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.....6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

# open house EXTENDED TRIPS



We might become so "punny" as to say that all good eggs are welcome at our Thursday night programs. Beginning at 8:30, each program is planned to appeal to everyone.

April 5—Folk dancing, always the first Thursday of the month, will be planned for those who have never tried it before and for those who who wish to learn something a little more complex.



April 12—Refreshments dressed up by Joyce Koplos will be served. She also plans plenty of conversation for this evening.

April 19—Hawaii calls! For those of you who are unable to answer the call, due to other plans, Hugh Gilmour shows his slides of the islands. See Honolulu and Waikiki, Diamond Head and ...the hula.

April 26—Jim Taylor will talk on one of the newest sports, scuba diving; equipment necessary, diving hazards, safety precautions and the wonders of the sport.

HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS FOR A PROGRAM? Own any slides? Do anything interesting? Notify Joyce Koplos and she'll schedule you for a program all your own. Next stop...your own television program!

Pittsburgh Council announces a series of extended trips to fit anyone's budget. The trips range from one to two weeks, from \$45.00 to \$120.00, and is by no means conclusive. We still have no final word on a camping trip in the Pacific northwest area with side trips to the World's Fair in Seattle.

Ed Coleman has planned a series of four canoeing trips:

#1 Canoeing trip to Algonquin Provincial Park, Canada. This will offer some white water canoeing and fishing. A nine-day trip, this will extend from August 4-12. Cost of the trip will be \$50.00 with an early bird reduction of \$5.00.

#2 Canoeing trip to the same area as #1, except that the trip will be of sixteen days duration, extending from August 4-19. Cost of this trip will be \$90.00 with an early bird reduction of \$10.00.

#3 Canoeing trip to Quetico Provincial Park, Canada, just north of Ely, Minnesota. This trip will offer all types of canoeing and fishing. Some canoe sailing will be done if the weather permits. This trip will be a sixteen day trip, extending from August 18 to September 3, and will

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# CHARIVARI

by Hugh Gilmour

Why is it that people run when they see us coming? We have never thought of this column as a gossip column, nor we dig down for news that may be embarrassing to anyone. It has been our belief that people, not only like to see their names in print, but also they are interested in knowing what other hostellers are doing. We can cite one example of a member who, when discovering that another member was planning a trip, called that person....the result being that the two of them had darn good time. Then again, people are always changing positions from bachelor or career girl to married status, from non-child raising parents to Dr. Spock authorities, etc. So please don't run when you see us approaching; instead call us and give us the news of any change (however minor) in your life.

HELEN VAN WYK post cards from Forth Worth, Texas, where she is now working and living and, as of February 14, was enjoying temperatures in the 70's and sunshine all day long. Her postcard suddenly placed us in her past when she said that it was good to have known us. We hope she'll be back in Pittsburgh again one day. Helen, not only helped found the Lady Dorothy McMillan chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire, but also introduced snowshoeing to Pittsburgh Council. TOM BRYSON not only joined AYH again but also purchased a new copy of Song Fest. He was on hand at the Membership party at ELLLEN COOK's to join LOIS ANN WAGNER and FRED MAUK in their folk singing. We always knew Ellen had talent in the art field, but we never knew her persuasive powers until we saw her and BRUCE SUNDQUIST and JOHN PHILBRICK on the left bank of headquarters painting the oars for the canoes.

BILL COMENSKY is now in charge of national sales at radio station WWSW. DIANE DIMON and MEIR MENES were married in January. Meir is planning to attend a conference this summer in Israel, and Diane hopes to accompany him. They are now living in Brooklyn. Diane is currently working at the ANTA placement bureau. BILL RUETER is trying to start a cycle club at Taylor-Alderlice High School. JOHN BURNS, plans to attend Pitt this fall. John has worked with the Department of Parks and Recreation for the last couple of summers, conducting day camps and leading hikes through the city parks. LARRY COHEN won a gold medal (the naval award) at Mt. Tremblant in February, for the Standard Downhill race. Larry has been on the Seven Springs Ski Patrol this winter. MARGARET BARK is planning to go to Europe this summer with the Tech alumni and faculty chartered plane. MARK DODD invited Mayor Barr to join him on the hike along the new Monroeville Parkway before it is opened to the car-going public, but he was unable to do so.

So....like we said before, when you say us coming, don't run away. We'd like to be able to fill this page with news, but this month we are unable to do so. Get busy so that we can make this newsy doozy column.

## LATE NEWS BULLETIN!!!

The Pennsylvania State Police informed Eleanor Hawley that the canoe, which she had used on a canoeing trip last summer and stolen from her on that same weekend, had been found and would be returned to her. Person involved were being dealt with in an orderly manner.

ABBIE AND LLOYD GEERTZ STILL WAITING and The stork is long overdue and Magee Hospital is holding the bed indefinitely... The Geertz's hope it will be soon, for Abbie has her eye on some of the future trips scheduled.



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## EXTENDED TRIPS

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cost \$95.00 with an early bird reduction of \$10.00.

#4 Canoeing trip to the same area as #1 except that the duration will be twenty-four days, extending from August 18 to September 9. Cost of the trip will be \$120.00 with an early bird reduction of \$10.00.

The early bird reduction is given to all persons who sign up for the trip prior to May 1.

Ann Montgomery is planning a hiking and camping out trip at Lookout Mountain in Tennessee and northern Georgia. Sitton's Gulch is the area, and you will hike along old Indian trails and see interesting rock formations and caves. You can visit some Civil War battlefields and TVA dams along the Tennessee River. Plenty of southern hospitality offered on this leisurely trip. An eight day trip, it will extend from August 4 to the 12th and will cost about \$45.00.

## NATIONAL AYH WEEK

Plans are being made to celebrate the beginning of the National AYH Week with a bicycle race to be held in Highland or Schenley Park on Sunday, May 6. Boys and girls races will be offered, the boys' race being about twenty miles or about twenty laps around the reservoir. If you wish to participate, contact Jacek Jedruch at CH 2-8610.

"Bread may be the staff of life, but don't think that the life of this staff is going to be one long loaf."

You can keep us busy by sending in more news items to fill our pages.

## BILL NELSON VISITS PGH. COUNCIL

Bill Nelson, National Field representative visited Pittsburgh Thursday, March 1 and discussed future plans for AYH. His pet discussion dealt with what other councils are doing to encourage youth clubs and church groups to use our hostels.

He was very encouraged by the number of youths in the Pittsburgh Council, an amount that has grown considerably in the last few months.

Ben Dell has asked that anyone interested in working with youths contact him very soon. Ben's plans call for various individual trips for teen-agers.

## CANOEING SCHOOL

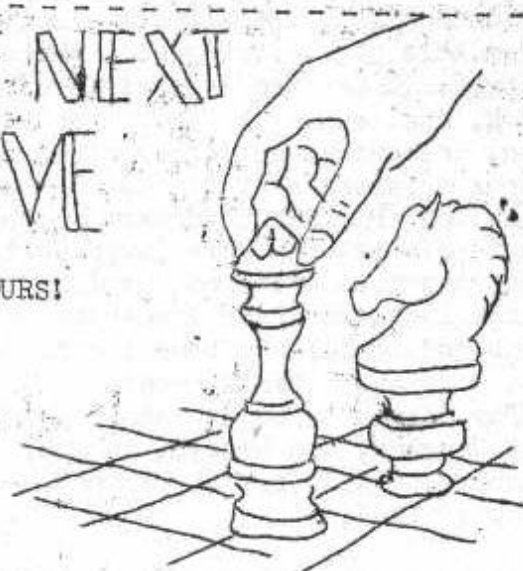
The Red Ridge College, a school teaching white water canoeing to those who not only intend to use the knowledge themselves, but also those who intend to teach to others, will conduct a workshop in canoeing on the Lackawaxen River, near Scranton, from May 4 to May 7. For further information about this, contact John Philbrick at HA 1-7988. John is also taking orders for canoes and can save from ten to fifteen percent on all canoe orders.

## THE NEXT MOVE

CAN BE YOURS!

Bring a friend the next time you come to open house.

Let him or her share in the fun.



## SAILING TO EUROPE THIS SUMMER?



AYH will have space aboard Council on Student Travel special student sailings again this summer. CST has chartered the M/S AURELIA, a beautiful one-class ship, an 11,000 ton Italian liner owned by the Cogedar Line of Genoa. All of the staterooms and public lounges are comfortably air-conditioned and attractively furnished. Cabins are for two, four, six and eight persons, many with private baths. Spacious deck space, a huge ballroom and an outdoor swimming pool make this ship an ideal choice for students and teachers. Write direct to AYH Travel Department, 14 West 8th Street, New York for space and/or travel information.

## MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the membership committee for one of the most enjoyable Thursday night open house programs. "Bring-a-friend" night, the committee's first program this year, took place, Thursday, March 8. Under the leadership of Ellen Cook, chairman of the membership committee, and enthusiastic group was organized for a treasure hunt for new members. Starting from AYH headquarters, participants of the hunt were given assignments and road maps with instructions to bring themselves and their "treasure of new members" to Ellen's home for coffee, cake, hot dogs and entertainment. Close to fifty people turned up at Ellen's, and Pat Vaughan, who brought in four new members, won a free "treasure" membership pass of 1963.

Entertainment included slides from local AYH excursions with folk music led by Lois Ann Wagner on the guitar and Fred Mauk strumming his banjo. Not only did the program introduce some new members to AYH, but it also reactivated a few others who had once been active.

## HOSTEL NEWS

by Margaret Bark

Long-range plans for development of hostels in Western Pennsylvania have been submitted by the Hostel Development Committee to the Eastern Regional Vice-president of AYH. The plan calls for holiday hostels in Laurel Ridge, Lake Erie and Cooks Forest areas, connected by trail hostels to create a chain from Pittsburgh to Erie, and connecting with the Baker Trail.

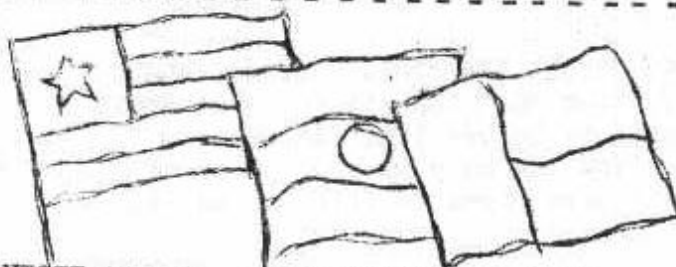
High on the priority list is a year-round facility in the Laurel Ridge area, where thirty to fifty hostellers can be accommodated. Similar hostels are desirable at Cook Forest, where the Baker Trail ends, and at the Lake Erie resort area.

Arrangements for camping and possible hostel development are already being made near Centerville (midway between Cook Forest and Lake Erie), Pymatuning Reservoir and Evans City. A community type hostel is planned for the Muddy Creek area when the new State Park develops. South east of Pittsburgh and reaching toward the C. & O. Canal chain of hostels is Ohio-pyle, another favorite hiking and canoeing area where inquiries are being made.

## LEADERS NEEDED

Exploratory trips on foot, by bike and by canoe in areas highlighted in the Hostel Development Committee's proposed plan for the Pittsburgh area are being lined up by committee chairman, Margaret Bark (PO 1-4475)

Members who are acquainted with the various localities will be needed to help find preferred routes between hostel sites. Trippers with adventuresome spirits will enjoy exploring new territory. Reblazing of the Baker Trail is scheduled. Interested persons may sign up by April 15. In most cases the groups will be kept small.



VISIT AFRICA... THE FUTURE FRONTIER!





From the New York Council: A windjammer cruise will ship out the second week of June, heading for Maine, where they will explore the coast of New England. Trippers will pitch in with the sailing, getting acquainted with the workings of a schooner. Price for this junket: \$125 for seven days.

Featured on the front page of the Philadelphia Council's latest bulletin is a picture of Kay (Walczak) Kampschaefer on a bicycle with three year old daughter, Greta riding the luggage carrier. Kay and her husband are former Pittsburgh hostellers who took their two children on a seven week cycle trip through Europe last year. That's getting the most out of a \$7.00 family pass, eh?

Israel's fifteenth youth hostel has opened. It is at Kere Deshe (Gazha) a magnificent site on the northern shore of the Lake of Galilee, on the road from Tiberias to Capernaum. The hostel is surrounded by a beautiful park which extends along the lake.

A youth hostel, probably the longest hotel in the world, has been opened in the castle of Burghausen, on the River Salzach (Upper Bavaria) to accommodate 174 guests. According to Graham Heath, IYHF Information Officer, the castle is one kilometer in length and is claimed to be the longest in Germany. Our metric table tells us that a kilometer is .62137 or almost two-thirds of a mile.

The mere sound and sight of the name Macgillycuddy Reeks fascinates us to the point of planning to go there. Macgillycuddy Reeks is a mountain range in Ireland with summits rising to 3400 feet. A new hostel will be opened April 1 at Glencar, County Kerry, in a wild and

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## HOSTELING IN JAPAN



Hosteling in Japan began a scant eleven years ago, but already the Ministry of Transportation has granted subsidies to build youth hostels. So far at least thirty are open to hostellers.

To a country where the points of interest between major towns are relatively short, hosteling is made-to-order. Cycling or hiking can be done quite easily in spite of the (in some outlying areas) primitive roads. Hostellers have never been ones to rush onto something, especially when there are such things as teahouses and old temples to be seen along the way. Sketches and prints that we have seen suddenly come to life as Fujiyama, on whose summit there is always snow (says the ancient inscription on my rice bowl), looms up out of the faraway sky.

Just as in any hosteling situation, the traveler can get closer to the native way of life than the typical tourist. The rice fields, the restful inns, the colorful kimonos, the waving streamers of advertising...all are typical of the old and new Japan. Staying at hostels, you'll eat more of the native soup, fish, rice and the green tea. By spending more, you can eat like any other tourist, Japanese or American food.

Rates at the hostels are extremely inexpensive. Charge for an overnight is 28¢, breakfast at 28¢ and dinner at 42¢. At this rate, one can stock up on jade, bric-a-brac galore.

National AYH has just scheduled its first "all-Japan" tour for the summer of 1962, sailing from San Francisco on July 9 and returning two months later.

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beautiful district close to Macgillycuddy Reeks. The nearby Caragh River provides excellent fishing.



# RUTH SHAW

written by  
JOHN ECKMAN

## personality OF THE MONTH

Which member of Pittsburgh AYH Council met Rachmaninoff.....does free lance writing...studied modern dance.....worked in television....is consulted by precocious sixth graders with Ann Landers-type problems? RUTH SHAW, that's who! Ruth teaches six grades and puts out the school newspaper at Avonworth School in Ben Avon--Emsworth area.

An enthusiastic hiker and swimmer, Ruth joined AYH in September of 1961. She also enjoys horseback riding, wants to start cycling, takes part in AYH social and business functions, and serves on the publicity committee. In addition to this catalog of talents and interests, she has also studied modern dance, worked at WQED, been a free-lance writer and played piano as accompanist for dance groups.

Summer she likes to take off for the far hill--ostensibly to take classes or attend a workshop, but--not by coincidence--there is usually a resort area or national park nearby. One recent summer she attended a writer's workshop at the University of Colorado, sidelining hikes and fishing excursions, some riding and writing in the space of a few weeks.

In college (University of Wisconsin and Paterson State College, New Jersey) she majored in psychology and minored in music and English. Currently she expects to finish a master's degree in guidance and counseling at Columbia University in New York this summer (hiking around through Manhattan at the same time).

## NEWS FROM THE CYCLE SHOP

Bruce Sundquist has announced that the six new cycle ordered for this summer's trips are in and assembled. The six new bikes, in addition to the fifteen rental bikes, should be satisfactory in filling the need for cycles on trips for the future. He also reminds everyone that the yearly storage fee is still due and unless paid, your bike will be used for rental this summer.

If you have a bike in the cycle shop, please label it and padlock it and pay your \$5.00 fee, otherwise it will be used as a rental this summer.

If you have borrowed any equipment throughout the year and have failed to return it, please do so for it will be in demand before the spring has passed.



According to our Record,

YOUR PASS

HAS EXPIRED....

and just when everything is busting out for spring and summer.

Interesting trips are planned, canoeing trips, hikes, camping trips to nearby parks and camps, short and long cycling trips ending in picnics. Don't be left out. Join up....today.





# TRIPS

lunch and reserve with Frammy at MA 1-3970. Leave HQ at 9 AM.

Saturday, Sunday, April 7-8--Joh Philbrick leads an expedition to New Jersey to bring our two new canoes back, combined with a canoe trip on the Mullica River in New Jersey. To get one of the few places still unreserved, call John at HA 1-7988 early. Trip leaves HQ at 4:30 PM on Friday, April 6. Cost will be about \$20.00.

Sunday, April 8--Tom Gabor leads a hike at Chiopyle Falls on the Youghiogheny River. Bring lunch. No reservations needed. Leave HQ after breakfast at 6:15 AM promptly or Verschiren's Market on Rt. 51 at 8:43 AM. Cost of the trip will be \$1.52.

Saturday, April 14--Harry Rhule leads a trip to Washington, D.C. Spend the night at the Senaca Hostel on the C & O Canal. Return late Sunday evening. Bring lunch, sleeping bag, mess kit, AYH pass. Reserve MA 1-8486. Cost will be about \$10.00. Leave HQ at 8 AM.

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Friday-Sunday April 20-22--Three day canoe trip with Lee Hayden on the Clarian River from below Ridgeway to Clarian for a total distance of about sixty miles. Nights will be spent camping out, so bring sleeping bag, mess kit, tent (if you have one). Return Easter Sunday at 5 PM. Trip leaves HQ on Friday at 8 AM. Call Lee for information at MA 1-8486.

Saturday, April 28--Ruth Stacklin leads an overnight trip to the Bittenger Hostel in Maryland. Hiking near the Deep Creek Lake. Bring lunch, sleeping bag, mess kit, AYH pass. Leave HQ at 8:30 AM Cost about \$7.00 for weekend.

Saturday, April 28--Cycle trip of fifteen to twenty miles in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, led by Harry Rhule. Bring lunch and leave HQ at 8:00 AM. Cost 50¢.

Sunday, April 29--Cycle trip from HQ to Snelsire's home in the North Hills and back with a stopover at their home for refreshments. Entire trip will be about thirty-five miles. Leave HQ at 9:30 AM. Cost 50¢ plus bike rental (if you don't own bike)

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Sunday, April 15--Tom Bryson leads a cycle trip through the lovely rural area in the vicinity of Prosperity, Pa. Distance will be about ten to fifteen miles. Bring lunch, reserve with Tom at CH 2-5568. Cost: \$1.75. Trip leaves HQ at 10 AM.



Our Monday night cycle sessions have already started. Here is your chance to knock those kinks out of your winter muscles. Don't hesitate to go on one of the longer weekend trips. Meet at HQ at 6:30. Cycle around town through one of the city parks. No charge at all if you own your own bike. Bike rentals for those who do not.