

March 1963

6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pa

BANQUET - MAR. 30

CHARMBURY TO SPEAK

Good fun, Good meat,
Good friends, Let's eat!

Let's all eat at the 15th Annual Banquet of our Pittsburgh Council AYH. The big event has been re-scheduled for Saturday night, March 30th, at 6:30 P.M.

Liz Saffer, banquet chairman, says we're to meet at the Arlington, on the corner of Centre and Aiken, for this biggest annual AYH affair.

Speaker for the evening will be H. Beecher Charmbury, Ph. D., Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries. His topic: "Strip Mining Controversy." No, delete that; it's "Strip Mining and Conservation."

Included also on the program is some special entertain-

ment, revealed by the chairman only as a "surprise." In fact, the menu too is to be a surprise.

When you get your invitation (for \$3.50), it will have been designed by Betty Lou Dell. Mrs. Dell also is designing the programs.

Hugh Gilmour is in charge of Program arrangements; and Freida Hammermeister, Joe Martin and Liz Saffer will hang the decorations.

Make your reservations now. Send check to Liz Saffer
4735 Marilee Street,
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

SEE YOU THERE !!!





OPEN HOUSE! ^{P. 1}

by Marianne Kissane

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March, the month of lepre-
 hauns, is a time for resolutions.
 Although January is the usual
 resolution time, March is hereby
 declared a time to make good these
 resolutions. The resolution is
 this: We of AYH will hereafter
 be on time for the weekly meetings
 which begin promptly at 8:30 P.M.
 every Thursday Night.

Many thanks to Mel Gastro-
 nomique Tobias and his gift of
 organization for making the
 Koffee Klatch run smoothly.
 These volunteers who help in num-
 erous ways with the decorating
 and cleaning are to be commended.

CANOE CORNER

by John Philbrick

Though the white water is now
 on roads and rocks rather than in
 the streams where some of us would
 prefer it, the thoughts of some
 hardy souls are already turning to
 canoeing. Many plans have been
 made, including something for al-
 most every taste, we hope.

For the better canoeists, there
 will be a white water school and
 trips on streams such as the Yough.
 For the beginners, a school run by
 the Red Cross, some easy trips,
 and, if everything goes well, some
 weeknight canoeing during the
 summer. And for those of us who
 just like to cruise through un-
 expected wilderness, trips like
 the one offered this month on
 Turtle Creek. (Don't laugh at the
 latter-that little stream has
 some surprising beauty before
 towns and industry desecrate it.)

Also in the planning stage is
 a fleet of rubber rafts to be
 used on exploring trips and in
 extremely rough water.

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March 7, We all know of Jackie
 McQuade's talent for
 editing the "Triangle"
 but who knows that she is
 also a talented dancer?
 In the absence of Hugh
 Gilmour, who is teaching
 school, Jackie will lead
 us in popular square
 dances.

March 14 Freida Hammermeister will
 be here to show us slides
 of Ireland in keeping
 with the spirit of the
 season. Views of Greece
 will serve to fill out
 the evenings entertain-
 ment.

March 21 Russia is always a place
 of interest. Tonight Liz
 Saffer will show us slides
 of the eastern part, which
 as she says, is the most
 interesting.

March 28 The adventures and travels
 of Dick Rosenzweig will
 highlight tonight's
 program.



The Longest Walk

by Veronica Anderson

On the brisk, cold Sunday morning of February 17, three AYH'ers and two members of the Explorer's club set out together with a few thousand more hikers to prove to the world that they weren't marshmallow Americans.

I met Harry Rhule, Laureen Locke, Ed Coll and his friend among the throng of people who were getting ready to embark upon the twenty-seven mile walk to "Little Washington." We were surprised to see the immense turnout and all agreed that half would drop out as soon as they lost sight of familiar surroundings. But as the day wore on we were proven wrong. As we tramped along, more and more people joined the ranks of the Pied Piper of Pittsburgh, Clark Race, and it was estimated that at one time there were five thousand people strung out over five miles.

We felt like a parade as we marched along. People were watching from inside warm houses; others braved the cold and greeted us along the streets; traffic was stopped, the camera bugs were having a field day and even dogs and cats were giving us an approving bark and meow.

Harry came prepared with an armload of papers announcing AYH's planned progressive 20, 30, and 51 mile hikes. By the end of the day he had given them all away and could have used a few more.

About 13 miles out of Pittsburgh, I lost Laureen and Ed when I stopped for a coke-- Harry was miles ahead of us already. I never caught up with them again till the campus of U & J. By this time the legs were aching and blisters were beginning to appear on the feet in spite of heavy shoes and woolen



socks next to the skin. I could hardly walk after my last rest stop, having made the mistake of taking my shoes off to soothe my toes for a few minutes. I was really lagging behind now and I kept asking myself, "What am I doing here?"

I arrived in WASHINGTON around 6:00 and soon found the rest of my entourage among the two thousand other hardy souls who completed the long trek.

Had you been at Gateway Center when we got back to Pittsburgh, you would have seen hundreds of tired, stiff, limping, but happy hikers slowly oozing from the buses. They were all taking it easy now -- I guess they're saving up all the energy, they can for the AYH 51 mile walk. You can bet I am. After all, what's a few more miles?

For Rent: 10 lbs. Asceticism. Last used by John Philbrick before pre-doctorate exams. Judge for yourself. Call Ace Distrib. Today.

A TRAIL REBORN

by Don Woodland, Baker Trail Chairman

A highly spirited meeting of members interested in the development of the Baker Trail was held on February 13th. The group formulated broad and detailed objectives for the development of the trail into a hikers' paradise.

Trail signs will be erected at the trail and road intersections. It was decided by the group that the signs will be of sheet metal. These signs will be fabricated by Harry Rhule and will be ready for erection on April 7th.

Information centers will be located in various towns up and down the length of the trail. The information center will contain a large wall-type map and a literature rack that will contain a one-sheet informational type of publication. In the publication will be a map of the Baker Trail, plus some information on the trail and on Pittsburgh Council of AYH. Winifred Roensch is preparing the informational sheets. The informational centers have tentatively been designated as Cook Forest, Crooked Creek State Park, Mahoning Dam, Freeport, Plumville, Corsica, Summer-ville, North Freedom, McWilliam, and Atwood.

Additional
following locations:
Plum Creek
McWilliams
Mill

lean-to sites will be secured at the following locations:
Cochran's Mill; Plum Creek near Rte. 422;
3 miles south of Plumville; Phoenix;
between Summerville and Heathville;
Creek near Strattonville; and between
Corsica and Fisher.

It is hoped that the Cochran's mill site can be selected in the near future. The approval of the owner of the property will then be secured so that construction of the lean-to can get underway. It is the objective of the group that this lean-to can be under construction by Fall of 1963.

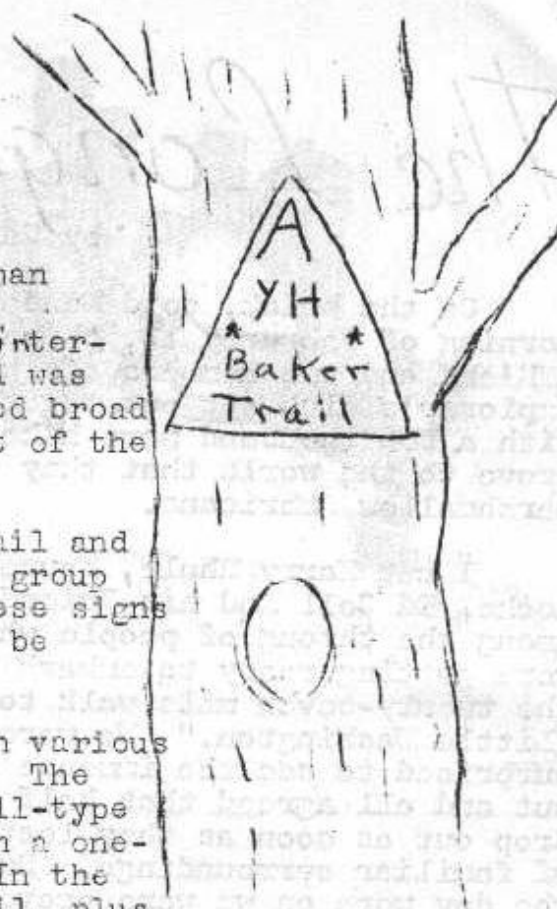
Harry Rhule has agreed to lead some trips in the area with the intention of selecting some tentative sites. Mark Dodd will handle the arrangements with the owner for construction of the lean-to that will be under the direction of Don Woodland.

ARTISTICALLY INCLINED?

Win a pass renewal!

One year of AYH for FREE!!!

Design a sign for the Baker Trail, and see your work duplicated on everlasting galvanized light-gauge sheet metal, to adorn the Baker Trail for all time. Entries should be sent to: Baker Trail Committee, Headquarters, no later than March 20th. Hint: The signs will be in the form of 14-inch triangles. Include AYH emblem. Rush entries now.





SWIM OR SKATE

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Definite plans include the four trips scheduled for March, including one on fairly rough water. Though only the trips on the Yough requires real white water experience, some precautions are necessary on all of these trips.

Because the best white water canoeing comes early in the season when the water temperature is still rather brisk, one must be prepared for all events. We pass on the recommendation from the Red Ridge College Canoeing Manual: long underwear should be worn for warmth. Both out of the water and in it, if you should spill. Your life preserver will take care of the weight of your clothes which should be kept on for warmth if you do spill. An additional tip for warmth while in the boat; put on a couple of pairs of socks, then stick your feet inside a pair of plastic bags.. This should keep them both dry and warm.

With these chilling notes out of the way, we sincerely hope that you will join us on one of this month's trips. March can produce some wonderfully warm days on which we can just drift downstream, perhaps startling some early ducks on their way north. Are you game?

ANOTHER AYH'ER TO PEACE CORPS

Words comes from Ed Coleman that another AYH'er has joined the Peace Corps. He is Gary Marsh, leader of last summer's Quetico Trip.

Write him at Peace Corps Training Center, Trade Winds Hotel, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Virgin Islands.

PSSST! ARE YOU A WRITER?

Mail all articles, stories, etc., to Editor, 358 Atwood St., Pgh. 13.

The Monday night swimming and skating activities have been very well received. So the schedule is a repeat this month.

Gather at the Shadyside Boys' Club at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of March for swimming. (March 4 and 18.)

Then come on out at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays (March 11 and 25) for skating at North Park.

See Ya' there!



FORGIVE US

Forgive us if you submitted material this month and it wasn't printed. We got swamped but hope to find room for any and all articles in issues to come.

Keep the material coming. Maybe we'll just enlarge the TRIANGLE.

Personal to Harry Rhule

I hear you've found a new love, and that the big date is in April. If you should change your mind, I'll still be here on St. James St. (Of course, one can't move far with a dead battery.) Betsy

NOTE FROM EDITOR

If I could scrunch a word in here somewhere, I'd just like to say "Thanks a million" to everybody who did such a splendid job for the Triangle.

Material came cascading in, all neatly typed and measured; some people even sent whole stencils, full and ready for press.

Thanks a million! You took all the work out of publishing our paper. It's a pleasure to work with you all.

JM

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

by Sally Hutton and Liz Wolfskill

It was bound to happen. Melvin Tobias, the first fifteen-year-old to lead two AYH trips within two weeks, has humbly consented that his personality be reviewed and censored for publication in our illustrious newsheet.

Though many significant things happen to a child before his sixth birthday, Melvin refuses to tell us any of these significant things. From his mother we learned that he walked at thirteen months, talked at two years, and learned to eat when he was fifteen. He seemed a pretty good guy until he was four, when he started beating up other boys in the neighborhood.

Already Peabody High School can hardly contain Melvin's high spirits. Is tenth grade too much for him, or is he too much for tenth grade? His major there is math and science.

But maybe AYH is the answer. "Never a sport before," says Melvin! "AYH has made me what I am!"

Melvin "Low Gear" Tobias answered a news release for the 1961 Orange Belt ride. He arrived on what was later to be known as the "Square-Wheeler." This mechanism was bought and sold by him for \$5.00, no depreciation whatever. A bike must be Melvin's status symbol -- he has had more than one each year. After the "Square-Wheeler" came Fred Mauk's bike, then a Raleigh. On his first Orange Belt Ride he made 60 miles through snow, having had no previous experience.

Although AYH may have made sole extra-curricular child -entertainment, his jewelry-making. been taking courses at astronomy, the moon space oceanography, and geology.



him what he is, it is not Melvin's activity. There's his SCUBA-diving, and Since age nine, he has the Buhl Planetarium: math, creative thinking,

A faithful attendee of can often be seen helping out with

Thursday night meetings, Melvin the programs, listing trips etc.

He hikes and canoes, but cycling is his favorite activity. Last year he went on an Easter weekend canoe trip and an extended cycle trip to Washington D.C. This latter meant 600 miles in 14 days. He only went, he claims, to get out of washing dishes at home. On the way up a mountain he was heard to exclaim, "You think I like cycling? I hate it. I don't want to wash dishes." On the Easter trip he endeared himself to his fellows by losing his glasses, blowing ashes into their eggs, etc., etc. More details could be filled in by anyone who took that trip.

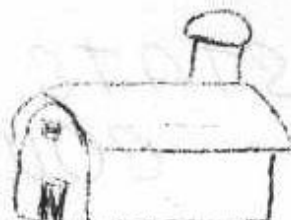
Melvin has led two trips recently: The first Monday night swim and a 13-eater (or stomach...) progressive dinner which cost \$1.60 each.

Melvin helped assemble the triangle each month until he got bounced from the publishing room for excessive entertainment above and beyond the call of duty.

"Any future plans for AYH?" our interviewer asked him. "President in 1970." was the modest reply.

FAVORITE TRIPS

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Fastest route: Parkway East to Pennsylvania Turnpike, then east on turnpike to Somerset Interchange. Proceed south on U.S. route 219 to route U.S. 40; then turn right onto U.S. 40 west to Grantsville Md. At Grantsville, turn left onto Md. 495 south to Bittinger, Md. Two miles south still on 495, on the right side of the road, a mail box having this information will appear:

Marvin Beitzel

Route #2

Swanton, Md.

At this mail box, turn left into a dirt road which leads directly to the hostel.

Alternate route: Leave Pittsburgh on route Pa. 51 south to Uniontown. At Uniontown, take U.S. route 40 east to Grantsville, Md. In Grantsville, turn left onto Md. route 495 and continue as above.

The hostel is a part of the Beitzel family's farmhouse. There are four rooms set aside for hostel use and reservations should be made in advance by calling Chestnut-5-2225.

The capacity of the four rooms is ten in almost any combination of male-female. The kitchen and bathrooms are shared with the Beitzels; therefore arrangements should be made for breakfast hour with Mrs. Beitzel. (You're sure to receive a hearty welcome from The Beitzels.)

The Beitzels operate a 60 acre farm, part of which is currently yielding coal via the strip mining process. Shaft mining is also carried on beneath the farm. Among the livestock on the farm are 23 cows and four horses, two of which are riding horses.

The Beitzels' hostel is open year-round and is located in an area which abounds with good hiking terrain. There are no trails blazed in the area

yet. Deep Creek Lake, created by a Hydro-Electric Dam, is just 8 miles from the hostel. The lake has 26 miles of shoreline just begging to be explored. At Deep Creek Lake, water sports are in season all summer and ski slopes operate in the winter. Bittinger is extremely well located for the starting point of exciting river trips on the Youghiogheny, Casselmann and Savage Rivers as well as Deep Creek Lake.

Bittinger is 40 miles west of Cumberland Md., the western terminus of the old C.&O. Canal Tow Path chain of Hostels, and 45 miles east of the hostel at Chestnut Ridge, W. Va.

The Hostel has all the conveniences of a modern home. The electric oven and range, in the kitchen, is a wonder of modern technology. All you need to stay here is an A.Y.H. Pass of course, sleeping bag or sheet sleeping sack with blankets in the colder months, and a mess kit.

TEAR OUT THIS ARTICLE AND
KEEP WITH FAVORITE TRIP #1
IN YOUR OWN FAVORITE TRIP FILE.

by Harry Rhule

Affirmative!

The answer is yes!

The National Board of Directors, American Youth Hostels, Inc., has accepted our invitation. And this means that Pittsburgh Council has the privilege of hosting the National AYH Conference.

Some twenty-two councils from all over the states will send representatives here on November 9th and 10th.

We'll house them at the University of Pittsburgh, maybe in one of the new dorms.

The conference promises ample opportunity for mixing and mingling and a good time should be had by all.

**EXTRA: PITTSBURGH COUNCIL A.Y.H.
HITS RECORD HIGH-315 MEMBERS!!!**



STATE of the COUNCIL

There is a "New Frontier" in Washington that encourages hiking and physical fitness in general. The same administration originated the Peace Corps, designed to serve underprivileged countries, and now turns to creating a domestic Peace Corps to be called the National Service Corps.

But these "New Frontier" ideas are not new to us in AHA. Physical fitness through outdoor activities is a well known fact to us. Last summer Pittsburgh Council's By-laws were revised to provide a Service Committee. In last October's election, a Service Chairman was chosen for the first time. But the job is much larger than merely designating a Service Chairman.

Washington speaks of revitalizing our country and AHA occupies a unique position in this work. We are experienced in physical fitness, and it is high time we offer our services to the nation.

Who is in a better position to lead the current trend to more hiking? AHA has been hiking for years. Our people know how to condition, avoid blisters, choose proper shoes, and to select the places to go for beautiful and interesting hikes.

What better exercise is there than cycling? Our membership has experienced cyclists, who know safe cycling procedures, and know good routes for cycling. We know the merits of different types of bikes and how to keep them in repair.

What about canoeing? We have members schooled in canoeing and water safety. We have canoes and know the best streams and campsites.

BON VOYAGE

Don Voyage and all other good wishes to our four AHA'ers headed for Europe.

The Armand Pardon's, Dick McManara and John Clayton all packed bags and baggage Thursday, Feb. 21, and lit out for a three weeks ski trip in Europe.

"Most of our time will be spent in Austria and Italy," Mrs. Panson said, as she threw one last pair of ski pants into the suitcase.

"Don Voyage"

EXPERIENCE IN PEACE CORPS

Don Fisher, a hostel member who is now in the Peace Corps in Maracabo, Venezuela, was married last month to a PCV (Peace Corps Volunteer) from Wyoming.

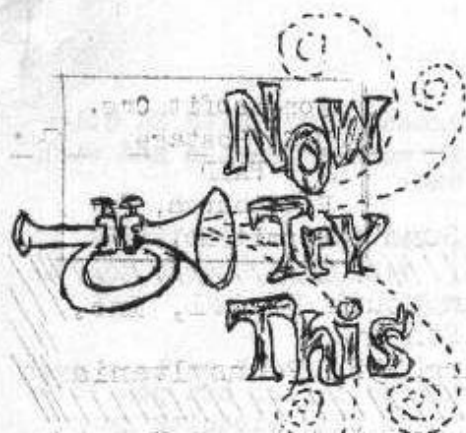
The bride is the former Mar Lynn Ormsby. The couple will make their home in Maracabo.

(Watch coming issues of the Golden Triangle for excerpts from Don's interesting news letters about life in the Peace Corps.)

PTC BOB

I. S. to those who proffered opinions during our poll on the Peace Corps: Next issue, for sure, you can read what you said. Meanwhile, welcome to our mailing list. And we hope to see you around headquarters soon.

The most active season for Hostelling is almost with us. It is time we drop the provincial and antiquated view of AHA as a local outing club. It is time we remember our obligation and assume a position of leadership in the task of revitalizing our country. It is time we serve ourselves through serving others.



TRIPS & TRAILS

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELST INC.

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March 2, Saturday - Tobogganing and snowshoeing at the country home of Sally Hutton, with warm drinks and dessert provided (bring your own sandwiches.) Leave 7:30 AM from HQ. Cost, about \$2.25. Sally's number: Mu. 1-4542. Crosscountry skiers welcome.

March 3, Sunday - Scouting trip to investigate trails and hunting cabin at the edge of Allegheny Forest near Marienville. Meet Fran Czapiewski at 8:15 A.M. with lunch and 25¢. (No extra charges on scouting trips.) Ma. 1-8970

March 10, Sunday - The season's Ice Breaker on Buffalo Creek led by Ed Coleman, on SP. 5-1578. Leave HQ at 8 A.M. warmly dressed with \$2.75, extra set of clothes and lunch. You should have had some canoeing experience for this one.

March 10, Sunday - Still proving to pompous cyclists, with their Century Pins & Orange Belt rides, that we have real hikers in AYH.... Hiking 31 miles from Mahoning Dam to Plumville, to Atwood, and Route 422. Arrangements will be made for all who want to go only part way. Register with Harry Rhule at 362-6395. (About \$2.00)

March 11, Monday - That beautiful pool at the Shadyside Boy's Club is available again for a splash party, or water polo game, or just jellyfish-float practice, whatever your preference. Arrange with Bob Snelsire, Fo. 6-0360. 8:30 PM.

March 14, Thursday - Since AYH is considering the purchase of rubber rafts for white-water running, take this opportunity to see a movie on a raft trip down the Grand Canyon of Penna. to learn more about it. Leave HQ at 7:30, be back in time for the meeting. Limit 20 people. Reserve with Bruce Sunquist, Dr. 2-1212, x224.

March 17, Sunday - Hike along the cliffs overlooking the Ohio R. near Neville I., where at the Ensworth Dam, "That night, overboard he did shove her (Monongahela Sal) and then Moat Stanley took it on the lam." Folk singer, Fred Mauk turns trip leader today, leaving Fifth and Shady at 9:00 A.M. with lunch. Call 361-6299.

March 18, Monday - MEET AT HQ AT 8:00 FOR SWIMMING AT THE SHADYSIDE BOY'S CLUB.

March 22, Friday - We've been invited to a swimming party by the Catholic Inter-Racial Council at the Shadyside B.C. Cost: 75¢. Call Eileen Hagan, Ho. 1-4556

March 23, Saturday - Bring a hammer and join Don Woodland in making repairs on the Crooked Creek leann-to shelter on the Baker Trail....also lunch. Leaving time is 9:00 A.M. from H.Q., cost is \$1.25. Don is at Lo. 3-5419.

March 24, Sunday - All the "plucky and stupid" who want to prove that attorney generals don't have a monopoly on the endurance market will meet at an unmentionable hour at Headquarters (with stopwatch and flashlight) Bring aides to man the way-stations at the 18, 31, 42, and 51-mile marks....coffee, band aids, sandwiches, and morale supplied by AYH. Plan to go along for the shorter sections if the whole package seems too long! Make plans with Harry Rhule, 362-6395 for this rugged event.

March 31, Sunday - Lloyd Geertz leads a social canoeing and hiking trip along Turtle Creek, finishing up at his home. There may be some solo canoeing but it shouldn't be difficult. Leave H.Q. at 9:00 AM with \$2.50. Reserve at Dr. 2-6053.

April 7, Sunday - SIGN-POSTING PARTY ALONG THE BAKER TRAIL. Don Woodland and Company made the beautiful new signs, Harry Rhule puts them up!

(Note: Additional canoe trips on reverse side)

MORE CANOEING TRIPS FOR MARCH

March 16, Saturday - Tackle some white water on the Youghiogheny River with Ed Coleman, Sp. 5-1578. Leave H.Q. about 7:30 warmly dressed and with \$4.75, lunch, and a set of extra clothing in a waterproof bag.

March 23, Saturday - An easy trip on scenic Red Bank Creek, led by John Philbrick, suitable for beginners. Leaving time: 7:30 A.M. Cost: \$3.75. You'll need extra clothing and a lunch. Call John at 421-7968.

March 23, 24- Sat. & Sun. - Overnight scouting trip to Bittering Hostel to look over the Castleman River. There will be hiking and possibly canoeing. Reserve with Ed Coleman, Sp. 5-1578. Bring \$8.00, mess kit, sleeping gear, and A.Y.H. pass.

PASS APPLICATION

I wish to apply for the pass checked below. Send to:

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18-21 Sr. Youth \$5.00
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Youth Organ. \$6.00
Adult Organ. \$11.00
Family Memb. \$7.00
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