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## ANNUAL TWELVE HOUR BICYCLE RACE

On Sunday, October 12th the Second Annual Pittsburgh 12-Hour Bicycle Race was held on the Municipal Wharf between Smithfield and Short Streets. Thanks to the untiring work of Race Chairman William E. Snell in organizing and directing the event, the race was a huge success. Bill gave unstintingly of his time, spending several weekends in other cities to see bike races and to learn how they were conducted. He even took a week of his vacation just before the race, devoting the whole of the time to preparation for the event.

The AYH is also deeply indebted to Ken and Marge Goehagan for their fine job of scoring and timing; also thanks are due to Rosemary Thibault for her publicity; Frances Czapiewski, chairman of the awards; Chas. Richardson for his photography, and the many AYHers, judges and referees who helped to make the event a success.

The Pittsburgh Council also acknowledges the whole-hearted cooperation it received from the City of Pittsburgh, American Red Cross and Boy Scouts of America.

The race started at 6:08 A.M. over the .7515 mile course on the wharf. During the day hundreds of spectators viewed the race from the Water St. ramp. Some of the nation's best cyclists were aiming for the 12-hour distance record of 208.8 miles set on this same track by Dick Korver of Euclid, Ohio in 1951. This year he dropped out after riding 93 miles in four and one-half hours. Other cyclists were Steve Hromjak, a member of the 1952 Olympic cycle team. He competed in the races at Helsinki, Finland last summer. (Con't on P. 2)



## NATIONAL BOARD MEETING and AYH Workshop

On the weekend of December 6 and 7, our council will have the honor of playing host to the National Board meeting and the AYH Workshop sessions.

The workshop participants will be divided into groups so that they can meet and discuss problems in their branch of hostelling with people from other councils. It is hoped that constructive ideas may come out of these sessions which will be of benefit to all councils. Meetings will be held on Saturday and Sunday, with a dinner scheduled for Saturday evening.



## Election of 1953 Officers








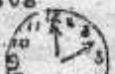
Every year at this time the annual membership meeting is held. This is one of the most important meetings of the year, as it is at this time that the officers who will serve you for the next twelve months are elected.

The success of the Pittsburgh Council depends to no small extent on the ability of its officers, so it should be a matter of greatest concern to all members to see that the best qualified persons are elected.

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## YEAR 'ROUND HOSTELLING

In Winter's frosty climate  
When roads aren't fit for s  
We pull on heavy footwear  
And go on muddy s  
When Spring comes 'round the corner  
And temperatures do   
We get our bikes a-rolling  
And have ourselves a   
In Summer's heat and moisture  
We pack our bags and   
And get away from Pittsburgh  
On long extended   
With Autumn comes the bike race  
And round and 'round the   
Go speeding rugged cyclists  
For twelve hours by the 

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## BIKE RACE (From P. 1)

Hronjak strained a leg muscle last week in setting a new American record of 1 hour, 43 minutes, 8 seconds in the 50-mile Elgin to Chicago race, and the leg went bad on him after 132 miles of the 12 hour trial. Oliver N. Ward, a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington set a new 200-mile scratch bicycle record for an oval course. He made the distance in 10 hours 13 minutes, 45 seconds as he held a seven lap lead in the race. Ward won top honors in the second annual race on the wharf, and set a new American record in doing so. He covered 232.45 miles in the endurance race. Raoul Galle of New York finished second by covering 226.89 miles, and Jin Beres of Akron was third with 223.20 miles. Tony Frances, a former Pittsburgher and first chairman of the Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, came in fourth with 221.94 miles.

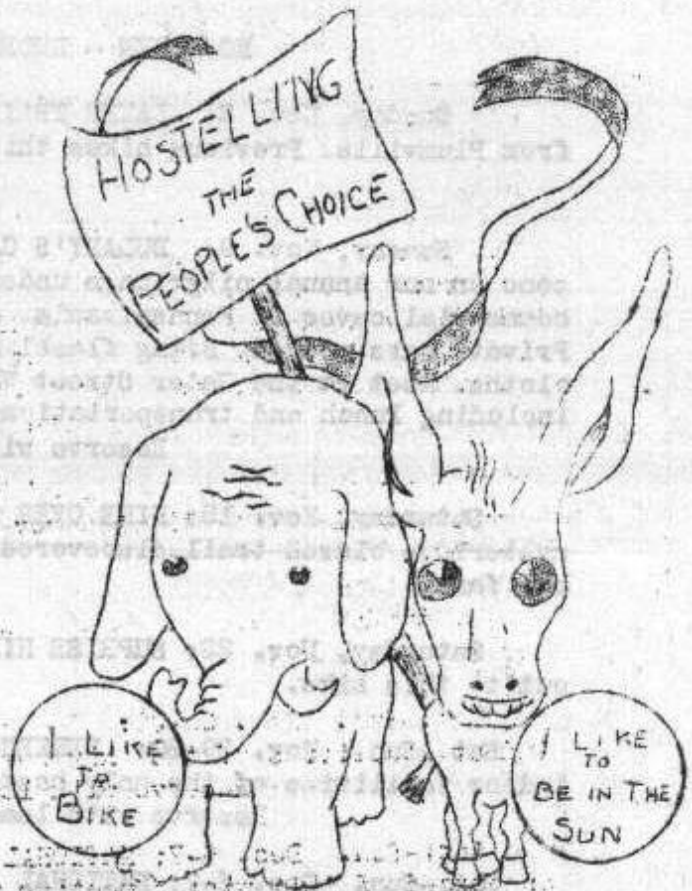
Other contestants in the race were Damon Phinney of Lima, Ohio, and formerly of Pittsburgh AYH; Regie Moser of Pgh. AYH; Bill Wagonstein of New York; Vernon H. Barnes of Cleveland; Peter DeBuek of New York, Daniel D. Mast of Toledo, and Bill Mitchell, Ed Worrell, Bill Comensky, Ted Jeannette, Gilbert Simons, Walt Williams, and Jin Zimmerman, all of Pittsburgh Council, AYH. Betty Bierer, only woman contestant, was one of the 17 cyclists who managed to complete the race. She covered a total of 186.6 miles.

Some of the awards given to winners were as follows: A Columbia bicycle, given by the Westfield Manufacturing Co. and the Joseph Woodwell Co., a Schwinn Traveller (Model 718) by the Schwinn Bicycle Co., 3 trophies from the Bicycle Institute of America, six medals from AYH of Pittsburgh, 1 trophy (200 mile prize) from Keystone Haverford Co., 2 tires from George Boehn Cycle Shop; luggage, a Parker "51" pen and pencil set, and a Sunbeam fryer from the Pittsburgh Council, AYH.

Late in the race, Mr. Tunis Dykema, President of the Pennsylvania Glass Products Company, Inc., who is a cycling enthusiast, offered to give a \$25 war bond to all those who completed the 12-hour contest. (Cont'd on P. 3)



- Nov. 6-----Jump on the magic carpet with Harold Huckins for Paris, London, Brussels & Switzerland.
- Nov. 13-----Election-come and choose your next year's officers. Remember, bring your blue AYH membership card.
- Nov. 20-----Back on the magic carpet for a tour of the northwestern U.S. thru the Rocky Mountains - Tetons - and Yellowstone guided by Herb Buchwald.
- Nov. 27-----Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. Square and folk dancing.
- Dec. 4-----Put your magic carpet on a motorcycle and follow Jack and George thru Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany.
- Dec. 11-----Jean and Grace head the Magic Carpet thru Western Canada and the state of Washington.
- Dec. 18-----Turn up with a Square and Folk Dance.
- Dec. 25-----Join the gang for carol singing around the traditional Yule Log.



#### Hostelling News.

Latest news from National Headquarters is the decision to give local councils 50% of the pass fees instead of the present 40%. This will increase the local income and help local hostelling.

Many of our hostellers are traveling to far distant places to work and play. Last summer Kay Walczak, Harold Huckins, George Cohen, Jack Stein and Herb Buchwald were all touring Europe by one means or another on strictly pleasure trips. Ruth Eckhardt has taken up residence in Alaska for a while, and Bob Herman is starting on a new job in Minnesota, which is not much warmer.

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#### BIKE RACE (Cont'd from P. 2)

These will be sent to the winners with the handsome 150-mile certificates designed by Wayne Farley, and which are given to all contestants who pedalled at least 150 miles.

Edith Caporali.

YOUR VOTE is what determines the quality of your leadership.

ELECT YOUR OFFICERS

Thursday evening October 16<sup>th</sup> Justin Cline, enroute to Indiana for a series of talks about hostel clubs, stopped at Pittsburgh to review tentative plans for the December Workshop. He approved the Arts and Crafts building wholeheartedly as the meeting place.

Sleeping accommodations are a present problem. Some folks will stay at the Penn Shady; but others will have need of home hospitality. If you can prove some for one or two people please call our Council Chairman Betty Bierer  
Phone Em 1-0413.

#### BIKERS ! ! !

If you have any biking problems, need any new parts, or any A.Y.H. merchandise, before the cycling weather is thru see Bruce Merritt.

NOVEMBER -- DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 2: **BAKER TRAIL HIKE** - Sector #7. A short hike north from Plumville. Previous hikes this year have covered sectors 2, 3, & 4.  
Leader Grace Kriner Mu 1-5007

Sunday, Nov. 9: **DULANY'S CAVE CRAWL** - For an unusual experience, come on our annual pilgrimage under ground thru the largest of the non-commercial caves in Pennsylvania. Always the biggest trip of the year. Private cars needed. Bring flashlight, extra batteries, and wear old cloths. Meet at the Water Street Wharf Parking Lot- 8:30 AM. The cost including lunch and transportation - \$ 2.00  
Reserve with Leader Gloria Fisher En 1-0413

Saturday, Nov. 15: **HIKE OVER SECRET TRAIL** - Short 10 mile hike over mysterious blazed trail discovered in the west end of town. Cost 15¢ plus bus fare.  
Leader Herb Buchwald Ma 1-4725

Saturday, Nov. 22: **SUPRISE HIKE #1** - If you like suprizes come on out to this hike.  
Leader George Cohen En 1-0069

Sat.-Sun. Nov. 29-30: **WEEKEND AT THE HOSTEL** - Enjoy the wonderful indoor facilities of the only hostel readily accessible to Pittsburgh.  
Reserve with leaders Joan & Betty Walczak Mu 1-5407

Sat.-Sun. Dec. 6-7: **NATIONAL A.Y.H. WORKSHOP** - Details will be announced of this winter meeting which will bring A.Y.H. members from around the country to Pittsburgh for discussions. Save this week-end for an exchange of ideas with fellow hostellers.  
Contact- Pgh. Council Chairman Betty Bierer En 1-0413

Sunday, Dec. 14: **HIKE IN NORTH PARK** -  
Leader Therese O'Callaghan Mu 1-5407

Saturday, Dec. 20: **CHRISTMAS PARTY** - For more information contact Mary Louise Silvas or Margaret Dudas.

Sunday, Dec. 21: **SUPRISE HIKE #2** - What, another suprise? ? ?  
Leader Jack Stein Ja 1-9381

Saturday, Dec. 27: **BAKER TRAIL HIKE** - Sector #9 - A ten or twelve mile hike over perhaps the most inaccessible portion of the trail. A wilderness trek thru a fine stand of timber adjoining remote stretches of Mahoning Creek.  
Leader Cliff Alexander Lo 1-4466