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SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES

"Know Your A.Y.H. Organization" will be the topic of discussion each Thursday evening beginning July 5 and continuing from four to six weeks. Grace Kriner, Program Chairman, will set up a series of lectures by active hostlers on such phases of hosteling as the financing of the organization, planning trips, cooking, trip leadership, etc. More details about the lectures will be announced by post card. The lectures will begin at 8:00 and last approximately one hour.

9-o'clock Programs

The regular Thursday open-house programs will begin at approximately 9-o'clock following the "Know Your A.Y.H. Organization" lectures. The schedule of programs for July and August will be colorful with slides:

July 5 - June and Bruce Merritt will tell about their trip to Williamsburg with slides and movies.

July 12 - Square & folk dancing

July 19 - Talk on colored photography.

July 26 - Report of Great Smokies trip.

August 2 - Field Curry will tell about the Western National Parks with colored slides.

August 9 - Hodge-podge of colored slides from local trips.

August 16 - Square and folk dancing.

August 23 - Report from the Grand Tetons trip.

WEDDING BELLS ARE HERE AGAIN!!!

Stan Lintner, active hosteler until his Reserve unit was called up last fall, will marry Mary Lou Gola

FOUR SHINY NEW BICYCLES FOR RENT!

The Activities Board at the June 8 meeting voted to purchase two men and two ladies' bicycles to replace the rental bicycles which have served Pittsburgh hostlers for the past two summers. The bicycles will be three-speed Raleighs.

The Board also approved the following rental rates:

\$1.00 for Monday Sunset Cycle Rides.
(\$1.25 for non-members)

\$2.00 for one-day trips (\$2.50 for non-members)

\$3.50 for two days

\$10.00 for one-week

\$15.00 for two weeks

No longer will you have to worry about your friend's life when you bring him for a trip on a rental bicycle. Now you will probably envy him his smooth Raleigh ride!!!

July 9 in Greenville, South Carolina. Stan has asked John Forchak, Pittsburgh hostler and soldier, to be best man. Our most sincere best wishes!!

VISITS FROM SERVICE HOSTELERS

Our service hostlers continue to visit us frequently. Harvey Hindin gets home from his Virginia Navy base quite frequently and joins the group for a week-end. John Forchak has been in for two week-ends. Also, Mary Margaret Comonsky was home on leave from boot training. From here she has gone to Florida for 8 weeks training in the aviation field. She looks wonderful in her smart Navy uniform.



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ADVENTURE WITH US

by BETTY BIERER
CHAIRMAN



Year 'round hosteling is loads of fun. Those Friday night (oh) hikes, Monday evening cycle rides, weekend trips have been a wonderful adventure in making new friends, seeing W.Pa., dancing a square, doing the unusual and sharing the good fellowship that results from community living. Now, with the beginning of summer vacations, the greater adventure awaits in the extended trips that the Pittsburgh Council is sponsoring.

Phil Ewald will lead the Great Smokies Hike which takes us to the top of grassy mountains with flaming azaleas to Appalachian Mt. shelters each night. (Sixteen left for that trip on the 15th.)



Tony Pransos has planned the climbing expedition to Grand Teton Park in Wyoming where the natural grandeur of the country is unsurpassed anywhere in the U. S.

For those who prefer easy cycling with cool ocean breezes, Jack Stein is completing arrangements in the Washington and Chesapeake Bay Area. Historic Cumberland Valley, good Pa. Dutch cooking, beautiful

Monticello, the Ephrata Cloisters, Amish people, Echo Cave, Hershey (candy city), a real iron mine are only a few of the attractions of this trip. If you've extra time, you might team up with the group that has decided to cycle to Harrisburg.

The Straw Hat Circuit is the novel idea of Our Bruce Merritt - cycle by day, summer theater by night. Oh to be in New England now that summer's here!!!! Oh-h-h-h.

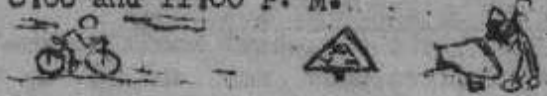


A chance to begin at pgh. and hike along the Baker Trail to Cook Forest with its virgin stand of timber is given by Wes Gunnelle. On no trail within such a short distance, can be found such variety of topography, scenery, sociology--this is the opportunity to see the large recreation areas at the three flood control dams along the way.

Harvey Hindin has managed to get a military leave from the Navy to lead a part of that wonderful bike trip he and B. Bierer took last year through the Finger Lakes, Niagara Falls and Canada. Am. and Canadian hostels will be used; there will be some camping out; there will be 2 weeks of the gaiety that Harvey always engenders.



All you need for those inexpensive jaunts is bike or pack (depending on mode of travel, 2 T-shirts, comfortable shoes, sock, pair of shorts, jeans or skirt, 2 sets underwear, good old toothbrush, toilet articles, raingear, and sleeping bag. You can add to this if you don't mind extra weight. We've seen hostellers with extras--radio, 20 lbs. camera equipment, fish pole, tents, ukulele, formal dress and an extra wheel--there's no limit. However, remember, soap has been invented and is lots lighter than extra duds; everything should be comfortable! We have lots of lists and advisors on hand. Stop around any Thursday between 8:00 and 11:00 P. M.

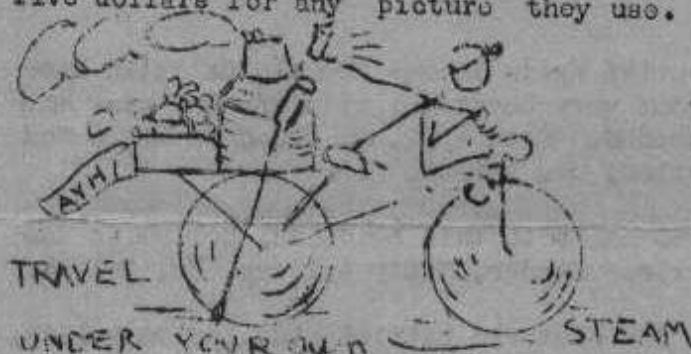


TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

On Thursday evening, June 7, Ed Morgan, Sun-Telegraph ace photographer, discussed the fine art of making pictures instead of snapshots. We were told to simplify the subject matter, to make it tell a story or show some action, and to keep our photos compact rather than spread out. One should also try to avoid distracting backgrounds, as the average shutterbug has no retoucher to remove the tree or bridge pier that appears to be growing on top of grandma's head.

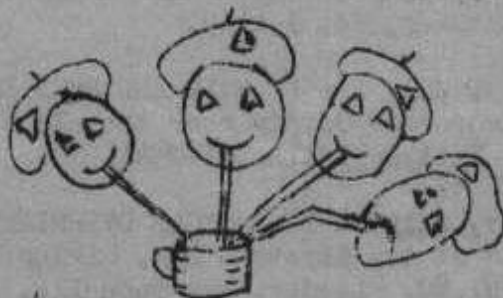
Ed pointed out that exposure need not present any problems to those who use black and white film. The average daytime picture requires an exposure of 100th at f.11. If you double the shutter speed, you use the next smaller f stop number--f.8 at 200th and vice versa.

Pretty girls, action pictures, and unusual events get a big play on the picture page of any Hearst paper. A.Y.H. activities offer the opportunity, so let's get some good pictures. If you get a photo that could be used for publicity, see Fred Mauk. If you get a good news picture, run--don't walk--to the Sun-Telo. They will develop it for you and pay at least five dollars for any picture they use.



EUROPEAN BOUND TRAVELERS

On June 11th, two Pittsburgh hostellers left New York for a hostel trip through Europe. Herb Buchwald of Oakland, will attend the Festival of Britain, from there he will pedal through Belgium, Holland, Scandinavia and Germany to Vienna, where he was born. His relatives will show him the city, and take him climbing in the Alps. He will be back in September. Freida Hammermeister of Wilkinsburg has also embarked for an adventure trip through England and Europe. We were not able to get her itinerary before she left, but when Herb Buchwald and Freida both come back, it will be wonderful to hear all about their trips.



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JULY - AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Continued from Page 4)

Saturday, Sunday, August 18-19--COOK FOREST - Hike along pure mountain streams thru the last stand of virgin timber in Penna.; also climb fire towers. Private cars needed. Bring Sat. lunch, eating gear, sleeping gear, flashlight. Cost - \$4.10. Leader, Fred Freuthal, Jr. 1-0195.

Saturday, August 25 -- A HUNTING WE WILL GO - A hike through the wooded trails in the the Bradford Woods hunting preserve. Bring lunch. Cost - \$1.30. Leader, Bud Horn. Em. 1-4361.

Saturday-Sunday-Monday, September 1-3 --LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT HOSTEL - The hikers and cyclists team up in a bang-up weekend. Hiking and cycling from hostel to Brady's Bend, McConnell's Mills or Saxonburg mushroom farm. Square, Folk, dancing, singing will round out the program. Cyclists pay \$3.75; hikers, same plus transportation. Leader, Betty Biorer, Ma 1-2080. Bring eating gear, sheet sleeping sack, flashlight, Sat. lunch.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

JULY-AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Weekend outings open to 1951 passholders only. One-day affairs are open to all, but nonpassholders pay 25¢ additional registration fee. Costs listed are approximate but cover total expenses and will be collected by the leader at meeting place. Private cars permitted only when authorized by the leader.

Details of meeting places, times, and exact cost are listed on bi-weekly postal cards sent to 1951 passholders. Others phone leaders for details. Reservations accompanied by one-half the listed cost must be made in person or by mail at least 48 hours prior to outing.

Every Monday evening -SUNSET CYCLE RIDES leaving from hostel headquarters at 7 p.m. Five to ten mile rides with no charge.

Saturday, June 30 - GROWING PAINS IN THE SUBURBS - A cycle trip through some of the new housing developments in the eastern suburbs. 35 miles. Cost - 15¢. Leader, Syl Whittaker, Pe. 1-4169.

Saturday, July 7 - UP HILL AND DOWN DALE - All day hike followed by campfire supper, in Westmoreland County near the old West Penn streetcar right-of-way. Cost - \$1.50. Leader, Phil Ewald, Le. 1-2541.

Saturday, July 14-15 - CYCLE OVERNIGHT TO KEYSTONE PARK - Cycle 45 miles each way. Swimming at the Keystone Dam, hiking in the park. Bring sleeping and eating gear. Cost - \$1.80. Leader, Wes Bunnelle, Mu. 2-9162.

Friday, July 20 - YOU'LL BE SEEING STARS - A nite hike thru the North Side and Riverview Park. Perhaps a visit to the Observatory. A campfire supper will top things off. Cost - 60¢, plus transportation. Leader, Eva Reinkraut, Em. 1-4793. Bring flashlight, eating gear.

Sunday, July 22 - FRIENDSHIP HILL - Turn tourist again to see the old Gallatin Mansion near Point Marion, then hike through some very beautiful wild country near the West Virginia line. Private cars will be needed. Cost - \$2.40. Leaders Bruce and June Merritt. Call Hank Fisher for information, Mo. 1-6844.

Sunday, July 29 - CYCLE TO GUFFEY HOLLOW - 50 miles to this beautiful hollow in the Youghiogheny Valley. Bring lunch. Cost - 15¢. Leader, Betty Walczak, Em. 2-1684.

Saturday, August 4 - BUSHY RUN CYCLE TRIP - See historic battlefield, Indian relics, 55 miles. Bring lunch. Cost - 15¢. Leader, Joan Walczak, Em. 2-1684.

Sunday, August 5 - HIT THE TRAIL - All day hike on Baker Trail with a campfire supper in evening. Cost - \$1.85. Leader, Martha Wood, Ma. 1-7885.

Friday, August 10 - WE TAKE TO THE HILLS - Night hike along Ohio River near Avalon. Campfire supper and songfest after the hike. Bring eating gear and flashlight. Cost - \$1.00. Leader, Hank Fisher, Mo. 1-6844.

Sunday, August 12 - LOYALHANNA DAM - A return to the big flood control dam near Saltsburg. 65 miles. Bring lunch. Cost - 15¢. There may be swimming, so bring swimming suit. Leader, George Cohen, Em. 1-0969.

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