

Can't leave the people in hospitals out of things! April 1959
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KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Concordville, Pa.

The spring meeting of the K.T.A. Council will be held at the York Hiking Club, "John Paul Jones" Cabin, Mar. 7-8, 1959.

Each club is asked to have a delegate and alternate present; others who wish may also attend. Three meals are planned with these present helping. Bring warm bedding. Formal opening will be Saturday night supper at 5PM. Please send names of all attending by February 25.

Annual fall meeting: Oct. 2-4 at Camp Michaux.

Openhouse

PROGRAM

Every Thursday at 8:15 P.M. at Headquarters, Fifth and Shady.

February 26 - Skiing, Austria-Switzerland
Movies by Carl Colterlyahn

March 5 - FOLK DANCING with Hugh Gilmour

March 12 - Movies on SAILING by Meir Menes
(especially for those interested in sailing lessons) Bring along your canoeing slides, too.

March 19 - Coffee Hour

March 26 - Jim Miller presents "The Tetons"

April 2 - FOLK DANCING

April 9 - "Mexico" Slides and tapes by
Senorita Wetherbi

COMING: Programs on Cycling, Hiking and Mountain Climbing

(Have any suggestions? See Phyllis)

RICKEY HOLDEN

the internationally-known square dance caller, is organizing a troupe of 30 Americans to tour Europe next summer to demonstrate our folk and square dances, songs, and banjo and fiddle music.

The idea for this non-profit, goodwill trip grew out of Rickey's recent 10-month, round-the-world tour, calling and teaching dances in 31 countries and in 15 different languages. Present plans call for a May 13 beginning...after one week of intensive rehearsal, ending about August 15. Bookings are already arranged for Ireland, France, Holland, Italian Riviera, possibly more. All expenses will be paid for---food, lodging, round trip travel for all members of the troupe---but no salaries.

The trip, endorsed by A.Y.H. will consist of A.Y.H. members. Anyone interested in a free trip to Europe next summer is invited to write to Rickey Holden, 1511 Woodland Rd., Ardentown, Wilmington 3, Delaware.



SAFE BOATING CLASSES

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a series of eight classes on "Safe Boating," beginning March 9, in an effort to reduce drownings on district rivers. Classes will be each Monday night at Red Cross Headquarters, 303 Smithfield Street.

1959 - A.Y.H.'s TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY!

25th. Anniversary of AYH souvenir in the form of a wall hanging, a lovely print on linen can be ordered from National for \$1.....proceeds will be used in Hostel Development work.

INT'L NEWS

S The name Tapiola in Finnish mythology re-
W fers to the realm of the forest king(also
E the title of a Sibelius composition) This
D name was chosen by the Boy Scouts for
E their training school in the village of
N Sulkavaused as a hostel, too.

HOSPITALIZED HOSTELERS whom we're hoping
will be well soon

Betty Bierer
Victor Sorokin June Merritt (it's
Jacek Jedruch a girl--Feb. 16)

G Koblenz is to be the site of the Int'l.
E Hostel Rally in August.
R ---The Bavarian Youth Ring has instituted
M "Travel Interpreters' Badge"...awarded to
A those between 16 and 20 who prove their
N ability to guide a group in a foreign coun-
Y try...requires competence in shopping, in
dealing with formalities at the frontier, in-
terpreting in discussions on subjects of
interest, etc.

U A special 1-Month Trip to the Intl. Y.
Youth Hostel Rally in Germany...flying
S to Frankfurt Aug. 13, returning from
Paris Sept. 9; group activities before
A and after rally (2-wk. trip to Russia)
or plan individual trip if preferred.

Grand Tetons 1959

E Exploring the exciting world beneath the
A surface of lakes and oceans...a Sub-Aqua
N Club of CYH activity...planning a diving
A trip to Florida this summer...have exclu-
D sive use of quarry near Toronto for week-
A end and evening skindiving practice.

LOST AND FOUND

red and gray plaid wool shirt in a plas-
tic cleaner's bag found hanging on door of
Fran Czaplewski's home after progressive
dinner.

E An accidental fire, thought to have or-
N iginated in the kitchen, burned a hos-
G tel to the ground at Landon Beck.

L This
A all-timber building was especially con-
N structed in 1938 for use as a hostel.
D ('No Smoking' rule unreasonable?)

"Pittsburgh, America's greatest steel
and industrial center,".....caption
under a picture of a glowing mill;
seen in the brochure being circulated
in Europe to bring hostellers here at
a cost within their means.....A group
of 70 is expected to arrive by plane
in July. (see brochure on bulletin)

Pittsburgh
ANNUAL BANQUET

Council, AYH
February 28



S It is pleasant to report that Toni
W Portmann, Swiss Y.H.A. Secretary, is
I back on his feet after a serious auto
S accident last summer....he was able to
S lead a warden's training course.

Become an AYH leader and see the
world...applications at National
office for training course June,
2-19, June 19-29 at Outdoor Edu-
cation Assoc. Camp-Matamoras, Pa.

S The number of foreigners using Spanish
P hostels increased 100% last year...The
A Association office is now: Red Espan-
I ola de Albergues Juveniles,
N Reina 33-1º, Madrid, Spain

.....If it hadn't been for a bad fall on the icy slopes around Harmarville, we're sure Walter Urling would have gone the full twelve miles on Betty's recent Baker Trail hike---most amazing is the fact that Ma. Urling is 74 years old!

Ken Gechegan was on that, and on almost every other, trip since renewing his family pass in January.

A new job in New Jersey is depriving us of that delightful laugh of Lee Pizzuti, and the one who misses her most is ye editor for whom she did much work.

It may take an extra plane to carry back all the stuff Gloria Fisher has been asked to buy for friends while she's in Austria....among these a camera for herself. She and Armand Panson left on February 21 for a month-long skiing trip to Kitzbuhel.

Highlight of the holiday season was the openhouse at the Oriental Center at which Shu Kao presented us to his Isabella...Kao will join her this summer in California.

Don't miss the Pittsburgh International Photographic Show at Carnegie Institute....being shown until the middle of March.

Joan Schewe is responsible for the clever flyer you all received about the banquet. She is to be applauded for the large heap of work she's doing in connection with the event.

Lois Ann Wagner did a Vivien Richman recently as the star attraction at a Cub Scout banquet....playing her guitar, singing folk songs.

Marianne Schlochau's name appeared on the list of Boston Council's pass purchasers, we noticed.

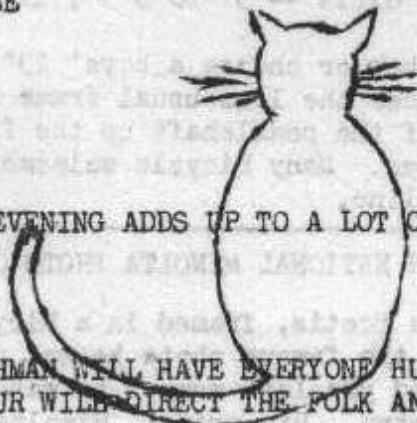
How did that swimming party, held by Hampton High's Hostel Club on Valentine Day, turn out?

ARCHIE, THE COCKROACH, AND MIHITABELLE, THE CAT, DISCUSS AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT:



well well
mihitabelle
the time has rolled around once more
with all the hostelling corps
for you and me to have our spree

IT'S THE ANNUAL AYH BANQUET PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 6:30 P.M. AT THE ADAM'S HOUSE



to get there
from pittsburgh follow route 30 about a mile
and a quarter beyond the irwin interchange of
the turnpike....take cutoff from route 30 on
right, through underpass to left to adamsburg.

THE WHOLE EVENING ADDS UP TO A LOT OF FUN AND FOR A SCANT \$3.60

and that's not much more
than a bricklayer makes in an hour
exclamation mark

VIVIEN RICHMAN WILL HAVE EVERYONE HUMMING....SINGING, LEADING THE FOLK SONGS AND
HUGH GILMOUR WILL DIRECT THE FOLK AND SQUARE DANCING

REVIEW

book

"Travel Routes Around the World"

published by Harian Publications, Greenlawn, N. Y. \$1.00.

The book lists 700 ways to travel by freighter. Besides trips originating in the U.S. it lists hundreds of passenger-carrying freighters which can be boarded at foreign ports, including journeys from Northern Europe to the Mediterranean for less than \$50 a week.

FROM A LETTER APPEARING IN THE GERMAN
HOSTELING MAGAZINE, FROM A BERLIN MEMBER

"It's always heart-warming to read our magazine with its tempting picture of happy life in the welcoming youth hostels. But are things like this in reality? Is the picture quite true?

"The fact is that, in the hostels as elsewhere, the tourist is considered more important than the walker. I have experienced this often enough during the present-so often, that I, a hosteler of many years' standing, have almost decided to join a coach party next year. Then, I should at least know where to stretch my no-longer-weary limbs for the night.

It's quite simple. If you're a boy you put on your beautifully pressed best suit and tie; if you are a girl, you slip on your sack or sheath dress; you take your suitcase, climb into the coach, and there you are as the hosteller of 1958. You only need to add a slightly blasé expression at sight of the sweaty and dusty fellow in his leather shorts who's just pushing his bicycle in at the gate.....On the common room doors there are notices: 'Only for the party from X', 'Only for the party from Y'.....My proposal is that each hostel should only accept as many bookings from coach parties as will leave sufficient free beds and seats in the common-room for individual hostellers."



WHICH BIKE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

A hosteler should look for a well-made lightweight bicycle, preferably with variable speeds. The bicycle industries of America and other nations have a long history of manufacture of the type of bicycle best suited for touring. One important factor in selecting a bicycle is frame size. A rule of thumb one might go by is: Fellows -- 5' to 5'3", 19"; 5'4" to 5'6", 21"; 5'7" to 6', 23"; Girls -- 5' to 5'3", 19"; 5'4" to 5'8", 21".

Taller girls may have to raise the seatpost further or choose a boys' 23" frame. Taller fellows may also raise the seatpost or consider the less usual frame and wheel sizes. Frame size is measured from the center of the pedalshaft up the frame to the point at which the seatpost emerges from the frame. Many bicycle walesmen do not know this, particularly when bicycles are only a sideline.



WITH BEING COOPED-UP
every week-end?

....with hiking across countour lines when you'd rather be splashing in the Clarion?

Solution: Be a TRIP LEADER yourself; go wherever your spirit of adventure calls you; share this taste for the intrepid with the other hostellers who are dying to escape from the commonplace; who need an eager leader to show them the way.

Our Trips and Trails Program can use the enthusiastic help of all AYHers interested in maintaining a lively out-door program of trips.

TRIP LEADERSHIP COURSE.....COMING SOON

A canvass of all AYH houseparents indicates almost 100% in favor of campers.... (contiggent upon outdoor facilities such as acreage, water, plumbing, etc.)

TRIP LEADER FROM GREATER BOSTON COUNCIL WINS AYH NATIONAL MINOLTA PHOTO CONTEST

John Merz's prize picture was Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, framed in a bicycle wheel. When asked by fellow hostellers to see a copy of the famous photo he was unable to produce it; he was too busy leading trips hither and yon last summer to make a copy for himself before sending it off for the contest entry. His prize: Minolta Autocord L.