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NATIONAL AYH REUNION

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All hostellers are invited to the National AYH Reunion & Rally at the International Youth Hostel at Northfield, Massachusetts, August 21 to 25, 1953.

The program includes song fests, folk and square dancing, swapping hostel yarns, a photography contest, hikes, and canoeing, etc. This will be a tremendous hosteling pilgrimage so shine up your bikes, brush your gear and come on a memorable trip.

Following the 4-day festivities, several 5 to 7 day hosteling trips are scheduled, including a hiking trip to the Green or White Mountains, canoeing on the Connecticut River and others.

Reservations are on a first come, first served, basis, accompanied by a \$2.00 deposit. Costs for food, lodging, registration, leadership, etc. are \$12.50 for the 4 day program.

OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM

The Summer programs begin with an "Old-Fashioned, Hand-Cranked Ice Cream Social" on July 2.

On succeeding Thursday nites, there will be a series of talks, "Know your A.Y.H." by some of our members, slides, movies, refreshments, and a "Parade of Summer Fashions" (all out of doors if possible) Dates will be set later.

On August 27 Emil Bonavita of the Red Cross will talk on Canoeing, in preparation for the August 29 trip at Pymatuning Dam.

If you'd like to represent our Council at this Rally-Reunion, let Grace Krinner reserve for you immediately. Final payment is due by August 10.

DETROIT COUNCIL TO SPONSOR TRIP ON Baker Trail

An autumn hiking trip on the Baker Trail will be sponsored by the Detroit Council. On October 17, the hikers, led by Chester Heavner will begin their seven day trip at the beginning of the trail in Aspinwall, and hike the entire length of the Trail to Cook Forest. Several of our own hostellers are hoping to be able to join the Detroiters for a few days.

The AYH 1953 Handbook-Manual is off the press at last! National H.Q. is mailing them to all passholders who are now on our records. Anyone whose pass is still valid on July 1, 1953 will get the 1953 Handbook.

Worthington, Minn.

Dear Betty, (Bierer)

May, 1953

-Haven't really forgotten that I owe you a letter. It's just that I always feel too depressed to write letters. My viewpoint on this section of the country keeps getting dimmer and dimmer..I count the days until my replacement arrives..I only expected to be here 5 months---It's been 7 now.

Present scoop is that I expect to leave here about July 1 and will go on vacation for the month of July...am dickering for a different job now (other than at Bendix) but I do not know for sure what the outcome will be. Would like to go to the Tetons and would also like to take a trip on either the Baker or the A. Trail.

An additional problem has reared its ugly head. How to get both my car and plane back to Pittsburgh....Incidentally, the jalopy finally collapsed. I almost made it to work one morning, when it breathed its last. Had a new engine put in. Hated to think of selling it---too many fond memories of Hostel trips in the past few years...

My weight losing plan ran into a snag last week when I ran into several dinner invitations. Think that I stand a fairly good chance of losing some weight this week if I stay away from the Dairy Queen on the next corner as I think I have exhausted all possible dinner invitations. Incidentally, for the first time in years (I can't remember how many) I am down to less than 200 lbs.

Speaking of Dairy Queens---my friend is trying to talk me into going into that business....I told him it would be a big mistake as we would eat all the profits the first day. The second day would not be a problem as we would not fit in the door. At present we have been unable to decide on a location, and I am holding out for a spot on the Baker Trail...

Letters

Dear Friend:

-Most of us feel, at one time or another the need to do something completely different-something simpler yet satisfying. The motives may be many; adventure, com-

panionship, pleasure, exercise, or perhaps merely relaxation... There is no better way to attain this goal, than through travel under one's own steam---by foot, bicycle, or canoe. It is to facilitate such activities that American Youth Hostels exists.....

Your membership in AYH is the key to a satisfying way of life that you may have dreamed of, but did not know existed.

But we do not wish to press ourselves upon you. You are welcome, member or not, at our open house and on our one day trips without obligation. Drop us a line, or better yet come meet us and try the hosteling way.....

--So goes the propaganda (in part) that Public Relations has recently had printed. In pamphlet form, the letter explains the hosteling idea and aims to light a few sparks in the audiences at our talks and in our correspondence.

Tomorrow is Sunday and if I ever get up in time and the weather is good I think that I may try and get in some rock climbing if I can find some rocks...



If I keep writing and thinking of pleasanter days I will get in too happy a mood. Best I go back to being depressed.

(signed) Hostler in Exile
Bob Herman

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American Youth Hostels
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Pittsburgh 32, Pa.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

E.S.- You haven't told me what I want to know. Brown Eyes

MERRITT ROLL

AND HOW DID YOU GET MIXED UP IN THIS SORT OF THING? Hosteling, we meant, and asked around the crowd.

There were all kinds of answers, one leading to another, some of the roots, going 'way back.

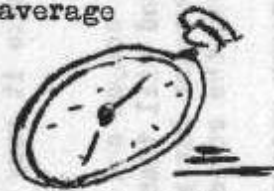
J. D. Myers, Ginny Bach, and Martha Ellis (then Wood) all worked in the same place, saw the Hostel Week, 1949, notices in the paper and went on the night hike that ended at Tony's. They brought Gloria Fisher out later; Gloria had read about Hosteling and Hostel trips ever since high school, so this wasn't hard. June Merritt took Elizabeth Saffer to all the events of that same Hostel Week, and Liz practiced hiking ten miles a day on her seashore vacation that summer, and has been an ardent hiker ever since. Stan Rosecrans asked Bruce Merritt if he wouldn't like to do something crazy like going for a hike at McConnell's Mills. June read Gilbert Love's column on Hosteling in the fall of '48, decided to go on the Dulany's Cave Trip, and the first Hosteler she met was Bruce.

Larry Cohen insists he got interested because the 96 street car left him waiting on a corner for a lengthy period one day when along came some people on bikes with a fellow in a beret out in front (Tony) -so he decided that biking was for him. Autumn Colby and Mary Louise O'Callaghan got Ruth Zimmerman out on the North Sewickley Fire-House (hot foot) weekend, and it took everybody on the trip to keep her from turning back because of the foot or so of slush which beset the group that day. Yet it was Ruth who took charge of the bike trip this year which went out in, well, several inches of slush.

(Continued on another page.)

At 9:00 A.M., Sunday morning, June 14, ten eager cyclists were onhand for the Bicycle Hill Climb. It was a tough 6/10 of a mile on the new, concrete roadway to the New? Veterans' Hospital near Leech Farm. The listing below is the average of three runs.

Previous Record:
 3 min., 13 sec.



Seniors:

Damon Phinney (Senior Trophy)	3 min. 45sec.
Bill Comensky	4 " 17 "
Tony Pranses	4 " 25 "
Ed Worrell	3 " 28 "
Rog Moser	4 " 40 "
Roger Protos	7 " 35 "
Best time for 1 run D.P.	3 " 42.6"

Women:

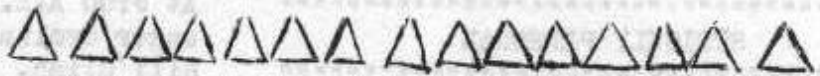
B. Bierer (Women's Trophy)	6 " 14 "
Jean McDowell	6 " 26 "
Nancy Evans	6 " 45 "

Junior:

Bob Evans (Junior Trophy)	4 " 47 "
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Posy Patch

Good to see Bud Edkis while he was home on furlough. He looked wonderful --all tanned and one inch taller..... Larry Cohen and his "new 1953 Baby Blue Plymouth" have been transferred to Washington D.C.....Phil Ewald hops a plane and flies all the way from Tennessee just to go on one of our extended trips....Now we know where Walt Williams spent the weekend of June 14--he was mountain climbing with the Washington D. C. climbers....Joan Walczak will soon be off to Maine for the summer to work at a swanky hotel..... Tony Pranses and family will take a two week cycle trip. They extend an invitation to anyone interested---it will be leisurely since seven-year-old Randy will be using his own cycle-missing: Betty Bierer---our sincere wishes that her mother will make a speedy recovery.....Elsie Muddie and Moshe Kuzniec tied the knot June 9.... We are losing two more of our active hostelers to matrimony and California ---Jim Zimmerman and Edith Caporali.



AT THE START OF MORTIMER'S VACATION TOUR through a Western national park, he told his wife and family, "We'll rough it by sleeping outside with nothing but a tent between us, the stars and the bears."



"But daddy," his daughter asked, "won't the bears eat us up."

Confidently, Mortimer replied, "these bears are so accustomed to seeing people that they never bother anybody."

Just inside the park, a Government ranger handed them a pamphlet on how to behave in a national park. Among other things, it said that while bears were bears they practically never bothered people unless the people provoked them.

That night Mortimer and family pitched their tent, curled up in sleeping bags and slumbered peacefully until midnight. Then an enormous bear which never had read the pamphlet broke into the tent and almost made a midnight snack of Mortimer before other campers drove him off.

On learning that the rangers had reports of bears attacking campers a day earlier, Mort sued the Government. "The rangers knew some bears in the park were dangerous," he said, "but instead of warning us they gave us a pamphlet letting us think we were safe if we left the bears alone. Thus the Government, through its employee's boner, is responsible for my injuries."

"Mortimer can go fan his campfire!" U.S. counsel retorted. "There is no evidence that the attacking bear was one of the troublemakers. Moreover, he had no right to assume that bears, if unmolested, would leave him strictly alone. Every tenderfoot knows that wild animals can't be trusted. Mort took his chances and lost."

If you were the judge, would you make Uncle Sam pay for Mortimer's wounds?

(Answer, based upon a 1951 decision of a U.S. District Court, is on the last page).

-----reprinted from Saturday Evening Post.

DO A FAVOR FOR A FRIEND-----DO A FAVOR FOR A FRIEND-----DO A FAVOR FOR A FRIEND-----DO A FAVOR FOR A FRIEND

Now that you have your 1953 ATE pass, you can make it easy for someone who hasn't.

Clip this coupon and pass it on----- your friend will thank you and you'll have a newcomer for your next hostel trip. Send the coupon to:

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Pittsburgh Council
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh 32, Pennsylvania

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Zone _____ County _____ State _____
Permanent Address _____
Mr. _____
Miss or Mrs. _____
I enclose: _____ in cash, check, money order for pass checked below:
YOUTH PASS, \$2.35.00 ADULT PASS, \$4.00 FAMILY PASS, \$6.00
(Give birth date if under 21) (21 and over) No. of children _____
Signed _____



When a speaker goes out from the Pittsburgh Council, AYH, he usually ends his talk by asking for questions. Naturally, he crosses his fingers.....Does this sound familiar?

"You cycled all the way to Wyoming?" asked a somewhat un-believing lady.

"Isn't this American Youth Hostel a Communist organization?" -This question came from a middle-aged business man. (There are no hostels behind the iron curtain.)

"I didn't know that it was possible to canoe from Pittsburgh to Canada; were there many portages?" (The first portage was about 500 miles---done by car.)

Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, P.T.A., Church and Scout groups are among the twenty organizations that have heard speakers tell of some aspect of Hosteling. This means some 800 people in the Pittsburgh area now know your Council exists and that you, as a Hosteler, are a mighty fine person to have in the community.

---John Crable, Chairman, Speaker's Bureau

"And how did you get mixed up in this sort of thing?" continued.

Marge Collins showed Rosemary Thiebaut the way. Mary Margaret Comensky read about it in the paper, then several years later she dragged her brother Bill along...Betty Beck apparently also had time to read the papers. Jim Zimmerman stumbled over our exhibit at the Buhl Planetarium. Ed Worsell was a folk singer, then someone told him he looked like a Hosteler, so he looked the Hostelers up. Nancy Evans succumbed when a well-meaning friend, Carol Hafer Mogg, brought her to a Thursday meeting. A neighbor of Jean McDowell's, Gil Bellino, told her about the Tetons trip last year in time for her to go along.

....Chas Richardson was practically run down on the Sharpsburg Bridge by June and Bruce; next day Bruce recognized him on the train, and in a big hurry discovered he had a Raleigh bike back home in Texas. Railway Express soon bridged that gap. Lynn Irick's boss had done a lot of Hosteling, told Lynn about it, gave her a sheet sleeping sack and a money bag, and told her where to find us. So apparently there are almost as many ways of getting mixed up in this as there are members, but friends of members had better watch out-----for they are particularly susceptible.

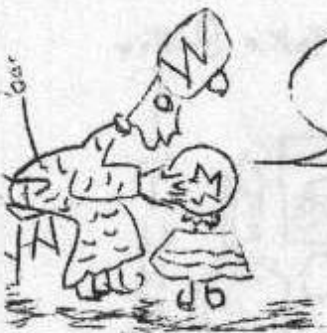


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Answer to last issue's
Puzzle:

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PROGNOSTICATION OF PENDING PEREGRINATIONS
Schedule of Trips for July and August.

July 3, 4, 5-Fri., Sat., & Sun. Fourth of July Weekend at Crooked Creek. Either be a cyclist or hiker for a "bang-up" weekend. If you can't make it Friday, join the gang Saturday. There will be plenty of hiking, swimming and ball playing. Private cars needed. Cost 60¢ per meal plus own transportation. For more details, contact Mary Louise Silvas, HA 1-4491.

July 11 and 12, Sat. & Sun. An Overnight at Cornwall Caves. Explore the caves in West Virginia on Sat. and then go swimming Sun. at Cheat Lake. Bring crawling clothes, swim suit, flashlight with extra batteries, mess kit & sleeping bag. Ed Worrell is leader.

July 19, Sun. Twin Echo Trail Hike. A ten mile hike through the historic Pleasant Valley on a trail maintained by the Boy Scouts. Bring lunch and 15¢. J. D. Myers, Leader.

July 25, Sat. Cycle to the New Airport. Cycle out Coraopolis way and visit the spacious, new Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Bring lunch. Cost 15¢.

August 1, Sat. Trip to Wall Rose by Bicycle. An easy 65 mile cycle trip, guaranteed to be no hills, Bring lunch. Cost 15¢. Contact Bob Helmbold for more information.

August 9, Sun. Cycle to McMurray. Enjoy the summer sun while bicycling the back roads to McMurray. It's about a 40-mile round trip. Bring lunch, Cost 15¢. Betty Beck, Leader.

August 22-23, Sat. Sun. Cleveland to Pittsburgh Bicycle Run. This is a weekend for ardent cyclists only. This Cleveland to Pittsburgh run may be a revival of the "old time races" between the two cities. Details will be announced later by Bill Snel1.

August 28, 29, 30. Fri. Eve., Sat. & Sun. Canoeing on Pymatuning Lake. Once again we will use the Red Cross canoes for a weekend of canoeing. Drive up to the lake Friday evening, camp out on the island and then have two wonderful days of canoeing. For further information ask John Crable.

Labor Day Weekend. Join a group from the Philadelphia Council for a hosteling week at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

Answer to "You Be the Judge."

Mortimer was awarded substantial damages. The court held that the rangers' failure to warn him of the bears' unusual misbehavior lulled him into a false sense of security, for which the Government was responsible.