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AS A RELATIVELY NEW MEMBER taking the office of president, my view of A.Y.H. has suddenly taken a wide, cinematic scope. And what I have seen and heard about the organization at all its levels has pleased me a great deal. I now know that we belong to a group that is sound in every respect--sound in purpose, in spirit and in effort. The national body is not only financially stable; it is backed up structurally by leaders who are sincere in their aims to make Hostelling a success and have the faith to see these aims realized. Councils throughout the country are active, spirited and growing.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL ITSELF, has never been in such good financial and organizational condition...with its new Constitution, the prospect of incorporation and new board of directors and advisory board. Most encouraging of all, however, is its membership, its true backbone. I have seen a vast interest in the desire to discuss its activities, problems and plans for improvement.

BUT, TALKING ABOUT IT is not enough. A.Y.H. is by nature a participating, not a spectating sport. We don't join it to be entertained; we entertain ourselves. We don't hire someone to run the Council; we run it ourselves....and we run it the way we want...to please its members. Attracted by a common love for the out-of-doors and the informal friendships which A.Y.H. offers, we all enjoy the associations and facilities of the Council. But, let us not forget that the privileges we enjoy, including the comradeship of its members, are the direct results of past members' efforts. The membership have made us what we are today. It's up to everyone to contribute what he can to make us what we will be tomorrow.

THE ORGANIZATION EXISTS TO PROVIDE the type of activity the members want within the limits of the definition of Hostelling. In the coming year we shall continue in an active program of biking, hiking and climbing. We look forward to trips along the skiing and canoeing line if interest continues to grow in these fields. With the mounting popularity of the Baker Trail, hiking, blazing and setting up new shelters will provide many satisfying excursions. There is also a fine prospect of inter-council and extended trips to interesting places with interesting people. A regional conference at Layanna Hostel at the end of April promises to be a pleasant experience for anyone who has not been to that well-known hostel, or who hasn't met members from other Councils.

IN SHORT, the Council belongs to its members so they may enjoy the privileges made available through the efforts of previous members, so they may participate in the type of activities they want and which they can provide for themselves.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, but.....no spectators, please.--John Behun

# The Rosey Bushy

Mr. Thomas Werry has offered materials and a site for the second shelter on the Baker Trail at the top of the hill, south of Route 66 near Crooked Creek.

Bill and Ann Henry believe their little girl, Susan Gail (born October 25, will be a good mountaineer because she has long fingers and toes.

Ted Jeanette married Natalie Wilder in Evans City on October 15.

"Bouquets" to Joan Walczak on her trip in the Fall to the hostel in Holtenau, seven overnights and seven day trips. M. & Mrs. Anthony Pankowski send best regards to all hostellers.

Newest engagements: Hugh Robin and Mary Louise Silvas.

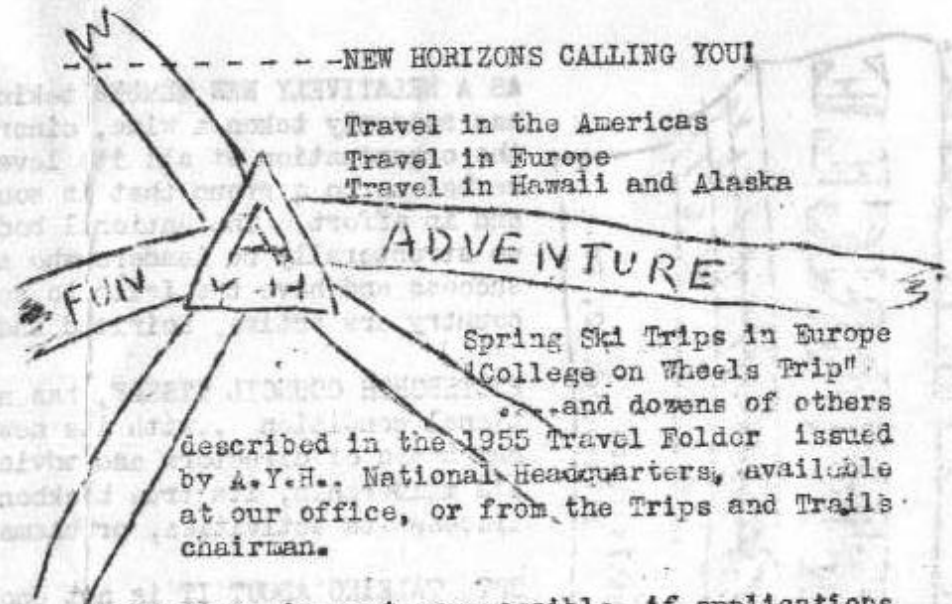
Moshe and Elise Kunder are planning a trip this summer to Israel for a visit with Moshe's family.

It was good to see Bill Gonsky, Harry Rhule and Vince Roelf over the holidays. On leave from the service.

Harold and Beth Hockins' Christmas card announced they were leaving for Paris for a six-month's stay, on business. They're looking forward to a tour of the famous city guided by Field Curry—also working there.

Betty Bierer spent the holidays on a skiing trip to Montreal with John Behan and Stu Reynolds.

Bud and Therese Edlis, and David, are back from Texas to stay....also discharged from the Army is Fred Freuthal.



Reductions in cost are possible, if applications are received by March 15, or if you can convince 2 or more friends to sign up for any AYH trip in 1955. Get details from American Youth Hostels, Inc., 14 West 8th. St., New York 11, N. Y.

Independent hostellers can get steamship and air passage arrangements to Europe made at no extra charge, at low cost tourist rates. Itinerary, travel tips, pass, equipment information can be obtained by writing to the address above. ....

## Recent Pass Purchasers

Carl Bierer	June Meyers
Herb Buchwald	Mary Heilan
Robert Evans	William Orsborn
Robert Fulton	Sylvia Wilson
Paul Harris	Beverly Bair

Check to see if your pass needs renewing. There are quite a few dated January, 1954. ....  
 Bob Fulton's the boy to see for your new pass.



## You Be The Judge

SLICK NO-STICK TRICK....Zippers that are a bit stubborn occasionally will work smoothly if you run the lead from a pencil up and down the zipper.

It's the graphite that does the trick! The slide will then slip up and down the zipper easily and do away with those harassing tugs.

## ACTIVITIES BOARD

1955

### Chairmen

President	John Behun
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Baker Trail	} Fred Freuthal
Extended Trips	
Golden Triangle	Fran Czapiewski
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Am. Camping Assoc.	Frieda Hammermeister
Health & Welf. Assoc.	June Merritt

Vicky, who loved to ski, eagerly accepted some friends' invitation to try out their favorite ski resort. Paying the required fee, they rode the chair lift to the top of the run, put on their skis and started down a marked trail in single file with Vicky gracefully bringing up the rear.

After skimming part way down the mountain, Vicky's companions, at a level spot in the trail, stopped to rest. When Vicky approached them she skilfully executed a "snow plow" (a maneuver designed to bring her to a halt by pointing her skis inward in a V. Suddenly she hit the top of a tree stump, barely concealed under the smooth snow. The air seemed filled with skis, and Vicky took a header. When her friends dug her out of the snow, she had a broken leg and other injuries. After a stay in the hospital, Vicky sued the resort.

"It was your duty, after taking my money, to provide me with a safe place to ski," she argued. "You should have known about that stump, and warned me."

"I don't have X-ray eyes," the resort owner replied. "I didn't know about the stump, either."

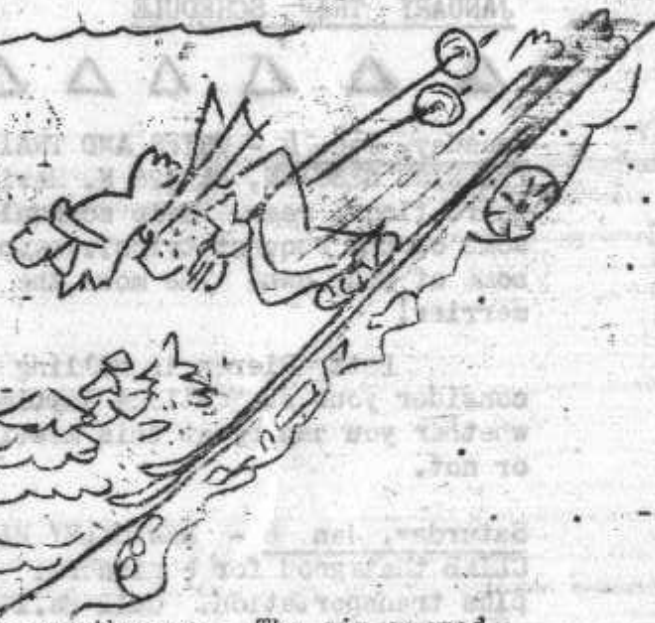
If you were the judge, would you let Vicky collect for her spill?

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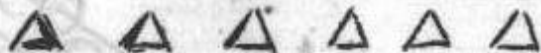
Vicky came away empty-handed. The court said the resort owner could not reasonably have been expected to know about the concealed stump, and that hitting such obstacles was just one of the risks that a skier has to take. It added that were skiing is concerned, "The timorous may stay at home."

--from the Saturday Evening Post

A.Y.H. National Headquarters has been moved down to Greenwich Village and will be housed in the building on 8th Street known as the Whitney Museum of American Art.



## JANUARY TRIP SCHEDULE



Tuesday, Jan. 4 - TRIPS AND TRAILS PLANNING SESSION, at 326 N. Neville, third floor, rear. Help schedule some of the request trips.....plan some of your own. The more the merrier!

Petty Bierer is willing to consider your suggestions anytime--whether you can be at this meeting or not.

Saturday, Jan. 8 - AEWICKLEY HILLS CLIMB that's good for beginners. 15¢ plus transportation. Call Ma.1-3741.

Sat., Sun. Jan. 15-16 - UNIONTOWN PACK TRIP. Leave early Sat., hike cross-country and trails on Chestnut Ridge. Sleep under dry rock shelter. Short hike Sunday and home early evening. Cost \$3.25 plus approx. \$1.50 Transportation. Reserve, Ma. 1-3741.

Thurs., Jan. 20 - COFFEE CLATCH after A.I.H. meeting. 326 N. Neville, 3rd floor, rear.

Sat., Jan. 22 - Afternoon HIKE TO PICTURESQUE SELDOM SEEN (famous in Gill Love's column) Follow trails to home of Rosemary Thiebaut for one of her "special" suppers, followed by singing. Cost 65¢ plus carfare. Le.1-0212.

Sat., Sun. Jan. 29-30 - SKI WEEK-END at Bill Snell's Cabin, Lynn Run State Park, one of our favorite yearly trips.

DO YOU HAVE THAT  
---penned-up, mid-winter  
feeling?



---then it's time you

TOOK AN AYH. TRIP

st approx. \$5.50 Reserve, Fr. 992.

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