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The April, 1957 issue of the THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE

carried this editorial comment by Dr. Arthur Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, B.S.A.

"AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS - Many of our members are associated with this fine group, and our two organizations have much in common, as we encourage participation in high-adventure activities in the great outdoors. Every Scout executive should be familiar with the work and facilities of the American Youth Hostels, Inc., and acquainted with their leaders and program in his area."

The magazine also carried the following paragraph:

## A.Y.H. AND B.S.A.

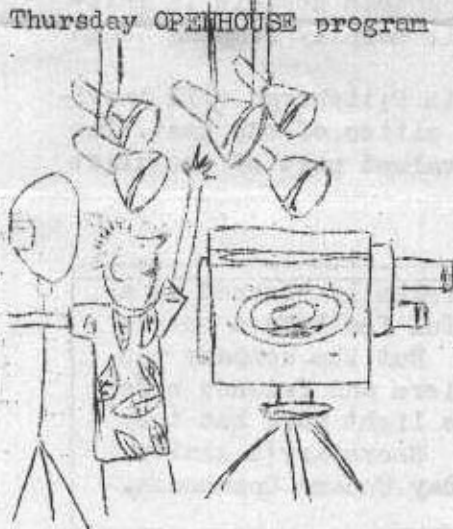
"As the boundaries of adventure expand almost daily to more distant horizons, it is natural that our older boys will look toward new worlds to conquer. Among the fine organizations engaged in leading youth on these trails is American Youth Hostels, Inc. Since 1934, AYH has provided opportunities for young men and women to enjoy the outdoors and the friendly atmosphere of well-supervised hostels.

The Hostel organization has generously offered the Boy Scouts of America a chance to share in its program and facilities wherever possible. Local councils have been sent a copy of the hostel handbook and a re-print of its history. It is suggested that council staff members acquaint themselves with the program, purpose and facilities of the youth hostel program so they may advise interested leaders, older Scouts, and Explorers."

Thursday OPENHOUSE program -- Stu Raynolds - Canada Slides - May 23  
Memorial Day - May 30

John Galapago, and "Japan" - June 6  
Frank Napier, Park Naturalist - June 13  
Canoeing Techniques - June 20  
American Red Cross Movie  
Volleyball and Lemonade - June 27

Independence Day - July 4  
Movie - July 11  
To be announced - July 17  
Square Dance - July 21  
Slide Binge - New England - July 28



# HERE'S HOW

---A historical account of  
HOSTELING IN PITTSBURGH  
taken from Volume I, No. 1 of  
the GOLDEN TRIANGLE, February,  
1950, issue.

"It is a long way from Westphalia, Germany to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a long time from 1910 to the present, but this is how far hosteling has traveled and how long the idea has endured....Established in the United States in 1933 by Isabel and Monroe Smith of Northfield, Mass., it swept Pennsylvania like a flood in the late 30's.

# IT ALL

Mushrooming almost overnight was a chain of hostels along the Horseshoe Trail from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and along the Appalachian Trail from the Susquehanna to Delaware Water, Ga. A State Council was established in Philadelphia as well as a local one in the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area. Pittsburgh too, felt the impact of A.Y.H. and, under the leadership of Horace F. Baker, eminent attorney, established a Council in 1941, followed shortly thereafter by a model hostel in South Park.

Then, there was the War, and whole peoples relegated pleasures and ideals to the backs

# STARTED

of their minds. Amid the rubble of foreign communities lay ruined hostels. In this country, no physical destruction occurred, but AYH membership and participation dropped markedly. Councils floundered and fell disorganized. The newest groups, such as the

one in Pittsburgh, were the first to go. In the aftermath, while foreign nations counted their broken buildings, American Hosteling surveyed a terrible loss in everything but reputation. While not returned to its beginnings of 1933, it faced a reconstruction problem of prime magnitude. With courage and new determination, however, the loose ends were gathered, the veterans of the movement were summoned and advised of the task which lay ahead, and deliberate reconstruction began.

Six long years after the demise of the original Pittsburgh Council, a fledgling local group began anew on Washington's Birthday, 1948 to hold hikes intended eventually to expand to a fullblown youth hostel movement. Simultaneously, Mr. Horace F. Baker invited a number of civic minded citizens to a dinner at the Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club in an effort at reorganization.

This group, guided by professional AYH workers from New York, Philadelphia, and Northfield, constituted itself a steering committee to formulate a new organization. It resolved to emphasize hostellers and hosteling rather than hostels in initial phase, and this sound policy paid the dividends we are all happily reaping today.

With your continued support and enthusiasm, hosteling in Pittsburgh will inevitably reach the high stature it proudly enjoys in the great cities of the East. The community will come to look on Hosteling as an integral and valued part of the culture of mankind."

## OPEN HOUSE

Back then, the Openhouse was originally planned as a work party and at first a faithful few turned out to address cards and lick stamps. But the company was so pleasant, attendance grew and soon thirty or more hostellers and friends were milling about Headquarters every week. Many hands may make light work but they also fouled up the filing system, and in order to save the Secretary's sanity, she transferred her committee's work to Wednesday, and Thursday became Openhouse.



PLEASE

---when renewing your pass, send your MEMOGRAMS along with your money, whether you return them to the Membership Chairman, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa., or to A.Y.H., 14 West Eighth St. New York 11, N. Y.

You can't expect the discount price without them!

## EUROPEAN HOSTEL LEADER

Miss Isolde Enz, one of six European hostellers here on the AYH Scholarship program, will be in Pittsburgh from May 14 to May 18. She is 26, single, a secretary employed at the American Consulate in Zurich.

She has lived, worked and hosteled in France, England, and Spain as well as in her own country. Address: Stussistr. 19, Zurich 6, Switzerland.

Miss Enz, and the others, representing five countries, was chosen by her own organization to spend six weeks in the U. S. A., take the A.Y.H. training course and then lead groups of American hostellers through her own country.

## INT'L NEWS

Stockholm's world-famous floating youth hostel, is the converted sailing ship, the "Af Chapman."

The traditional "Olympic Games for Hostellers" will take place at the Flemish Youth Hostel of Diest at Whitsuntide (June 8 to 10). Originally started as a contest for members of the Benelux Assoc., the games are now open to hostellers of all countries.

For foreign visitors, the Scottish Assoc. has planned a new type of tour. For the sum of one shilling the Assoc. provides a written itinerary, describing the route, giving hostel addresses, distances, times of suitable buses and ferries. The itinerary is used in conjunction with a map, which is also provided. There are two routes, one starting on the banks of Loch Lomond; the other from Balquhider on Loch Voil. There are no leaders or organized parties, but by starting the tours on Monday or Saturday, visitors can be reasonably sure of finding company enroute.

Vierhouten, Holland, will be the scene of the International Youth Hostel Rally on August 19-24. A.Y.H. is planning a special flight, if you're interested.

The first youth hostel in Greece will be open from July 15 to August 13 at Chalandri, a suburb of Athens. The hostel will be installed in a school building, with 15 beds. In addition, accommodation will be available in four tents (a gift from the English Y.H.A. at Mate in Attikis by the beach of Evoikos, 30 km from Athens.

In Washington, D. C. "The Big Bike Ride" is being held on Sunday, May 19 to point up the values of cycling and hosteling together with the need for bike paths and trails. Pittsburgh Council is sending a delegation to participate in the ride and picnic.

Ralph Ludington, Membership Chairman

An Extended Trip is a SPECIAL THING.

We had wakened early that morning in the tent area near Jenny Lake. Just beyond the trees that sheltered our camp, Jackson Hole spread out flat and brown, and across the lake, the snowy Tetons rose sharply, forming the west wall of the Hole.

Breakfast went quickly except for the incompressible time needed to drink hot coffee from a messkit cup....the time spent in noticing the way tree-filtered sunlight hit the smoke of our fire; noticing too that the wool shirt put on against early-morning mountain air was just a little too warm. We packed a standard climbers' lunch of:

cheese, chocolate, rye bread and apricots, a little mixed nuts and tinned meat; cleared up and quickly walked a half mile to the ferry boat.

Once at the dock, we had to wait for the ranger to finish his breakfast. The calm lake was so clear, we had no trouble watching two fat trout, (which the ranger had tamed with feeding) glide among the dock pilings.

In time, the ranger appeared carrying his

motorboat keys and the day's first, just-lit cigarette. We paid him round-trip fare, piled into the boat, and settled down among the damp cushions....It was going to be another good day! With a loud purr the boat backed away from the dock, turned around and headed for the opposite landing near the foot of the mountains.

---We don't go back to Wyoming again this year. But, wherever an extended trip does go, it is always a SPECIAL THING.

Chas. B. Richardson, Ext. Trips Chmn.

REMINDER: A.Y.H. SUPPER RE-UNION

The Hartford Council will be hosts for the 1957 Re-union to be held at Bantam Lake Youth Hostel, Lakeside, Connecticut on August 23-25. Everyone's invited.

COUNTING NOSES

OF ALL THOSE, WHOSE  
PASSES

WERE JUST BOUGHT.....and Elizabeth Johnston and Rosemary Thiebaut and John  
Martha Evosevich and Clayton and Margaret Bark and Lois Ann Wagner  
Bertha

Mount Fitzpatrick and James Hagan and Genevieve Crowley  
and Elizabeth Crowley and Nigel Killeen and Joan Leis  
Mel Praissman and Carl Colteryahn and Sunda Cornetti

Fay Hentechel

Dick Gethin  
Shu-Koo Kao  
Janice McPherson

Bill Comensky and Linda Zeller & James Hagan  
and Frances Pickle and Barbara Shields and Art Jentoft and Carolyn Haines and Levine





# SUMMER VACATIONS (and summer not)

If you ask me to fight traffic  
With a bike, against the cars  
On the hot, hard highway leading out of town  
Just to get to some location  
For a meal beneath the stars....Please  
Don't be surprised if I should turn you down.

If you ask me to set records  
Hiking twenty miles or more  
On some speeded-up suburban marathon  
Just to prove that I can take it  
Though my feet have gotten sore  
You won't have to count to ten before I'm gone.

You may call it touristism  
You may call it what you please  
I please to call it simply common sense  
When I have some time for loafing  
And take a trip in the outdoors  
I take it to relax and not to get more tense.

So horray for outdoor pleasure!  
But don't race against the clock  
Or fight traffic jams and argue with the cops  
Or you'll be just like the guy  
Who beats his head against a rock  
Just because it feels so pleasant when  
he stops. ---J. Fred Mauk

## On Canoeing

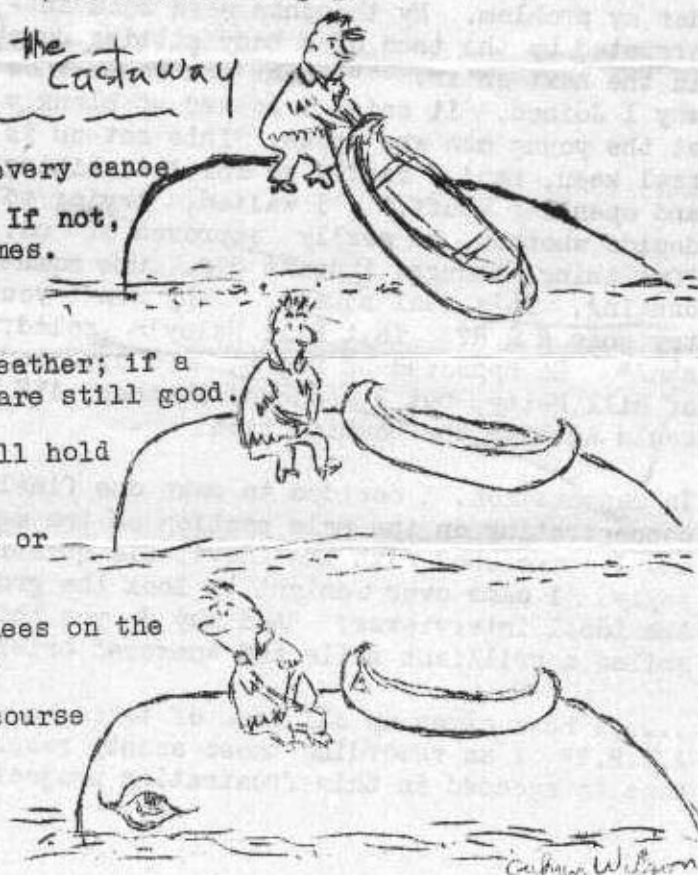
## the Castaway

1. An experienced canoeist should be in every canoe.
2. Each person should know how to swim. If not, he should wear a lifejacket at all times.
3. Change seats only in shallow water.
4. A good canoeist stays ashore in bad weather; if a storm appears, land while conditions are still good.
5. Stick to the canoe if capsized; it will hold you up.
6. Discontinue use of canoes before dark or carry lights if traveling after dark.
7. In rough weather, have one or both knees on the bottom of the canoe for more control.
8. Before shooting rapids, inspect the course from the shore.
9. Always carry an extra paddle.
10. In rough weather, wear clothing that can be removed in a hurry.

## WHO DUNNIT?

- Who cracked a wrist cracking the whip on the ice at Camp Soles last winter?  
Who recently won a gold cup for proficiency in horsemanship?  
Who had his first trip-leading experience in Beirut, Lebanon?  
Who got chased out of Shawnee Lake on the afternoon of April 28 for swimming out of season?  
Who worked as houseparents one summer in the Canadian Rockies?  
Who worked his way through college testing soup for the A.&P.? ("Money's Money.")  
Who quit working at U. S. Steel when she heard they were giving free skiing lessons in Sun Valley?  
Who decided to go to Notre Dame this summer---but not to play football?  
Who billed himself as, "The King of the Undieworld?"  
Who sneaked off from the ACS convention in Miami for a fling in Nassau?  
Who passed up her commencement exercises at Syracuse just to be near her husband-of-six-months?

(See answers on page six -----)



## "WHY DID I JOIN

THE AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTEL?---by I. Asktem

Asked to take a poll on the above question, I sallied forth, expecting the answers to fall neatly into three or four simple categories with my main problem being an analysis of the results. The first interviewee started my disillusionment.

Unusually truculent and bitter, he snapped, "Why did I join A.Y.H.; why did I catch the measles? I was exposed to hostellers and I caught the bug. I got over the measles; may I can beat this, too"....I determined to be more cautious in my next selection.

I spied a frail, but smiling young man leaning in the corner, so I approached him with question on lips and pencil poised over notebook. He sighed and told his tale with the air of a man who has told the story many times. "I used to feel inferior, a skinny weakling. People suggested I join an organization that would build me up. The YMCA laughed; the YWCA did too, but AYH accepted me and I've been a member for two years. I am still skinny, but here I don't feel inferior." As I gazed amazed, he shuffled happily away.

Discouraged, I sat on a lonely seat to ponder my problem. My thoughts were soon interrupted by the thud of a body sitting down in the next chair. "I hear you wanna know why I Joined," it said. I looked up blankly at the young man who spoke. "This set-up is real keen, man! I really go for this hiking and open air stuff." I waited, trying to decide whether he really approved of us. "One thing, though, I don't dig...this square dancing. It's real square. Why don't you try some R & R? That Bill Haley's solid, man!" He approved of us; he also approved of Bill Haley, but I wondered whether AYH could survive the combination.

In desperation, I decided to make one final effort. Perhaps, my mistake had been in concentrating on the male section of the membership. A young blond was sitting alone and I approached with the inevitable question. "Oh, I'm not a member yet," she said shyly. I came over tonight to look the group over. I think I'll join." Here was the ideal interviewee! "And why do you think you'll join?" I asked, hopefully. She smiled a brilliant smile and answered briefly, "Men!"

.....I have given up all idea of taking a poll on the question. "Why Did You Join A.Y.H.?" I am recording these scanty results as a warning to anyone so rash as to hope to succeed in this frustrating project.

## FOR RENT

BICYCLES, rates are: \$1.00 part day  
2.00 full "  
\$10.00 a wk. (1 week) \$15.00 two weeks  
Arrange with Ken Dishart, Mu. 2-2270

## WANTED

TURTLE, live, any size -- Fred Freuthal  
EXPERT CARPENTER (or advanced amateur) to build shelves in office cupboard for stationery stock.

*What they're doing this summer.*

Stu Reynolds - Going to the Far East as part of a U.S.O. show with his juggling act. He will accompany the Cornell Glee Club on a six-week tour leaving June 16.

Nancy Evans--Studying at the University of Hawaii on a shholarship.

*Shingling Whingding*

Every SATURDAY until the roof is done!

(punch in with foremen:

- Don  
Woodland  
- Dave  
Fleischer



Bring  
tools and  
lunch  
and  
stay  
all day.



Trip Schedule - PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
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-----Chief say,  
Let 'em know what's cooking in

May 18 For our Swiss visitor, a short trip and picnic supper. Come to openhouse for details and introductions to Miss Isolde Enz.

May

May 25 WHOLESALE BAKER TRAIL BLAZING.

June

26 1-Day trips to the lower sectors;  
2-Day excursions on the Cook Forest  
end (camping out overnight)

July

We'll need loads of hikers, cars, hammers, and kibitzers. (can't get blazes on straight without 'em) BRING lunch and tools for 1-day trips....sleeping bag, messkit, flashlight and extra clothing for other. Come Thursday, May 23, get signed up with the sector leaders, or call Gloria Fisher, Export 132-R-2 or Em. 2-4400, ext. 388. Cost: 15¢ plus transp. for 1 day; \$5.50 for weekend.

May 30 MEMORIAL DAY CYCLE TRIP without by trailer outside of Pittsburgh, thru countryside....Picnic supper, A.Y.H. in time for the regular Thursday program. Trailer limit is twelve; reserve early with Gloria Fisher. (lunch  
Cost: 65¢ plus transportation. Bring (messgear  
( your OWN supply of water.

May 31 WEEKEND AT OUR HOSTEL, CYCLING AND HIKING - Leader: Jack Paskind.

June 1 Leave Friday nite with bike trailers in tow. Cycle the country roads (maybe with time for a swim) Home on Sunday in time for supper. BRING sleeping bag or sheet sleeping sack, flashlight, AYH pass, Cost: Around \$6.00. Reserve with Jack or Gloria by May 26. (Newcomers can come on the trip by buying a temporary pass that's good for one weekend at 50¢.)

June 9 CYCLING TRIP - Put the final polish on those biking muscles before the big, extended trip to Vermont. Again the trailers give us a chance to find interesting travel outside the city limits.

June 15 Cycle caravan takes off for New England; hikers leave for the Adirondacks.

16 Folk and square dance camp at Carondawanna....featuring Dave Rosenberg.

June 22 CRUISING ON THE WEST BRANCH OF THE SUSQUEHANNA R. - Shoving off in canoes, south of Clearfield, drifting down among tree-covered, unspoiled hills, with just enough white water to make it interesting. Tenting out overnight. BRING mess gear, sleeping bag, waterproof pack, extra clothing.

June 30 Armand Panson again leads us off on a HIKE, SWIM, PICNIC SUPPER TRIP. All you have to bring is lunch, swim suit, 65¢ and transportation fee. Reserve by calling Armand at Mtl. 1-6428.

July 6 YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to spend the weekend at the MATTHEWS' FARM, south of Bridgeville. Load your cycle on a trailer, throw your boots in your pack and cycle and hike the rolling hills to the southwest. There'll be a campfire and songfest, sleeping under the stars (a barn is handy for ducking into in case of rain.) BRING sleeping bag, messkit and Saturday lunch. Trip leaves Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Cost is \$2.75. Reserve with Gloria Fisher by July 4.

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Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Mailing Address

City

Zone

State

I have) held a pass before. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth if under 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
I have not)

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash, check or money order to cover the cost of the AYH pass checked below:

\_\_\_\_ Youth Pass-\$2 (under 18)    \_\_\_\_ Senior Youth-\$4 (18 to 21)    \_\_\_\_ Adult Pass-\$5 (over 21)    \_\_\_\_ Family Pass-\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of children \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: ATTACHING A MEMOGRAM ENTITLES YOU TO A REDUCTION OF \$1.00 ON THE COST OF PASS.

Form 3547 requested

Betty Blarer  
326 N. Neville St.  
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.



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