IS NOT TIED, and so he is free to accept every fresh call.

HE CONFINES HIMSELF to a particular area and there
SEEKS OUT MEETINGS with local people, their ways of living

THEIR CULTURE, their customs and habits, and
IN PARTICULAR, NATURE, in its uniqueness and its variety.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF A.B.L.A. TO BE
HELD IN NEW YORK CITY

Cycling enthusiasts can plan to spend some time on Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday Aug. 28 at the Flushing Meadow Track at Willets Point and Roosevelt Avenue. On both these days the National Championship bicycle races, conducted under the auspices of the Amateur Bicycle League of America, will be run.

BRAND NEW TRIPS FOR 1956---

Pittsburgh Council is doing its first sponsored trip to Europe. Bob Lesnik has details.

In addition to the summer bicycle trip in Europe and the Americas and the College on Wheels, National is scheduling a trip to Japan and Hawaii and another to the Olympic games in Australia.

FROM LOS ANGELES COUNCIL'S BULLETIN: Trip for August 27. - Disneyland Tour - Meet at office at 8:30 AM. Drive to Anaheim. Wear walking shoes. Bring lunch or eat out.

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Article III Section 1.

An annual meeting of the active members of the Council shall be held in Sept. of each year on such date as may be fixed by the Activities Board.

Section 3 Twenty active members or one-eighth of the total active membership, whichever is the greater shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 All business---shall be decided by a majority of the active members present.

This is the first year that proxy voting has been made possible by the change in the By-Laws. Since many of our members live at a distance from Pittsburgh it was the intent of the Council to give them the opportunity to take part in the selecting of officers. The proxy may be given to any active member who will be present at the meeting or sent to the Secretary.

NO PARKING IN DRIVEWAY!....This is one of the Arts & Crafts Center premises rules.
---Resident caretaker has the right to question violation of parking rules.
---Fire laws prohibit parking in driveway..(Emergency use for loading is granted)



Slide Showmanship

Yes! it's PICTURES.....that make a good slide show. But it's what you do with the pictures that counts.

---The show must start somewhere and stop somewhere, with an orderly sequence that tells the story in between.

---Each slide should remain on the screen long enough for the audience to grasp what is in it. 20 or 30 seconds for one that's rich in detail, such as the window of a curio shop, a few seconds for a simple shot that makes its point quickly.

---Long shots, medium shots, close-ups, shots from different angles, help when you have an interesting story about a particular scene. The use of pictures with minor flaws may be justified in this case.

---EDIT! Eliminate the shots you don't need and slides that don't measure up to your usual standards. Evaluating your own pictures is never easy, but you have to knuckle down and decide what's good and what isn't.

---Seeing the Empire State Building followed by a shot of the Golden Gate Bridge will lose and confuse your audience. Avoid this by inseting transition slides to bridge the gap: close-ups of a bicycle wheel, signposts along a highway, railway stations with names prominent, clocks that denote the time of day. Slides don't even have to be ones taken on the trip.

---Mix narration with background music if possible. Gayspirited records go with bustling city scenes, quiet music with landscapes.

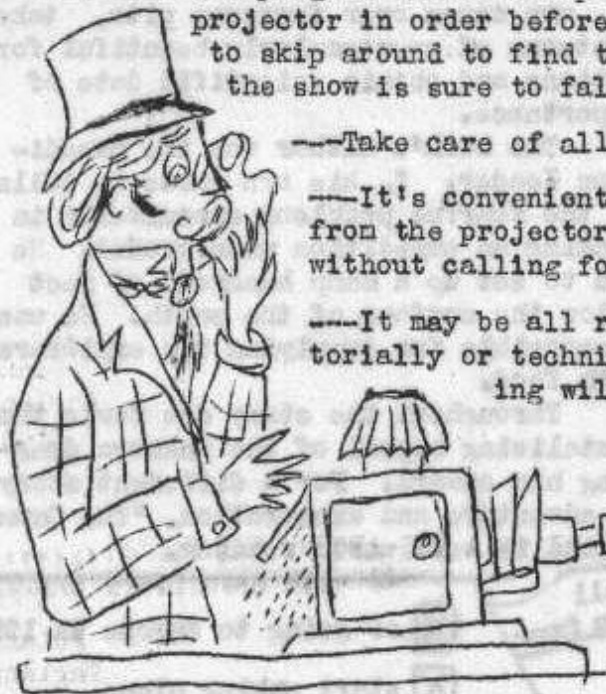
---Go a step further and put both commentary and music on magnetic tape and make the show almost run itself.

---To make the program smooth and pleasant instead of nightmarish, have slides and projector in order before you start. If the carrier sticks; if you have to skip around to find the pictures you want, the entertainment value of the show is sure to fall off sharply.

---Take care of all furniture shifts before you turn down the lights.

---It's convenient to be able to control some type of room light from the projector so you can get general lighting, if you need it, without calling for aid.

---It may be all right to include shots that are pretty weak pictorially or technically, but your own realization of what is missing will help you plan a better picture series for your next slide program.



(excepted from...
(Photography Magazine)



WHERE WAS EVERYBODY THIS SUMMER

Marianne Schlochauver hove anchor on a windjammer cruise off the coast of Maine. Frieda and Rudy Hammermeister and Arthur Milnes escaped the Pittsburgh heat wave by driving to California by way of New Mexico.

Buffy Mudie Buchman welcomed the newest hosteler (at press date) Jan Elizabeth, born August 7.

John Behun, Nancy Evans and Ruth Batchelor scouted next year's extended trip in Algonquin Park in Canada.

New England was crowded with Pittsburgh AYHers... Grace Kriner, Joan Walczak and Abby Mudie looked for new peaks to climb, while Rosemary Thiebaut, Rose Hallo and Joan Schewe toured.

Mary Seljak photographed all of Mexico. Tom Bryson bought a yellow-and-black car so he couldn't go anywhere.

Blondie and Ed Worrel, Jean McDowell, Tony Franes and Damon Phinney were led astray by Sacajewea in the Wind River Range before returning once more to the Tetons to climb.

Warren Young and Jerry Tarlo battled the mighty Cheat River for five days before they ran out of canoe.

George Cohen, Fred Mauk and Jerry Tarlo were all councillors at summer camps. Bob Helmbold taught math. at Tech summer school.

Dolores Ewing travelled farthest afield in the Rolling Youth Hostel.

Bob Fulton joined the Navy.

Howard Morris is spending his Sabbatical in Europe.

Cliff Alexander, having exhausted the Southern Rockies went to the Canadian Rockies to climb.

Larry Cohen, canoeing in the Canadian wilderness, grew a luxuriant beard, but his return to civilization has reduced it to a trim moustache.

AND WHERE WERE YOU?

CUTTING A RUG AROUND THE WORLD..... ---Match dances with associated country.

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Samba | Poland |
| 2. Highland Fling | England |
| 3. Tarantella | Scotland |
| 4. Jig | Czechoslovakia |
| 5. Mazurka | Hawaii |
| 6. Bolero | Austria |
| 7. Lambeth Walt | Japan |
| 8. Rumba | France |
| 9. Polka | Cuba |
| 10. Czardas | Israel |
| 11. Rula | Russia |
| 12. Horra | Italy |
| 13. Tango | Spain |
| 14. Waltz | Ireland |
| 15. Drei Lederne Strumpf | Switzerland |
| 16. Alexandrovski | United States |
| 17. La Cucaracha | Mexico |
| 18. Lindy | Argentina |
| 19. Gavotte | Hungary |
| 20. Odori | Brazil |

THRILLS AND CHILLS WITH THE SPELUNKERS

Beneath the rolling fields of the Green River Valley of Kentucky lies a vast network of underground passages known as Floyd Collins Crystal Cave.

"The Caves Beyond" (Funk and Wagnalls) is the story of a daring attempt on the part of the National Geographic Society to explore and map the depths of this vast cave. Here in absolute darkness, 65 brave explorers worked for 160 hours to determine the length of passages, map caves over fearsome pits, take pictures of spectacularly beautiful formations and obtain scientific data of importance.

The book's author was the expedition leader. In his own words he tells of the fearful problems encountered in leading an expedition underground. He had to set up a camp hundreds of feet below the surface of the earth. He was responsible for supplying the explorers with food.

Throughout the story one feels the tantalizing appeal of the unknown dragging him onward. For a different story of adventure and exploration, "The Caves Beyond" is well worth reading.

all
in favor

- ☒ of going to Europe in 1956
☒ start making plans

correspondence



To Liz, (letter in part)

Lima, Ohio

Last week it occurred to me that I could cycle with Tony on his tandem. This brain-storm resulted in a 28-mile trip yesterday afternoon, so obviously my recuperation is proceeding well.....We probably made an odd looking arrangement, Tony in front, me in the middle with arm in a cast which crooks at 90 degrees and prevents me from holding the bar on the right side, and Terry in the rumble seat; but it isn't the first time we have aroused incredulous stares and comments, and I'm hoping I can prevail on Tony to do quite a bit more of it in the next month.....

(s) Damon

American Youth Hostels, Pittsburgh

Gentlemen,

I am deeply touched and much gratified at the Distinguished Service Certificate recently granted to my husband, Horace Forbes Baker.

He gave freely of himself always and enjoyed doing so. It is indeed heartwarming to have this expression of appreciation. His children join me in thanking you sincerely.

(signed) Mr. Horace Forbes Baker


Jim and Edith Zimmerman are back from Chile and wish all mail sent to the following address:


Box #432, Avonmore, Pennsylvania

ADVICE TO THE LOVERLORN: to Miss Y.U., If the boy/^{you}neat on cycle trips doesn't give you a tumble, let the air out of your tires and watch him rush to your aid. If this doesn't help, let the air out of his. (seen in Metropolitan N.Y. Council's NEWS)

IN MEMORIAM

In fond memory of the Pittsburgh Annual 12-Hour Bicycle Race held for the last time in October, 1954. It was a lot of fun but became too successful for our limited personnel. May it someday have a grand revival.


BIKED AROUND WORLD....First around-the-world bicycle trip was made by Thomas Stevens, who started from San Francisco on April 22, 1884, and returned there on January 4, 1887.


Mr.
Mrs.
Miss
Mailing Address _____

PASS APPLICATION

Rosemary Thiebaut,
Membership Chairman

City _____ Zone _____ County _____ State _____

I have _____ held a pass before. Year _____ Date of birth if under 21 _____
I have not _____
I enclose\$ _____ in cash, check or money order to cover the cost of the A.Y.H. pass checked below.

() Youth Pass for those under 18 () Senior Youth Pass for those under 21 () Adult Pass for those 21 & over () Family Pass _____ No. children



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, Sept 3-5 - UPSTATE NEW YORK OR DOWNSTATE PENNSYLVANIA Ralph Ludington and Warren Young are working out details to provide all with a chance to see some beautiful scenery, hike, swim, picnic, enjoy the last days of summer in a leisurely fashion. Leave Sat. A.M. return Mon. P.M. Further info from Warren ST 1-0753

BACKYARD HOSTELING IN EVANS CITY Stay-at-homes can cycle to hostel with B. Bierer. Sat thru Monday afternoon. Cost: overnights plus 65¢ per meal. Reserve MA 1-3741

Sat, Sept 10 - EASY CYCLE TRIP TO OLD AIRPORT Watch planes come in. Cycle approx 20 mi. Meet Hdqtrs. 9:30 - Home for dinner. Cost 15¢. Bring lunch.

Sun., Sept 11 - BEGINNER'S CLIMB AND HIKE AT SEWICKLEY Short session designed for those that want to start to climb. After lunch there'll be a short hike along a good trail. Meet Roosevelt Hotel, Penn Ave., 10:30. Bring lunch, 15¢ reg., 60¢ trans. Reserve by Thurs. in order that we can have sufficient equipment for all. MA 1-3741.

Sat/Sun., Sept 17/18 - WEEK END NEAR LYNN RUN Emma Schulte has planned some good hiking, camp fire singing and overnight at her friend's home. Cost transportation plus 65¢ per meal. Details and reservations ME 1-1706

Sun., Sept. 25 - CROOKED CREEK After church we'll meet old and new officers, old and new hostels and friends of A.Y.H. This is a fitting time to dedicate the new shelter. It's been a hot summer and work has lagged; but it's time to get the job done and be off to new horizons. Reserve with John Behun FR 1-0992.

Dear Hostellers,

Thanks for your cooperation and participation which has helped to make the Pittsburgh Council Hostelings Activities of 1955 such a success.

Our special thanks goes to Mrs. June Merritt - last year's Trips and Trails Chairman - for her foresight in securing canoes and spurring interest in skiing. These two activities, which had been little used by the Council, provided the initial motivation which started us off on such a happy year.

Let's continue the growth in 1956 by helping more people to share our fun. Plan new those trips and events you'd like next year's T & T Chairman to schedule.

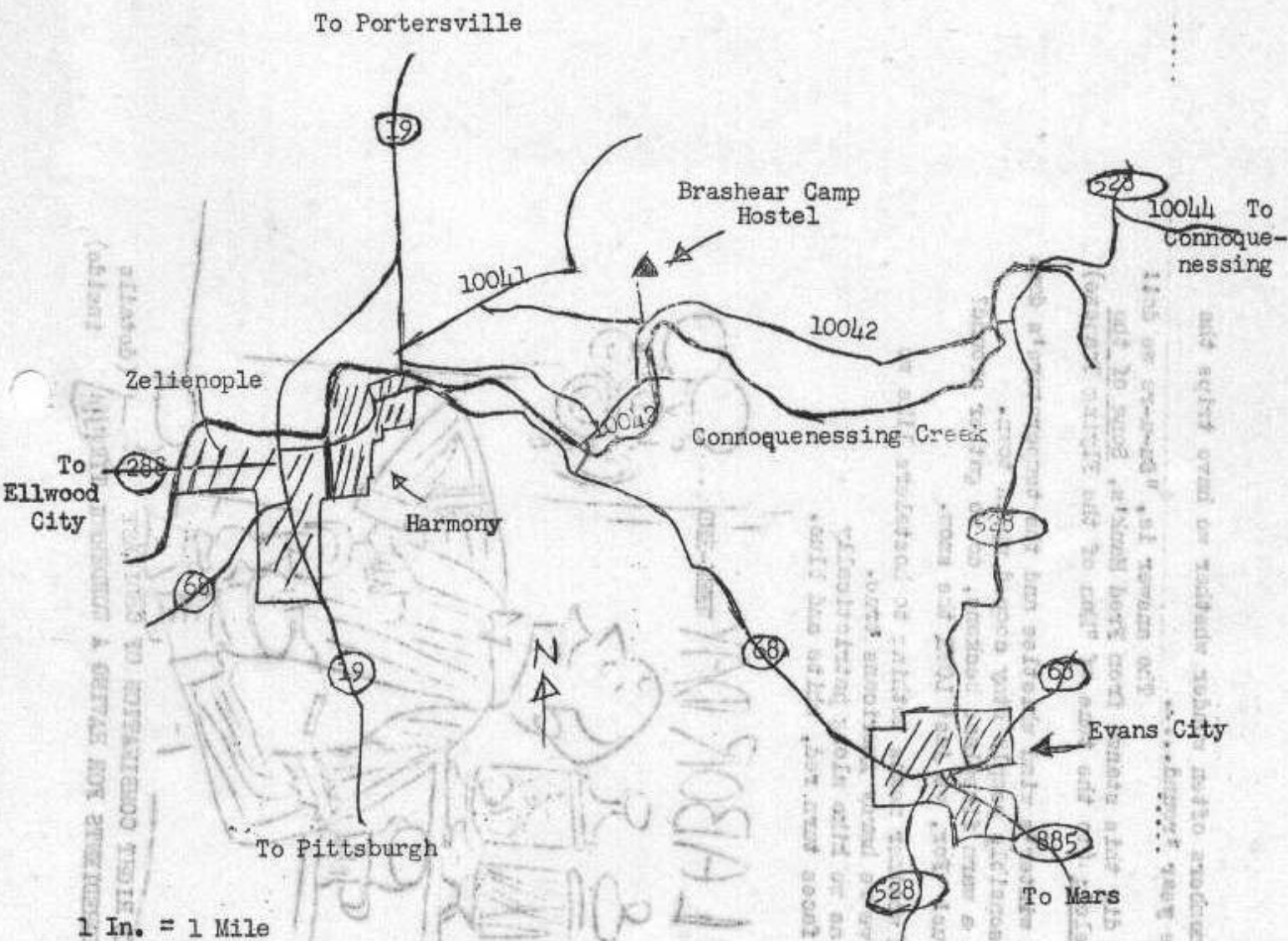
Sincerely,
Betty Bierer

The Pittsburgh AYH maintains a Youth Hostel near Zelienople. This map shows its location. The house parents there are Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pankowski, R. D. #1, Evans City, telephone Zelienople 328. Reservations to use the Hostel can be made by letter. Enclose with your letter a stamped, self-addressed card for the house parent's reply. Reservations can also be made by telephone.

Arrange to arrive at the Hostel between 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Make sure you have your AYH pass and a sleeping sack. The fee between April 1 and November 1 is \$.50 (Youth), \$.75 (Adult). The fee between November 1 and April 1 is \$.75 (Youth), \$1.00 (Adult).

The nearest Catholic church to the Hostel is St. Gregory's in Zelienople. During the winter months, Masses are held on Sunday at 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., and 11:00 A.M. During the summer months, Masses are held at 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., and 11:00 A.M.

HOSTEL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR USE BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND SEPTEMBER 8.



New members often wonder whether we have trips the whole year 'round....

The answer is, "Su-u-re we do!"

Just dig this stanza from Fred Mauk's, Song of the Hosteler: (to the tune of "Man of the Flying Trapeze")

When winter's wind whistles and the temperature's down
And sensible people stay cooped up in town—
When a warm fireplace beckons, do we gather around?
Not us! For, we just LOVE the snow.

Cold weather means nothing to hostellers like we
For we're hardy Americans true.
And as we hike along patriotically
Our faces turn red, white and blue.

BIG LABOR DAY
WEEK-END

